



Catherine E. Forbes

August 9, 1938 - February 2, 2012

On Thursday, February 2, 2012, CATHERINE ELIZABETH FORBES quietly slipped away at The Gilchrist Hospice Center after a lengthy illness.

Catherine was born on August 9, 1938 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Lucillia Elizabeth Collins and William Clarence Reid. She was educated in the Baltimore City School System and received an Associate of Arts Degree from the Baltimore City Community College.

From birth to her late teens, "Cats or Cafreen," as she was affectionately known, lived at 831 W. Lexington Street. She always spoke very fondly of living there with her mother, beloved grandmother, Helen Queen Victoria Sye, uncles, aunts, and cousins, When her mother married Gladney Clayborne, whom she adored, he moved the family to the cherry Community. She remained in that community for over forty years.

In 1957, Catherine married Charles Forbes, Sr and from this union came "The Five Loves of her Life" She and the children enjoyed many cookouts, dinners, holiday festivities and parties, with neighbors and her large extended family. One daughter, Delita Forbes, preceded her in death in 2003.

In 1972, she went to work for the Baltimore City Department of Social

Services as Human Services Associate, helping to care for the elderly and disabled citizens of Baltimore. In 1985, she became a Medical Assistance Clerk for the Maryland State Department of Human Resources, working with S.S.I. Clients at South Baltimore General Hospital (Harbor Hospital). Catherine received many awards for her outstanding service.

After retiring in 1990, she moved to the Monument East Senior Apartments, where she remained until she became too ill to care care for herself. She then moved in with her daughter, Karnia Jenkins, who along with her son-in-law, Dennis and granddaughter, Ciara, loving and patiently cared for her until three weeks prior to her death.

In addition to Karnia, Catherine leaves to mourn: daughters, Charlene and Vida Forbes; son, Charles Forbes, Jr.; nine grandchildren, Nikia, Merlin, Chikia , Ciara, Donta, Tyra, Charles III, Shamika and Zinnaeah (one grandson, Terrell Forbes, predeceased her); five great-grandchildren, Diamond and Isis Green, Natar McDowell , Karon Ridgley and LaKyiah Forbes; one great great-grandson , Mirage Forbes; uncles, Jerome Collins (Jessie) and Gordon Collins (Carolyn); loving cousin, Pauline Clinton and nineteen other cousins; her dear friend, Lelia Davis (“Snookie”); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 9. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

FEB 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21202
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Wake

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Galilee Baptist Church
2440 N. Point Road
Baltimore, MD 21222

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine E. Forbes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Forbes*



May 22, 2012 at 11:54 AM



Mother, this candle i light for you, your love burns in my heart forever....your son charles.....

May 22, 2012 at 12:02 PM



“ *Karnia Neena Forbes lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Forbes*



karnia neena forbes - February 14, 2012 at 10:09 PM

RO

“ *Robin.Muhammad lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Forbes*



Robin.Muhammad - February 11, 2012 at 12:22 PM

MS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - February 11, 2012 at 09:16 AM

MS

“ *God looked around his garden and he found a empty place. He then looked down upon this 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 you were in pain, he knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw that the road was getting rough and the hills are hard to climb, so he closes your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine". It broke my heart to lose you but, you didn't go alone for part of us went with you that day God called you home. Love you baby.*
Maryilin

Maryilin Stevenson - February 09, 2012 at 08:54 AM

MC

“ TO: NINA, CHARLENE, CHARLIE, AND VITA

Catherine was every ones "AUNT" and will be truly missed. We as a family enjoyed those cookouts and family gatherings. I expressed my sincere sympathy with all my heart.in your time of need.



WITH LOVE,

COUSIN MICHIKO

MICHIKO CELESTE COLLINS - February 06, 2012 at 08:57 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 - February 06, 2012 at 12:31 PM