

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Billie Jean Townsend

January 2, 1942 - March 26, 2022

Friday, April 15, 2022

Viewing: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Funeral: 7:00 p.m.

SILOAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

260 Jefferson Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 112168

Rev. Clinton M Miller, Officiating, Eulogist

Obituary

Billie Jean was born in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Lucille Pippen and Charlie Kemp on January 2, 1942. She was the eldest of 7 siblings which included: Beverly, Ray, Adell, Charlie, Fred and Raymond, in 1954 the family relocated to Trenton, New Jersey where they grew up and attended school.

Billie was an all around athlete and a snickers bar was her protein bar; however swimming was her passion by the time she reached high school she had received numerous awards for swimming and her greatest achievement at age 16 was being able to hold her breath underwater longer than any other swimmers which propelled her to become a lifeguard. Billie was the envy of her classmates at award ceremonies because she would always get the most awards and lots of attention especially from one guy in particular named James T. Blue who she later married in 1961 at the age of 19 and started her own family: Tinather, Kim, Darryl, Mac, Dawn and Charlene. Years later the two would divorce and Billie moved with her children to New York for a new start as a single mom until August 31, 1979 when she married Altamont E. Townsend and in 1980 they welcomed a son Joseph; sadly in September of 1983 Billie became a widow and soon moved back to New Jersey there she adopted two children Janice and Sherone.

In New Jersey, Billie would introduce herself to her neighbors by saying "I'm Billie Jean, the one Michael Jackson sings about" her focus was mainly on her children and grandchildren. Grandma's house was the best house and there was nothing like grandma's house however she would often make surprise visits to New York to be with her grandkids and children and she would wreak havoc because mom would say no and grandma would say yes and then she would say "I'm her momma and she can't beat me; go ahead" and there was nothing we could do but walk away and not say anything to our kids for the fear of hot pee being tossed on you and you better not touch them after she leaves earning her the nicknames: Master Chief, Big Baby Momzie, Baby Girl and Miss Billie Jean (AKA BJ).

Sadly, Billie left us on March 26, 2022 she was 80 years young; predeceasing her are her mom and dad, sisters: Adell and Beverly; brothers: Fred and Raymond; her son Darryl and beloved great grandson "NuNu" who I bet is on her lap right now.

Billie leaves behind to celebrate her life and carry on her legacy her daughters: Tinather, Kim, Dawn, Charlene and Janice; her sons: Mac, Joseph and Sherone; her grandchildren: Dwayne, Jeffrey, Claude, Jalisa, Amber, Khalide, Jay Jay; 23 more plus 26 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; two sisters: Ray and Charlie; and a fleet of special people in her life.

Lovingly Submitted

The Family

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Terrell Lane

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INVOCATION

SELECTION

“My Way” - Frank Sinatra

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

READING OF OBITUARY

Claude Blue

TRIBUTE

Charlene Blue

SELECTION

“Let Her Go” - Passenger

EULOGY

Rev. Clinton M. Miller

COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

REMARKS

Funeral Director

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Inurnment

Green-Wood Crematory

Brooklyn, New York



Acknowledgement

The family of **Billie Jean Townsend** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.

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