

In Loving Memory of
Sonya R. Fortenberry-Walton



Sunrise:
June 17, 1966

Sunset:
June 16, 2023

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Sonya Renee Fortenberry-Walton was born on June 17, 1966 to Sanders (deceased) and Cynthia Fortenberry in Newark, NJ. She departed this life on June 16, 2023.

Sonya was baptized at Bethany Baptist Church Newark, NJ in her youth. She attended Hawkins Street Elementary School and graduated from East Side High School in 1984.

After graduation Sonya began working for Defense Logistics Contracts of Newark. She then, went to work for Benjamin Moore Paints in Newark.

Shortly thereafter, she married her childhood sweetheart Joseph O'Neil (Yogi). To that union Calvin O'Neil was born.

Sonya worked for Newark Beth Israel and East Orange Hospital as a unit clerk until she became disabled.

Sonya married her forever love, Curtis Walton on July 19, 2020, and gained a mother- in-law Evelyn Walton of Georgia, seven grandchildren and 96 nieces and nephews.

Sonya was a bright light; kind and generous, whose smile was contagious and cheerful even when she was not feeling well. Sonya was a warrior, who fought long, arduous health battles with fierce determination!

Sonya leaves to mourn her memory: her cherished and dedicated husband Curtis Walton, her nurturing mother Cynthia Fortenberry. Three loving children Calvin O'Neil(Deniece) of Tennessee, Jazmine Nicole Fortenberry and Ibn Idreece Cheatham both of Newark, NJ. Two beloved grandchildren Yasin and Yanay Cheatham also of Newark, NJ. Four protective brothers Thomas (Tuanda) Fortenberry of Summerton, South Carolina, David (Erica) Fortenberry of Roselle, NJ, Shawn(Janice) Fortenberry of Hillside, NJ and Troy Davis of Willingboro, NJ and two dedicated sisters Shanieka Fortenberry of Newark, NJ and Michelle Herald of Irvington, NJ; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends too many to name. Know that all are LOVED appreciated!!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast will be held at the waterfront

2 Grafton Avenue from 1 pm to 4 pm sharp!

Be advised no alcoholic beverages are permitted on the grounds !

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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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