

A portrait of Cathy Rena Garcia, a Black woman with her hair styled in a bun, wearing a red top and a white lace necklace. She is smiling and holding a bouquet of white flowers. The background is a soft pink with more white flowers and a gold ornate frame.

*Celebrating
the Life
of*

Cathy
RENA
GARCIA

SUNRISE: 6/17/1953 - SUNSET: 8/25/22

Friday, September 2, 2022 - 10am

Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church

2365 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027

Pastor John H. Baker, Officiating

Pastor Lula A. Baker, Eulogist

Obituary

Cathy Garcia was born in New York City, New York on June 17, 1953, to the late Leroy and Catherine Keeles. Her mother realizing the importance of a Godly foundation, Cathy was reared in church alongside her siblings at Zion Hill Pentecostal Church. Cathy continued to walk with God as she served in the ministry and showed love to everyone that she came in contact with.

Cathy was known to be very lively, amusingly witty with her words all while displaying her BIG Amazing smile. Let us not forget to mention her love and slight obsession for all things Star Wars. Cathy loved to show off her style full of color and glam. She made sure she always looked her best. Her generous heart and kindness is known by many and will never be forgotten.

Cathy was a lover of many things. She had an eclectic taste in music, dancing and going to concerts. She also loved to watch Sci-Fi movies, cowboys, and the Home Shopping Network. She loved cooking and her signature dishes include Dough Balls, Seafood Gumbo, and Peach Cobbler.

She was raised and educated in New York City, NY where she served in the medical field as an EKG Technician for many years. Then Presbyterian Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital, Harlem United, and then became an Intake Program Specialist for the Department of Corrections. She was always on time.

Spending most of her life surrounded by family, it was important to Cathy that we all felt her love. Affectionately known as everyone's favorite, she enjoyed spending time with loved ones in New York and in Los Angeles, her home away from home.

On August 25, 2022, Cathy was called home to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Kermit Keeles of Boston, MA and Rickey Keeles of Los Angeles, CA.

She leaves a loving family to cherish her memories: her husband, Jaen Garcia; her daughter, Twinique Wright (Jamel), Marco McFarlane (Nadia) and Nubia Garcia; siblings, Gary Keeles of Queens, NY, Leora Buford "Pookee" of Los Angeles, CA, and Carlette Keeles (Chanel) of Oakland, CA; her beloved grandchildren, Jamel, Nadel, Jabril, Giovanni, Marco, and her only granddaughter, Shelby; great grandchildren include Jaden and London; and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

Cathy was loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Pastor John H. Baker
Clergy and Family

Prayer for Comfort.....Bishop William E. Sutton

Scripture:

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Song of Consolation:

Congregational Hymn..... “Jesus Keep Near the Cross”

Remarks (1 or 2 min. limit).... Deacon Derrick Botts, Jr. - 2 Minutes

Acknowledgement of Cards/Condolences..Deacon Derrick Botts, Jr.

Solo.....Elder Deborah L. Sutton

Reflections..... Slideshow – 5 Minutes
The Family

Obituary.....Jamel Wright & Sharon Oliver

Sermonic Solo.....Elder Deborah L. Sutton

Eulogy.....Pastor Lula A. Baker

Final Viewing..... Funeral Director

Benediction..... Pastor John H. Baker

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

INTERMENT:

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that she will
come back, Or you can open your eyes and
see all that she has left. Your heart can be
empty because you can't see her. Or you can
be full of the love that you shared, You can
turn your back on tomorrow and live
yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday. You can remember her
and only that she is gone or you can cherish
her memory and let it live on, You can cry and
close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what she would want: smile,
open your eyes, love and go on.
-Author unknown

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