

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Carla Denise Butts*

Sunrise:  
July 21, 1967

Sunset:  
August 29, 2022



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 - 12:00 PM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

*Rev. Jeff Augustus, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

Carla D. Butts was born on July 21, 1967 to the late Yvonne Pearl Butts and Dennis Hatchett.

After Carla's mother passed away she took on a very special role (sister/mother) to care for her sisters, Tiffany and Renee. She was definitely a living angel and a phenomenal woman here on earth. She cared deeply for her siblings and her mother watched her take on that role with the confidence and strength that she instilled in her.

Carla graduated from Central High School in 1986. She also received a certification as a Medical Assistant at National Career Institute.

Carla worked for the State of New Jersey as a food service worker at Woodbridge Developmental Center from 2009 until the facility closed. She continued her position at Trinitas Regional Hospital until she became ill in December 2021.

Carla enjoyed reading, shopping, couponing and spending time with her nieces and nephews. Carla enjoyed going to Atlantic City just to walk on the boardwalk and to go to the outlets. Carla never had children of her own but her nieces and nephews filled that void.

Carla departed this life on Monday, August 29, 2022 in Elizabeth, New Jersey at Center For Hope.

Carla was preceded in death by her mother Yvonne Pearl Butts; father Dennis Hatchett; grandparents Thomas Fitzgerald Augustus and Lucille Augustus Foster; aunts Leslie Rogers and Mary Jo Brown; and special friend James Robinson (Dawu).

Carla leaves to cherish her memory: sisters, Tiffany and Renee Butts; her aunt Judith Shabazz; her nieces and nephews Yameese, Yvonne, Ajeeah, Pearl, Shakur, Azim, Tahir; her cousins, Mary-ann Arnold, Ronnie, Mae-Mae, Gilda, Freddie and her great nieces and nephews Zion, King, Emani, Aaliyah and her two most special friends, Betty OBannion and Victor Jones. Carla is also survived by a host of cousins, friends, and coworkers.

“Carla” Heard you join the angels. Can't understand why, we'll be missing you. Thanking God for letting you go free. No more pain, you worked hard, rest now... love always Betty OBannion Amen

# Order of Service

Processional “When You’ve Been Blessed”

Hymn

Scripture Reading - Rev. Augustus  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort - Rev. Augustus

Selection “Going Up Yonder”

Remarks  
(Three minutes each please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy - “Take Me To The King”  
Golden Girls Theme Song “Thank You For Being a Friend”

Recessional

CREMATION

# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

# Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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