

Order of Service

- The Prelude*
- The Viewing*
- The Procession* #22 ~ “We’re Marching to Zion”
- The Invocation*
- The Hymn* #27 ~ “Blessed Assurance”
- The Scriptures* Psalm 23
..... John 14:1-6
- The Prayer of Comfort*
- The Prayer Hymn* #153 ~ “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
- Family Reflection*
- Ministry of Remembrance*
- Acknowledgements, Church Letter & Obituary*.... Deaconess Zelda Robinson
Assistant Church Clerk
- The Ministry of Music* #132 ~ “Amazing Grace”
- The Message*..... Pastor Jan D. Webster
- The Invitation to Discipleship*
- The Closing Prayer*
- The Benediction*
- The Recession*..... #189 ~ “It Is Well With My Soul”

Entombment

Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

A Celebration of Life

Carmen Steele-Wallace (nee Reece) was born on September 27, 1947, in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, to the late Mary Sutton and Zebbie Reece. She obtained her primary, high school and some of her college education in Jamaica.

Carmen migrated to the United States in 1979 and was joined shortly after by her two daughters, Donna and Natasha. She believed in education and often said, “No one is too old to learn.” With this in mind, she enrolled at CUNY – Borough of Manhattan Community College in 1982 while holding two jobs. With her daughter, Donna, she attended for a number of years before taking a break to be with her younger daughter, Natasha. In 1990 when Natasha was older, she enrolled at CUNY – Lehman College to complete her college education, graduating alongside Natasha in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computing and Management. Carmen never let anyone or anything get her down. She was always doing something to improve herself. Carmen started writing her memoirs in 1998 detailing her life’s journey from a young child to a young single mother in a strange country to a determined, forceful woman of GOD.

Carmen was a dedicated member of Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, NY for twenty-five years. Carmen planned many fundraising events, cruises and trips for Trinity. She was a strong believer in doing God’s will and served as president of Calendar Group #3 for twenty years. She was a member of the Leadership Council, Marriage Enrichment, Caribbean Heritage, Sunday school, Bereavement Ministry, Revival and the Pastor’s Search Committee (twice). She was always doing something for someone else, never complaining. She often told members of her groups to call anytime of the day or night if she could be of assistance to them, she comforted them in times of sickness and family members’ deaths, she visited them in the hospitals and at their homes, she was always giving someone a ride home or taking someone to an appointment or shopping.

Carmen retired from KPMG after twenty years of employment and relocated to Georgia in 2010. She immediately joined Annistown Road Baptist Church, where she was a leader of Celebrate Recovery, a member of the Deaf Ministry, a Tea Time facilitator, Chairperson of Young at Heart (grandparents reading, dolls, crochet & quilt making and Operation Christmas Child) Ministries and a member of the Adult Sunday school. She was also facilitator of the Centerville Senior Center Writers’ Group.

Carmen will be missed by her daughters, Donna Jarrett and Natasha; son-in-law Vinny; grandson, Damian; granddaughter, Nalani; sister, Sonia Boothe; four nieces, one nephew, and a host of friends.

We love you, Ma, but GOD needed a rose for His garden, so He picked you. God’s will be done on earth and in Heaven.

Submitted by the children

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Repass:

Following Entombment at 3911 Barnes Avenue, Bronx, NY

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Carmen O. Steele-Wallace gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during their time of bereavement.

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Service of Worship Celebrating the Life of the Late



Carmen O. Steele-Wallace

Sunrise

September 27, 1947

Sunset

November 3, 2019

Service: Friday, November 15, 2019~10:00am

Trinity Baptist Church

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Naomi Tyler-Lloyd, D. Min., M. Div., Senior Pastor

Jan D. Webster, M. Div., Assistant Pastor

Willie Phipps, Organist