



Psalm 46
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Tribute To My Aunt

I have known Ms. Karen since I was a little girl going to New Point Baptist church with my grandmother Trula Pearl Thomas. She has taught me so much about life, people, and myself. I loved our talks about basketball and family too. She loved the lord so much that she asked me to put the bible readings on her phone so she could read them each. I will miss cooking for her on her Birthday and holidays. The last verse she places on her page is Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Ms. Karen told me that life could change in a minute or day. Also said she loved me and every bone in my body. She was and is one of the angels the Lord placed in my life on this earth.

I Love You Aunt Karen
Sheila Matthews-Dunnell

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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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Karen Elaine Lewis-Hardwick



Sunrise: January 19, 1944
Sunset: December 5, 2022

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022 - 11:00 AM
New Point Baptist Church

19 Kinney Street • Newark, New Jersey
Officiant: Rev. Rahmin E. Wynn Sr.,
Pastor of New Point Missionary Baptist Church
Organist: Willie Martin

Obituary

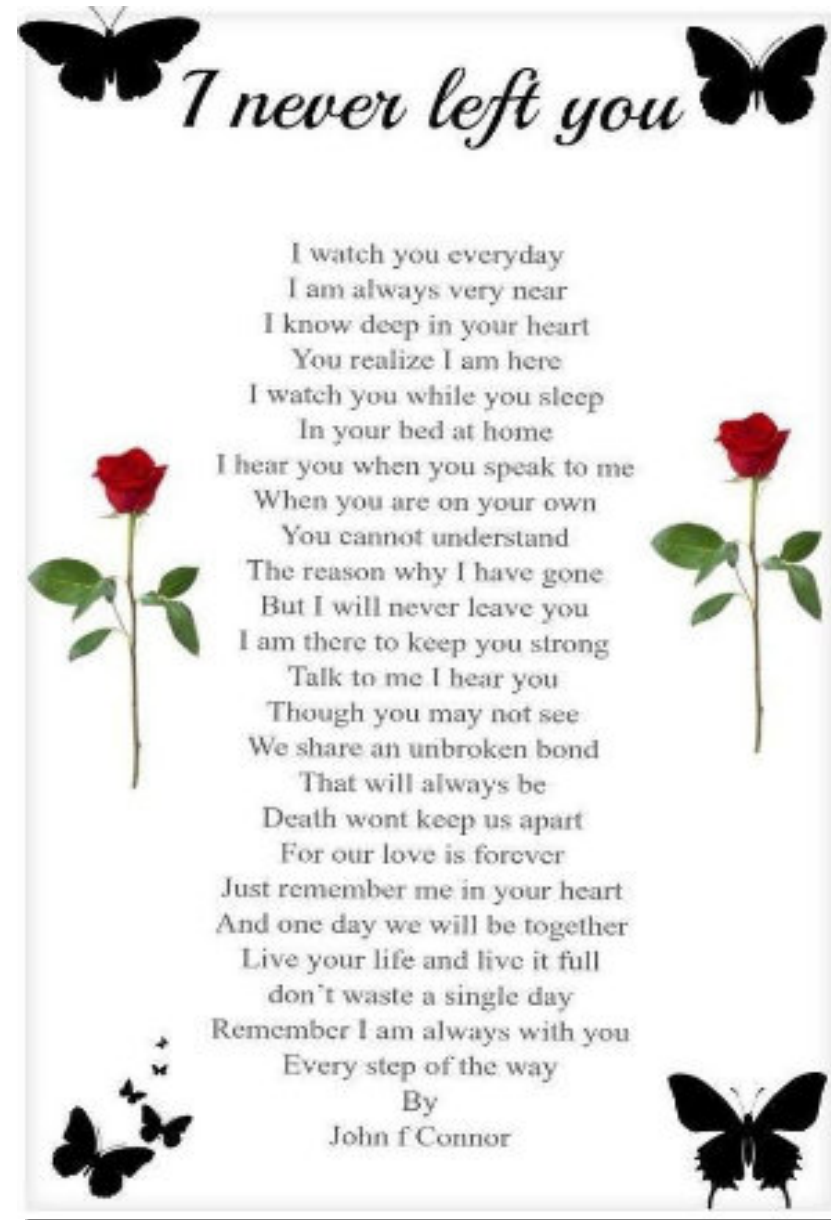
On Tuesday evening, January 19, 1944, twin daughters were born to the late Thurston Thomas Lewis and Evelyn Yarborough Lewis in Louisburg, NC. Karen was one of six children, four of which proceeded her in death. Two brothers, Thuston 'Blair' Lewis (Joan); Carter "Billy" Lewis (Alice); and her sisters Gwendolyn Lois Wilder (Robert); and Brenda Carol Peyton (Tim).

Karen graduated from Riverside High School in 1962, and then she attended Cosmetology school and became a licensed cosmetologist. Karen visited New Jersey to see her first-born niece Michelle and oldest sister Gwen and decided to stay. She then made a decision to never return to North Carolina. Karen joined New Point Missionary Baptist Church over fifty years and faithfully attended until her health began to decline.

Karen later met the love of her life, the late Johnny Hardwick. They were married for thirteen short years and enjoyed traveling, family gatherings, and basketball. Johnny brought into the marriage his mother, the late Cora Hardwick; five children, Kimberly Hardwick, Johnneen Hardwick, Johnette Hardwick and Johnny Hardwick Jr., all live in California; Mandella Hardwick, Connecticut; a brother, Christopher Hardwick, (Deidra), New Jersey; a sister, Marvella Cullens (Terri), Georgia, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Karen felt blessed to be a part of the Hardwick family, and cousins Janice Peebles and Julie Williams became a special part of her life. Johnny and Karen's union was shortened by Johnny's demise in 2012..

Following her husband's death, Karen faced multiple medical challenges through the years. Karen leaves to cherish her memory, her twin sister Kathy Lewis of Davison, MI; her beloved nieces and nephews, Vincent Lewis (Carol), Romulus, MI; Darryl Muhammad (Nusaybah), of Fayetteville, GA; Collette Mitchell (Charles) of Macon, GA, Tonya Mitchell (Jason), of Angier, NC; and a very special niece, Michelle Wilder-Baker (Willie) of Wake Forest NC. A host of cousins and family that she loved dearly!!! A special thank you to some wonderful family and friends who were there assisting Karen in her last days, Cousins Shirley, and Laura (Niecy), Shelia, Shirley, Patricia, Maxine, Janet, and Nurse Angel.

We lived, we cried, we laughed, and most of all we loved. We are not saying goodbye, but see you later. The Family!!!!



Order of Service

Processional -Ministers and Family

Song - Yulanda Benoit

The Holy Scriptures - Rev. Samuel Clemons Jr. (Cousin)

Old Testament Ecclesiastic 3:1-4;11

New Testament Romans 8:28, 29; 38-39

Prayer of Comfort

Song - Yulanda Benoit

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Deaconess Deborah Massey

Tribute(s) - 2 minutes max

Charity Patricia Baxter (Childhood Friend)

Family

Eulogy - Rev. Rahmin E. Wynn Sr.

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Interment
Graceland Memorial Park
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