

Celebrate Me Home



Carla Allen Ceasar

Sunrise
March 23, 1964

Sunset
March 26, 2014

Saturday, April 5, 2014 -10:00 a.m.

ELIZABETH AVENUE WEEQUAHIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

761 Elizabeth Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112

Pastor Doris Peterson, Officiating

Obituary

Carla Allen Ceasar, was born on March 23, 1964, to Roy and Erna Allen, in London, England. Her parents immigrated to the United States when Carla was seven weeks old. The family settled in New Jersey, where Carla was raised.

Carla attended Christ the King School and The Benedictine Academy High School. She played basketball at both schools and earned a full sports scholarship to Loyola College in Maryland. After a knee injury, Carla transferred to Rutgers University where she graduated with a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts.

Carla was also a talented piano player and a lover of music. As with any endeavor she pursued, she was determined to excel in music. Her dedication and determination to succeed followed her throughout her life and her career.

Carla's creative flair, natural good looks and poise landed her modeling and acting jobs, including a Sprite commercial. Shortly after graduating from college, she worked on her first feature film, the cult classic, Toxic Avengers. She got her start in television production with the Cosby Show, where she met Bill Cosby and the cast, whom she'd kept in contact with long after leaving the show.

Carla got hooked on news as a young producer at WOR. She enjoyed the team she worked with, the speed of news production and the stability offered. As a producer at WOR, she received an Emmy Award nomination alongside Donna Williams.

The quality of her work kept her center stage throughout her production career. She played an integral role on movie projects with CBS where she interviewed stars that include the legendary Sidney Poitier, Cecily Tyson, Willie Nelson and Chris Kristofferson.

Her ability to communicate and create bonds served her well when working with celebrities. Carla managed to get the best of people during interviews and on-set. She put people at ease and earning their respect and friendship; she was a trailblazer that inherently knew how to remove communication barriers.

She also worked with celebrities in the production of a number of recognized socially conscious Public Service Announcements - among them One Bulb, featuring Natalie Portman and Chloe Sevigny, among others. Carla was equally at ease working alongside acclaimed public figures, as she was with the behind-the-scenes crew.

Her physical and internal beauty and keen fashion style made her attractive to all, including the people that make New York Fashion Week happen. Carla was there, behind the scenes, producing pieces that met the toughest style standards.

Carla met the love of her life, Raleigh Ceasar in Brooklyn, New York in 1993. They married on February 10th 1994 in Jamaica, with the Caribbean Sea and palm trees as their backdrop, at the birthplace of her parents.

Carla and Raleigh welcomed their first child, Cheyenne on July 27th of 1996. Motherhood took center stage and she left the senior production job she held at Bloomberg TV to focus on family. She continued her television production career path and went independent; she did so successfully, honing an incredible talent along the way.

In support of her husband's career in the arts, she moved to Miami in 1999, the same year, her son was born. Sage Ceasar, made his debut on October 10th, 1999. Her independent spirit served her well; she was able to work on projects that were fulfilling, while raising a family. Her children were her pride and joy and her number one focus.

Carla had attributes that were honorable and a manner of being that was well rounded and complete. She possessed quiet strength, dignity, grace and insight. She was fiercely loyal, loving, kind, intelligent, and beautiful. Her smile was honest and infectious.

Carla weathered storms with fortitude and pride. The passing of her brother Craig devastated her, but she continued on without letting the world know of her pain. She was very private and carried herself with dignity and strength. When her father Roy was nearing his end on this earth, she held him up with her love and her presence. She was a constant confidant and companion to her mother, Erna.

Carla traveled and toured extensively with friends and family and for work; one of her last projects was a long-term production for an international development bank with diplomatic ties. She managed and directed the production of a large crew that traveled throughout Latin America. This project led her to Amazons, where she was able to connect with indigenous people and work on the promotion sustainable projects that include water, housing and education. Carla had the ability to motivate people, which she also applied to the management of the young talent she mentored in Argentina.

Carla knew how to create and keep calm even in the midst of stressful situations. She had a way with keeping order. She was powered by a soft voice and an even tone – a sound that was exclusive to Carla. She led firmly but gently – she knew how to employ the power of her charm. Carla was an able leader, an incredibly detail oriented producer, a great communicator and writer, an organized and creative professional.

Wherever she went, she impacted people; something she wasn't fully aware of until recently. People gravitated to Carla. Anyone who had contact with her loved her.

Carla was an indiscriminate dog lover. She has touched the life of many of our collective four-legged friends.

Being around Carla was a joy. She was an excellent mother, daughter, wife, family member and friend. She led her life by example, and leaves in each of us memories of shared experiences that are sure to serve us positively. We can't help but know that the world is better place because of Carla Allen Ceasar.

We will miss her soothing voice, unique and beautiful tone, her smile and, most of all her loving and caring ways. If love is the grace of God, Carla is soaring in eternal grace, embraced by the love of God.

Carla is survived by: her husband, Raleigh Ceasar; children, Cheyenne and Sage Ceasar; mother, Erna Allen; sister-in-law, Alicia Allen; nephews, Cairo and Akiva Allen; extended relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude (SOLO).....	“Amazing Grace” Mr. Mario Frendo
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Call To Worship.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Invocation.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Hymn of Praise.....	“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”
Prayer.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Old Testament- Psalm 121:1-8.....	Ms. Denise Stennett
New Testament- Ephesians 3:14-21.....	Ms. Carol Forbes
Solo Selection.....	“Redeemed” Mrs. Alicia Allen Mr. Victor Burks- Piano Mr. Mike Griot- Bass
Acknowledgements.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Obituary.....	Ms. Mary Arda
Reflections.....	“Daughter, Wife, Mother, Friend” Mrs. Jane Applegate
Musical Selection.....	“When October Goes” Mr. Mike Griot- Vocals and Bass Mr. Victor Burks- Keyboards
Remarks.....	Open to the Congregation
The Lord’s Prayer	
Eulogy.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Committal.....	Pastor Doris Peterson
Recessional Hymn.....	“Soon And Very Soon”

Cremation

*Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey*

Repast

*Immediately following the service family and friends are invited
for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Pall Bearers

Keith Forbes	Cairo Allen
Michael McArthur	Lance Howard
Sage Ceasar	Alger Stoneburner, Jr.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to everyone who has helped us through our time of sorrow. Words have been the greatest thing to get us through, and we cannot express enough how much they've meant to us. Thank you and God bless,
The Allen and Ceasar Family.

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