

*Forever in our Hearts*



*Ceaira L. Funderburke*

Sunrise: March 4, 1990 - Sunset: April 16, 2023

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023*

Wake: 9:30am - Service 10:00am

*Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home*

2140 North Fulton Ave.

Baltimore, MD. 21217

## ORDER OF CELEBRATION

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| Opening Hymn                  | Blessed Assurance                                      |
| Prayer                        | Min. Melissa Akhimiemona                               |
| Scripture                     | Rev. Charles Hines                                     |
| Old Testament                 | Psalm 145: 1-9   |
| New Testament                 | 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58                                |
| Selection (media)             | His Eye is on the Sparrow<br>Lauryn Hill & Tanya Blout |
| Reflections                   | 2 mins   |
| Selection (performance)       | How Great is our God<br>Levant Branch                  |
| Acknowledgments &<br>Obituary | Shannon Lowe   |
| Eulogy                        | Min. Diane Y. Branch                                   |
| Benediction                   |  |
| Repast                        | The Elk Lodge- 2008 Harford Rd.                        |

## OBITUARY

*Ceaira Lachelle Funderburke, aka* (CeCe) was born in Pittsburgh, PA. on March 4, 1990, to Antonio Funderburke and Tonya Stokes-Culpepper. She was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools system. Upon completing her studies, she was employed at the Balto. City Circuit Courthouse as an Administrative Assistant and later as a Sales Associate at Walmart.

CeCe had a strong foundation in the church. She was a member of Alive Again Baptist Ministries; under the leadership of the late Walter W. Brown. She was baptized at age 11, then served as a Youth Usher and Jr. Nurse during her tenure.

Amongst those closest to her, CeCe was described as someone who enjoyed a good prank, causing a bit of playful mischief, protective, and loving. She was confident, took pride in her appearance, and was known for her sense of style; earning her the nickname "Black Barbie". Some additional passions of hers were fast cars, dancing, drawing, writing, and body artistry (tattooing). CeCe was also a strong willed, outspoken, charismatic individual who didn't tolerate bullying. She often spoke her mind to protect those around her. She was an advocate for bully prevention before it was trendy.

Ceaira's greatest accomplishments have yet to be seen. It lies with her most treasured gifts; her beloved children, London, Paris and Azaria. During her time here, she protected them as best she could. She made tough decisions and sacrifices to ensure they have the opportunities to live abundant, successful and blessed lives.

Ceaira also leaves to cherish her memory: Her parents, Antonio Funderburke, Tonya Stokes-Culpepper (Ron); her grandparents, Karen Brown (Richard), Mary Rogers, Samuel "Pop-Pop" Stewart; six siblings: Antoinette and Mariah Green, Aesha and A'keyia Funderburke-Brown, Tristen Funderburke, Taylor Culpepper; Aunt, Teaira Funderburk; Uncle, Ricky Stokes and a host of cousins, great-aunts, uncles, relatives and special friends.

Acknowledgments

"She may be gone but not forgotten. She will always be remembered"

- People Encouraging People

Ceira you were always special to me:

"Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. I drop my tear in the ocean today the day you find it will be the day I stop missing you." My life, my granddaughter.

- Unknown author submitted by Mary

The Family of the late Ceira Funderburke would like to extend their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during the Homegoing of their loved one. Thank you so much and God Bless you all. Family and Friends are invited to fellowship and dine at The Elk East Baltimore Lodge 1040 immediately following the service.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Melissa Akhimiemona for the media presentation, and Levant Branch for the musical performance,

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