

Reflection of Love & Life

Karen Charisse Bynum was born on December 4, 1959, in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Robert Hall and Constance Bynum. Karen entered eternal rest on February 11, 2023. Karen accepted Christ at an early age while attending Church with her grandmother-Dora.

Karen received her education in the Baltimore City Public Schools System. Karen has worked numerous jobs over the years such as: McDonalds; Best Western Hotel; Harbor place & Gallery; Jonnie's Deli @ Northeast Market; and the Family Dollar Store. While working at Jonnie's Deli she met the love of her life, Ronald Reives Sr., and they later married on August 17, 2012. After which she began working side by side with him in his Mobile Detailing business, until she became ill.

Karen was an Organ Donor and was able to give a gift of "Sight" by donating both of her Corneas. She was also able to donate bone & tissue marrow.

Karen enjoyed spending quality time with her Husband, her kids, grandkids and other family members. She adorned her family and loved making memories. She loved swimming at MLK park and having cookouts. Karen was known to be the life of any party and would be found on the dance floor cutting a rug. Karen loved to talk on facetime with people especially her great-nephew Kree. She spent a lot of time playing spades and pinochle with family and friends. Karen's favorite holiday was Christmas, which she enjoyed decorating her home and shopping for gifts. She loved when it was time to have a special date to the Casino with her sister-Cheryl. Karen looked forward to helping her daughter-Constance organized the Breast Cancer walks with family and friends in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Throughout the years, Karen was known to many people by various nicknames: (Munsey, Moon, Mommy, Special K, Mama K, Grandma K, Lil K, Aunt K, and Aunt Mimi). Karen will be remembered as a selfless mother and grandmother who always had a smile on her face. She had a very bright smile that would light up any room. Karen had major strength being a 19-year Breast Cancer Survivor. Throughout all her health problems she never complained.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory: husband- Ronald Reives Sr., one daughter- Constance Simms, two sons- Jamar Simms Sr. and Preston Simms III, one step-daughter (Rhonda Smith), one step-son (Ronald Reives Jr.) two daughter-in-law (Sandra Simms, Lauren Clark), two son-in-law (Kevin Smith Sr., Antoine Smith), one sister- Cheryl Pratt, 2 additional siblings (Robin Thompson, Sean Smith), 3 aunts (Jacqueline Smith, Latifa Abdul-Hamid, Hanifa Parham), two uncles- (David Parham, Leon Smith), 8 grandsons (Jamar Jr., Derrick Jr., Darrius, Demetri, Antonio, Kevin Jr., Davon, Antoine), 7 granddaughters (Amiya, Amirah, Ava, Aaliyah, Amya, Asia, Aleah), 3 adopted daughters (Betty, Quiontay, Wannetta), one great-grandson (D'Angelo Adonis Simms), four adopted grandkids, one nephew- Marcus, 2 nieces- (Donnise, Latifa), 3 great-nieces, 1 great-nephew, and an endless host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends that became family.

Karen was preceded in death by her father-Robert Hall, mother- Constance Bynum, Grandmother-Dora Parham, Aunt- Agnes Armstead, mother-in-law (Francis Reives), brother-in-law (Arnold), 2 sisters-in-law (Sandra Saunders, Lisa St. John).

Celebrating the Life
of

Karen Charisse
Bynum-Reives

Sunrise:

December 4, 1959

Sunset:

February 11, 2023

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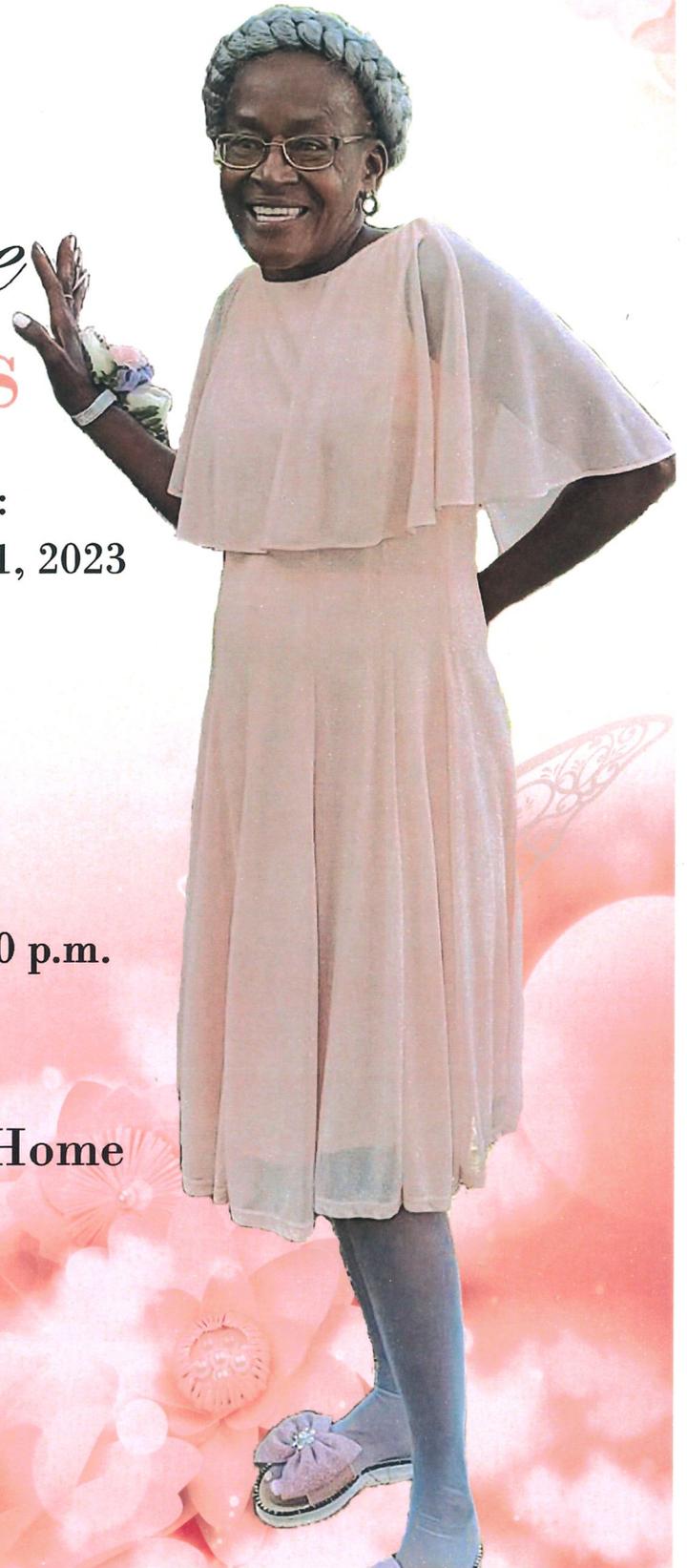
Wake: 12:00 Noon

Service: 12:30 p.m.

In the Chapel of
Joseph H. Brown Funeral, Jr. Home

2140 N. Fulton Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21217



Order of Service

Organist – Mr. Garfield

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Scriptures-Lakeisha Hemphill

Old Testament-Proverbs 31:25-31

New Testament- John 14:1-3

Musical Selection

Shaniya Harris

Prayer

Pastor Joan C. Webster

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Obituary

Umar Abdul-Hamid

Acknowledgements

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Remarks

Family & Friends

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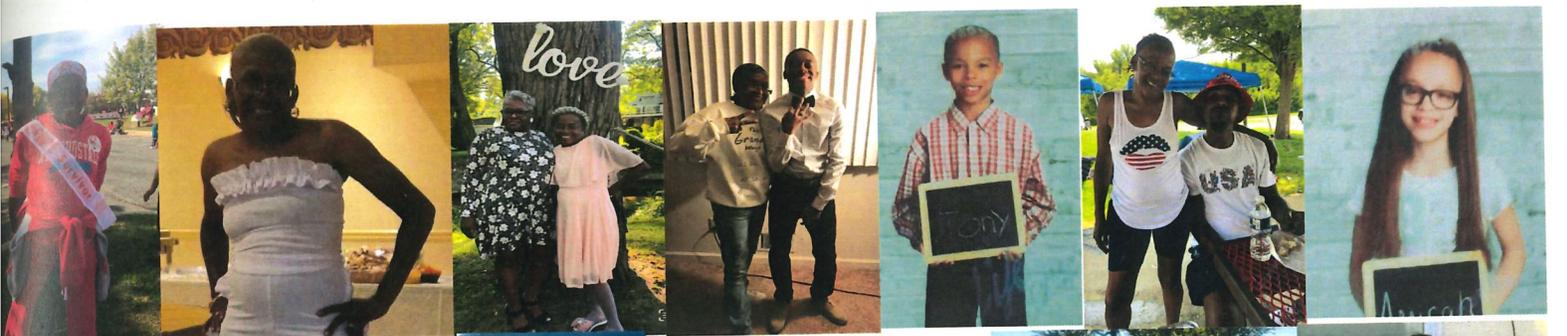
Eulogy

Pastor Joan C. Webster

Benediction







"Our Broken Chain"

I didn't know that morning that God was going to call your name. In life I loved you dearly. In death I do the same.

It broke my heart to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of me went with you the day God called you home. You left me peaceful memories. Your love is still my guide, and though I cannot see you, you are always by my side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one our chain will link again.

Your Sister-Cheryl



"Memories of Our Grandma K"

Karen Bynum, known to us as Grandma K, left us on February 11, 2023, leaving behind a void that will never be filled. She was 63, but her spirit was timeless, her love boundless, and her presence unforgettable.

Grandma K had a smile that could melt even the hardest heart. Her infectious laughter and bright personality filled every room she entered with joy and warmth. Dancing was her passion, and it was impossible not to join in when she hit the dance floor, making everyone feel alive and carefree.

For many years, Grandma K worked at a deli, where her kindness and dedication were legendary. She served everyone in Baltimore City with a smile, a kind word, and a warm hug, making them all feel like part of her family. Her hard work and energy inspired us all, and we will never forget the example she set.

But Grandma K's greatest legacy was her heart of gold. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she opened her home and heart to anyone who needed it. She welcomed everyone in this room today and made them family. Her compassion and selflessness brought our family closer together and made our family bigger, we will always be grateful for the gift of her presence in our lives. Grandma K leaves behind a family who adored her, especially her children, grandchildren and soon to be great grandson. Her love and light will shine on in each of us, a beacon of hope and inspiration. We will miss her smile, her laughter, her hugs, and her wisdom. Knowing that you have left us a love that will never die, with a soul that will live on through us forever, Grandma K you may now Rest in peace.

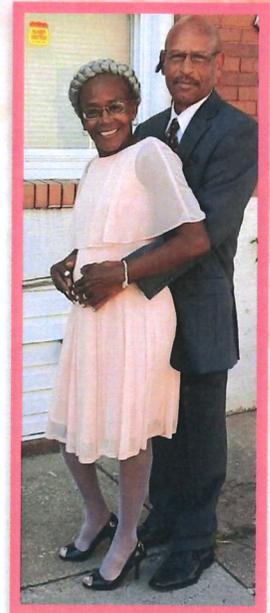
Lovingly submitted by your Grandkids



"To My Queen"

To my Queen, you left me beautiful memories. You may be gone but I can still see your face and hear your laughter. You left this world but not my heart. Hope to see you in my next life. Until we meet again, I will always love you.

Your Husband-Ronald



In Loving Memory of Our Mother

"If Roses Grow in Heaven"

If roses grow in Heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for me. Place them in our mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her that we love and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day. But there is an ache within our hearts that will never go away.

"The Day God Took You Home"

A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we've loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, NO ONE else can ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, part of us went with you the day that God took you home.



"Dear Momma K"

Words can't explain how much we love and miss you Momma K. We will remember the good times, hard times, and all the battles we've fought threw. The strength you have instilled in us will always shine through. You taught us to never quit, and to always give it our best. Just know that this is a hard pill to swallow, the day God called you home to rest. Your bright beautiful smile will always light up our early mornings and our darkest nights. But the pain in our hearts just don't feel right. Your 3 children will mourn you until we join you , we hope you know this to be true. All our memories will always shine bright, just like you.

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- *Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home



The family would like to thank everyone who showed love, gave donations, called, texted, messaged, and sent cards/flowers/gifts during this time of bereavement.

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