

Message of Gratitude

The Carelock Family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for every kind word, act of love, condolence and thoughtful gesture shared with us during this hour of bereavement. May every kindness be repaid to all of you. God bless and keep you always!



Professional Services Entrusted To:
Lee's Funeral Home
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White Plains, NY 10606
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Carolyn Carelock-Bowens

FEBRUARY 17, 1948 - JULY 29, 2026

In Loving Memory

Order of Service

Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 11:30 AM
REV. DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, OFFICIATING

Organ Prelude

Congregational Hymn "We'll Understand It By and By"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23: 1-6, 90:12 Deacon Billy Carelock
New Hope Baptist Church, Steelton, PA
(Reverend Billy Rucker)

New Testament: John 14: 1-6, 27 Marisa Marquis

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Virginia Mebane-Young

Solo "I Won't Complain"
Elder Bryan Allen

Acknowledgements Ebony Carelock

Reflections Skylar Dobbs and
Deacon Billy Carelock

Obituary Sonja Powell-Waters

Selection "His Eye is on The Sparrow"
Elder Bryan Allen

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson

Final Instructions Lee's Funeral Home

Benediction Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson

Recessional "Going Up Yonder"





Obituary

Carolyn Carelock-Bowens, affectionately known as C.C., transitioned on July 29, 2026. She was born in White Plains, New York, on February 17, 1948, to the late Robert Farley Carelock and Mildred Louise Carelock.

She attended White Plains Public Schools and graduated from White Plains High School in 1966. After high school, she earned her bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland in 1970. She later earned her Master's degree in Special Education from the College of New Rochelle.

Carolyn began her career with the Yonkers Public Schools in 1970, proudly becoming a member of what she affectionately called "Yonkers' Finest." As a middle school social studies teacher, with a personal passion for African-American studies and she took a deep, loving interest in her students. Her dedication extended far beyond the classroom; she followed many students into adulthood, becoming a lifelong mentor and honorary parent. Throughout her active career and retirement, Carolyn remained a dedicated and steadfast member of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers.

On July 6, 1983, she married Callie Ray Bowens. During their union, they enjoyed shopping, traveling and gardening together until his death in 2023. They also were fitness partners and enjoyed jogging, walking and self care activities.

Carolyn took pride in being a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her interest began as a student at Morgan State University and she was later initiated through the Westchester Alumnae Chapter in 1973. She was an avid member of the Health and Wellness committee and was a strong supporter of all of the programs that focused on the initiatives of the organization. Carolyn had uninterrupted membership since her initiation. In addition, Carolyn has been a member of Bethel Baptist Church since 1958.

During her retirement years, she enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling to casinos and hosting Thanksgiving Dinner for her extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn was predeceased by her husband Callie Ray Bowens. She is survived by her sister Barbara Ann Carelock (Lawrence White), her niece Ebony Carelock and her great niece Skylar Dobbs. She is also survived by a host of cousins, neighbors, Sorors and friends. Carolyn will be sorely missed as she was a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Carol

