



Carolyn Ann Spell

May 22, 1947 - December 24, 2019

Carolyn A. Spell, only child of the late Freeman and Lessie B. Spell, was born on May 22, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland. She gently departed this life on December 24, 2019 surrounded by loved ones.

She received her education at Eastern Senior High in Baltimore. After giving birth to her first child in November 1966, she began her career at Social Security Administration in November 1967. Carolyn advanced over the years at SSA, and received numerous certificates for her work, but was most proud to receive the “Commissioner’s Citation” for exceptional initiative and thoroughness in providing computer facilities services in the areas of Health and Safety, Telephone Circuits and Access Security. She retired in 2004 after 36 years of uninterrupted service.

Carolyn was a devoted and selfless mother. Her first selfless act was choosing to go to work, although she had the option to stay home, because she wanted to provide for her daughter. In 1968, she met Raphael Bacote, and from that union was born Ryan Nicholas. Life was good until one fateful day in November 1974. On that day, she lost her home and her son in a fire, yet she found the strength that was needed to continue living, loving and raising her daughter. Carolyn was just as devoted and selfless when it came to her parents, choosing to take care of them both until God called each of them home.

Throughout her life, Carolyn stayed true to herself. She was socially conscious, culturally aware, a stylish dresser and a fun, free spirit who had

eclectic taste in music and collected beautiful artwork that could adorn a museum. She had many friends, but stayed very close to her childhood friends. She will indeed be missed by many.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her son, Ryan Nicholas Spell and her beloved Raphael Bacote. She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Gretchen M. Spell; her best friend of 70+ years, Phyllis Clarke-White; her children of the heart, Dawn Chapman, Moses (Petey) Barrett, Sharon (Susie) Jenkins and many others who called her "Momma"; two stepsons, Randall Sr. and Darus Bacote Sr.; grands of the heart, Shelby and Dorian Chapman, Randall Jr., Ryan, Jarrell and Shranda Bacote and Darus Bacote, Jr.; devoted cousins, Curlie Greene (NC) and Gloria Johnson (FL); three sisters-in-law, Cynthia Smith, Rebecca Conrad and Patricia Herrington; and a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and coworkers.

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Family Hour

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Ann Spell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Carolyn was one of the upperclasswomen who adopted me during my first year at Eastern High School. Although we lost contact after she graduated, I have always remembered her and the good times we shared. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.*

Lynnece Joell Gaines - January 20, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Patricia Herrington lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Ann Spell*



patricia herrington - January 02, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. May the wonderful treasure fill your hearts with love and bring you peace. (Isaiah 66:13)(Ps34:18) My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

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“ 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 - December 27, 2019 at 06:33 PM