

# Obituary

Dorlene Cathy Ann Edwards Warner was born on July 5, 1953, in Paget, Bermuda. She was the middle child born to the late Lionel and Delores Edwards. Dorlene departed this life on Friday, January 30, 2026, surrounded by her children.

Past record keeping was not as it is today. As a result, mom's names were inadvertently switched around. Her intended name is Cathy Ann Dorlene Edwards. It wasn't until later in life that the error was discovered, forcing mom to change her documents to match her birth certificate. None of it matters to us because her family and friends affectionately call her Pinky (we would have to ask her parents about that)! Mom graduated from Sandy's Secondary School in 1970 and jumped into the workforce. She gave birth to twins, Llewellyn and Shawnette, in August 1972. She continued working until she married her husband Dennis in 1979 and moved her family to Atlanta, GA. In 1983, she and Dennis welcomed their son Kahlil while living in Dallas, TX. The family moved back to Atlanta in 1986. Mom retired from her Office Manager position in 2010 and helped raise several of her grandchildren- all of whom were the loves of her life! Her children and grandchildren were her world. Mom enjoyed every moment she could with them and loved calling us randomly on video chat or on speaker phone! Mom also thoroughly enjoyed music. We spent hours listening to it together as children, on drives back and forth to Atlanta, and just around the house. Mariah and Mary J. were HER GIRLS and Barry was her guy!

Pinky was preceded in death by her husband Dennis Winston Warner, her parents Lionel and Delores Edwards, and her sister Donna Mae Edwards Smith. She leaves the following to mourn her passing: her son Llewellyn "Beesy" Edwards of Bermuda, her daughter Shawnette Leach (Marcus) of Columbia, South Carolina, and her son Kahlil Warner (Anna) of Alexandria, VA. She also leaves behind her brother Kirk Edwards (Dawn) of Cleveland, Ohio, her nephew/son Stanfield Edwards of Bermuda, Godson Dion Ming of Bermuda, and brother-in-law Noel Warner (Harriet) of Bermuda. Mom was "Nana" to thirteen grandchildren: Brianna (David), Ari, Maya, Kahlil Jr, Deshaun, Elisha, Yasmine, Ricardo, Kori, Nevaeh, Dennis, James, Jamie, and granddog Windsor. She was also "Nana" to her two great-grandsons, Kingsley and Mason. Additionally, Mom leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts (Magaret, Stephanie, Rosina, and Emily), her godmother Sally Perinchief, and many friends. We would like to mention her special friends: Rochelle, Karen, Mamie, Jo-Anne, Patsy, Vivian, Beverly, Quinn, both Marias, Mary and Herman, Roger, and Yella. Lastly, we acknowledge her close cousins Aunt Bobbie and Aunt Tisha. We love you all and so did Mom!

# Memories



# Order of Service

Prelude..... "One Sweet Day"  
Recording by: Boyz II Men & Mariah Carey

Processional

Old Testament.....Psalm 34.....Ms. Jennifer McConnell

Prayer.....Ms. Jennifer McConnell

Selection..... "Heal"  
Recording by: Jamal Roberts

Video Presentations..... "One Sweet Day"  
Boyz II Men & Mariah Carey

Remarks.....Ms. Rochelle Ming, Best Friend  
Ms. Shawnette Leach, Daughter

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Jennifer McConnell

Closing Prayer.....Ms. Jennifer McConnell

Recessional

Postlude



## God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



## Acknowledgement

We would like to thank every person who is attending Mom's memorial- both live and virtually. Our family and friends have traveled from Bermuda, Hawaii, Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, and Atlanta. We know the sacrifices it took to get here and we are grateful! We thank every person who sent us food and flowers, who prayed for us, who called, who texted, and who emailed us. Thank you. We need to acknowledge and thank Mom's Oncology team at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, specifically Dr. Beatrice Preti who cried with us as we were told Mom was out of medical options, PA Sarah Craven, and PA Sujata Kane. We want to thank the staff of Abbey Road Hospice here in Columbia for assisting us in keeping Mom at home during the last seven weeks of her journey. We want to thank the entire staff of Leevy's Funeral Home for making this process seamless. A special thank you to Minister Taliaferro Robinson-Heyward of Leevy's for his expertise. We thank Rain Dixon of Northeast Trophies & Awards for her calming spirit and professionalism as we personalized Mom's urn. We thank our good friend and caterer Leesa Able of Perfectly Plated for dropping everything to assist us. We also thank our good friend Tammie Mims for her guidance as we shopped for the reception. We thank Pastor Charles B. Jackson Sr., K. Allen Campbell, Deacon and Deaconess Carlton and Wanda Harris, and Timothy McAllister of Brookland Baptist Church (our church) for their prayers and support. Finally, we thank Ms. Jennifer McConnell for facilitating the memorial and anything else we needed throughout this process.

-The Family

## Celebratory Reception

Brookland Baptist Church  
Christian Learning Center  
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## A Celebration of Life for Mrs. Dorlene Cathy Ann Edwards Warner



**Saturday, February 14, 2026  
11:00 a.m.**

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina**