

# *Broken Chains*

*We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.*



### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

## *Celebration of Life* **CYNTHIA E.** *DeVose*

*Sunrise*  
December 5, 1945

*Sunset*  
September 29, 2022



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### *Service*

**Friday, October 7, 2022**  
Viewing: 10:30 a.m -12:30 p.m.  
Service: 12:30 p.m.

**Transcend Worship Center**  
971 Clinton Avenue  
Irvington, New Jersey 07111

## Reflections of Life

**Mrs. Cynthia Evelyn (Barbee) DeVose** was born on December 5th, 1945 in Boston, Ma. To the late Charles Gathan Barbee and Venus DeMarlo (Josey) Barbee, raised by her parents William Mangum and Eva (Josey) Mangum from the age of six months. On the morning of September 29th, 2022 God sent one of his angels to call "Cynt" home.

She received her education in the Newark NJ school systems. She graduated from West Side High in Newark NJ in 1964. She also attended Essex County College in pursuit of a degree in Business.

Cynthia married her High School Sweetheart the late Richard DeVose on May 28th, 1967 and from this union they were blessed with two children Derrick DeVose and Cherie DeVose - Saunders. Our Mom loved the lord; she was a longtime member of their family church St. James AME in Newark, NJ. She retired from General Motors in Linden NJ after 20 years of Service.

Cynthia affectionately known as Ma, Grandma, Cynt, Phats and most recently GiGi by her new Great daughter Logan, those who know her knew do not call her "Nana." Our Mom loved spending time with family, listening to music "The Whispers, OJay's, Marvin Gaye just to name a few she had tons of Albums and you could always catch her watching her favorite Soap "The Young and the Restless". Phats was known for hosting amazing cookouts and family gathering everyone looked forward to her parties, especially the Christmas parties at her house. She had a passion for decorating whether it was her home or her decked out Christmas Trees. Cynt was one to speak her mind, what comes up comes out, She was the life of the party with that infectious laugh and could cut a rug on the dance floor. Grandma enjoyed cooking for her loved ones, known for a variety of dishes, she always made the Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese, Yams and Stuffing just to name a few. She loved Chocolate a couple of her favs was Hersey with Almonds and Rochers. Our Mom was strong, loving, caring, devoted, fun loving and FEISTY. Cynt lived her life and she did it HER way. She may be gone from our sight but never from our hearts.

She is preceded in death by her husband Richard DeVose, parents William & Eva Mangum and Siblings Sybil Barbee Allen and Eric Barbee.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children Derrick DeVose(Donna), Cherie DeVose-Saunders(Keiaun), Grandchildren: Yawanah Statum-Dunston(Kenisha), Derrick DeVose-Johnson(Bethany), Chanel Saunders(Tyquan) & Deon Saunders, Great GrandChildren: Rakeem Statum and Logan Cherie Stephens, Her Siblings: Pearl Little, Warren Mangum, Joyce Lawrence, Steven Barbee(Evelyn), Mona Gatlin(Otha), Trenace Barbee-Watkins(James), Renace Douglas, Anthony Barbee & Shawn Barbee. Her Dearest Friends: Adrienne Benson-Blount, Ernest Rose and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

## Order of Service

### **Musical Prelude**

*Amazing Grace, Precious Lord,  
Blessed Assurance*

### **Processional**

*Going Up Yonder*

### **Prayer of Comfort**

*Pastor Jerry Smith*

### **Scripture Readings**

*Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament*

### **Solo**

*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*

### **Remarks/ Family Tribute**

*Family & Friends 2 Mins.*

### **Obituary**

*Eric Benson*

### **Solo**

*Battle Is Not Yours*

### **Eulogy**

*Rev Ronald Slaughter*

### **Recessional**

*Clergy & Family  
"I'll Fly Away"*

### **Interment**

*Fairmount Cemetery  
620 Central Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07107*