



Carolyn Towannah Samake

February 21, 1949 - July 11, 2024

Carolyn 'Towan' Samake

Carolyn Towannah Samake was born on February 21st, 1949 as the third child of the late James Edward Herbert and the late Cecelia Mary Herbert. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland and attended Baltimore City Public schools. In 1967, she graduated from Douglass High School.

Carolyn received her bachelor's degree at Coppin University in Early Childhood Education.

Later she received a Masters Degree from City College and an administrative Masters Degree

from College of New Rochelle. Her career began in 1975 as an educator in the Baltimore City

Public School System. During her time in Baltimore she developed lifelong friendships with 3

women, Malika, Barbara and her sister Angela. Her career continued in Harlem, New York

where she's been an educator and administrative worker since 1984. She was a dedicated and

passionate educator throughout her 25 plus years of service.

Retirement in 2011 didn't keep her still. Carolyn went on to volunteer at the Schomburg Center for Black Research, sing in the choir at Mother AME Zion Church, and acted in plays created by her dear late friend John Ellerbree and others. Using her skills from her career, she consulted for daycares and taught English as a second language. She enjoyed traveling. Visiting 4 out of the 7 continents and has traveled through a majority of the United States. Her favorite destination was the Ivory Coast, the home country of her third husband, Drissa "Sam" Samake whom she loved very dearly.

She had several marriages in her life, the first of which was the late Michael Diggs that gave her lovely children: Reginald Warren (who preceded her in death), and Michelle Renee. Her last two marriages further blessed her with 3 more children; Zantia Daru, Baloti Daru, Rokya Towan Mahoro. She is also survived by her two siblings Angela Cecelia Brown and James Edward Herbert, along with many nieces, nephews and 7 grandchildren. She passed away peacefully on July 11th, 2024 at the age of 75 surrounded by those who love her.

Previous Events

Wake

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cher Mills lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Towannah Samake*



Cher Mills - August 15, 2024 at 08:17 PM

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“ *Jamesha Yorkshire lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Towannah Samake*



Jamesha Yorkshire - July 20, 2024 at 11:04 AM

TB

“ *Tracy Brown lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Towannah Samake*



Tracy Brown - July 20, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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My deepest condolences to the family.

Tracy Brown - July 20, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ I met Samake in 1983 she came to the Fitzgerald after school center located in Lincoln center projects where I was the Educational Director she wanted to inquire about the program for her daughter. At that time neither of us knew that we would both be at PS 197M to teach that following September. We were at PS 197M for over 20 years teaching and caring for the children for grades K-6. We both retired in 2011 by that time Samake had started going to the same church I attended The Mother AME Zion church in Harlem. Here she joined the gospel choir and the drama group, she also was the Vice President for Mother Zion Lay Council. When we retired we started going on cruises and attending the AME Zion Annual Conferences at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY. Oh! what fun did we have. I have been so sad since hearing the news that the Lord has called her home. I will miss my friend.

Lovell Jackson

Lovell Jackson - July 18, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 15, 2024 at 02:58 PM