

Mother

God took the fragrance of a flower
The majesty of a tree
The gentleness of morning dew
The calm of a quiet sea
The beauty of the twilight hour
The soul of a starry night
The laughter of a rippling brook
The grace of a bird in flight
The tender care of an Angel
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The depth of a family's need
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply - Mother.



Armard McRae
Dwayne McRae

Pallbearers
Benjamin Williams
Tory Crandall
Aaron Smith

Eric Smith
Ranson Smith

Floral Bearers
Tajeon Mack

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Cheryl Ann McRae, wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, and all acts of kindness shown, during our time of bereavement. We ask God's continued blessings upon each of you.



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Home Going Service
Celebrating the Life
of

MRS. CHERYL ANN MILLER MCRAE



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022
11:00 A.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

ELDER GARY JONES
-PRESIDING-

Obituary
of
Mrs. Cheryl Ann Miller McRae

Mrs. Cheryl Ann Miller McRae was born April 3, 1957, in Brooklyn, New York, to Bessie Miller Ellison and Ranson Smith, Sr. She was educated in the New York City Public School System, and graduated from Jamaica High School, in Jamaica-Queens, where she was raised.

Growing up, Cheryl was affectionately known as **PooPoo**, by her Brooklyn family. While attending Claflin University, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Cheryl met her love and future husband, James Everett McRae, who was serving in the U.S. Army. They were married on March 19, 1976, in Gibson, North Carolina, and were a proud military family raising their two sons and two daughters.

Throughout James' military career, Cheryl was a doting mom and military wife. She traveled the globe with her family, stationed at Army bases in Germany, Florida, Colorado, and Texas (to name a few). Finally settling in the Columbia, South Carolina area, Cheryl worked as a chef in the Fort Jackson cafeteria, a production specialist at Little Tykes, Inc., a caretaker at Laurelcrest Retirement Home, and did various private-duty nursing assignments. Cheryl loved to cook. Her amazing baking skills were rivaled only by that of her Dad's. People came from near and far for her baked goods for all occasions. She made beautifully elaborate cakes with stairs, fountains and frills; her imagination and creativity were endless when she began a baking project. She was also an expert at crocheting. She would gift her family with splendid blankets and throws made with her loving hands.

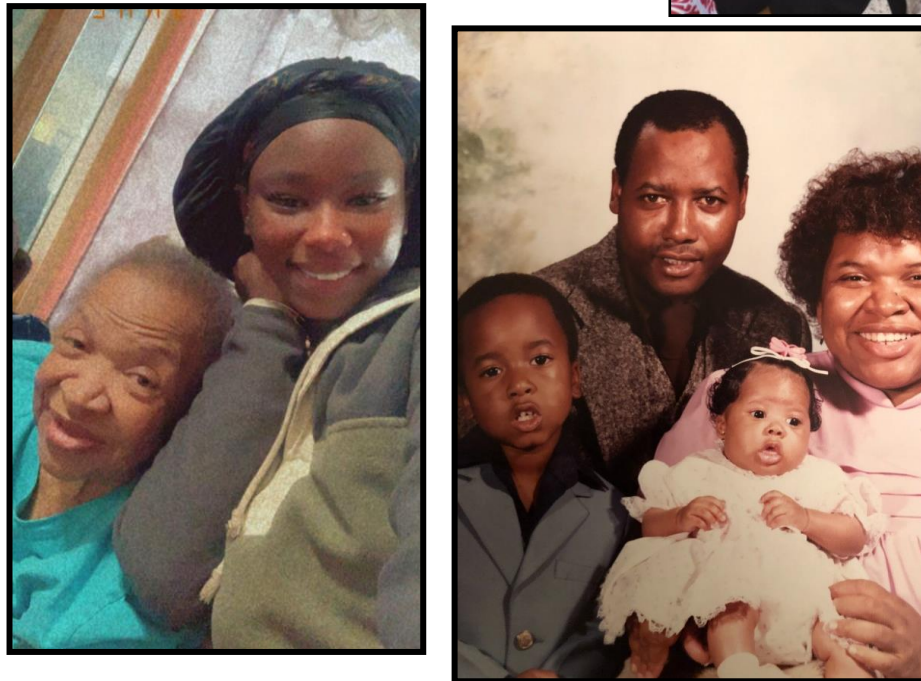
Cheryl earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from International Community Seminary and College in 2013. She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ, in Columbia SC, until her passing. Cheryl epitomized the virtuous woman celebrated in the Bible. She was an active PTA member, and the ultimate cheerleading/baseball mom. She never missed a game. She had the kindest and sweetest smile and demeanor, and always strived to serve God. She was well respected, admired and loved by her family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and community.

Throughout her recent health struggles, Cheryl never complained; in her weakest hour, she called on the Lord. She left us peacefully and surrounded by her loving family on October 22, 2022. Cheryl was preceded in death by her husband James; her parents and sister, Bernadelle.

Cheryl leaves to celebrate her life and honor her memory: her dedicated and loyal children, Armard, Natasha, Dawayne (Marrisa), and Imani McRae; very loving stepmother, Lula B. Smith; siblings, Thurman Ellison (Ola), Brigitte Adams (Jake), Danielle Crandall (Philip), and Ranson Smith, Jr. (Nedda); seven grandchildren, DaShae, Mikayla, Aiyanna, Jaiyah, Tajeon, Jameeyah, and Dawayne Jr.; great-grandson, Kairo; great-aunt, Ida Myrtle Daniel; aunts, Helen Adams, Juanita Hickson, and Ardina Lewis; uncles, Kemmie Miller, Lonnie Miller, Dennis Miller, and David Jones; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cheryl also had her very special Brooklyn family that she stayed with and shared special moments, Regina, Shawn, Kelley, Kimmiko, Timothy, and Khalieb.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Musician
- Old Testament.....Proverbs 31:10-31.....Sister Brigitte Adams
- New Testament.....Revelation 2:10.....Sister Danielle Crandall
1 Thessalonians 4:14-18
- Prayer.....Dr. Aletha Whitlock
- Musical Selection.....Musician
- Remarks.....Mr. Ranson Smith, Jr.
Ms. Carolyn Jenkins
- Solo....."I Won't Complain".....Mrs. Gwendolyn Jacobs
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Gary Jones
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina