



Nancy Carolyn Silvera

June 15, 1943 - August 2, 2021

Late one night as the birds stopped singing, little children slept, and all was calm from the day's journey. God reached out His arms and carried Carolyn to her permanent home to rest. He knew she was tired and her husband, mother, father, sister, and brothers would joyfully greet her at Heaven's Golden Gate. She is home, singing in the angelic choir. God knew his child was tired and wanted to go to sleep so He made the final decision even though He knew it would cause her family grief.

Nancy Carolyn Goss Brown Silvera was the daughter of Richard Brown and Maggie Lillie Goss Brown of Sandy Hill Community, Bladenboro , N.C. She was one of five siblings: the late Paul, the late Louvenia, the late Fred and the late George.

Carolyn was baptized at an early age at the Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church. She attended Sunday school and other youth activities in Sandhill and at the Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Whiteville, NC.

Carolyn and her brother George were inseparable throughout their entire lives. She lost her father at an early age, and was left with their mother who surrounded them with love, devotion and a village of family members who loved and cared for them.

The tragic death of her older sister left a lasting hole in Carolyn's heart which sealed the inseparable bond between her brother George and herself. Her late brothers Fred and Paul together with their family members suffered a psychological and indelible sense of loss that remained until their demise.

Carolyn graduated with honors, from Mt. Olive Negro High School, in Whiteville, NC. in 1960. She and her favorite cousin Barbara Jean Carolyn Pridgen Brown were classmates and were notorious for protecting each other from any childhood bully. The two remained close throughout their adult lives. Carolyn had a brilliant mind. She had a jovial personality and always provided wisdom to others with a degree of laughter.

Upon the death of their mother, they left NC and lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey with their older brother, Paul and other family members. Carolyn was compassionate and caring toward others. She was always helping the sick and elderly. This is the reason she excelled in the nursing field. She became a HHA in 1978 in Moorsetown, NJ. She continued to work in the medical field and became CNA in 1980. Carolyn worked as a CNA until 1994 when she became disabled due to a work related back injury.

Carolyn and her late husband, Reverend Dr. Willoughby Drayson Silvera, were astute in political policy, community and religious participation affecting the total state of New Jersey and the nation.

She worked as a volunteer coordinator during President Clinton's 1992 election under the outreach program with AFSCME, Council in NJ. She recruited and trained volunteers on how to go "door to door" urging people to vote. She provided lunches for the young volunteers she recruited to work as the "flying squads". Her two late older brothers, Fred and George, drove people to the polls as part of the "Ride to the Polls" nonpartisan outreach.

Prior to the Presidential election, Carolyn and her late brothers George and Fred were part of their late brother Paul's campaign for elected office through the Catholic Church's nonpartisan operation.

In 1995, Carolyn teamed up with her dearest friends, the late Barbara Thomas, and the late Don Dickens to form The Tenants Association in Pemberton, NJ. This Association came together in a unified effort to ensure that funding was available for the tenants of Lake Valley to help pay for heating expenses. This led to the County funding that we now call LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). Which to this day, a household can apply for assistance at the Don Dickens Center aka BCCAP (Burlington County Community Action Program). This well-known program got its start with the diligent help of Carolyn Silvera and we must admit her tasty chicken wings help seal the deal.

She loved her God and would spend hours talking about her Savior Jesus Christ and how He saved her, protected her and provided for her and her family. Carolyn was a true Christian.

She was a member of Bethany AME Church in Cookstown NJ, under the late Pastor Forman. She prepared the meals for every gathering they had from 1988 – 1997. She was notorious for her fried chicken and baked macaroni and cheese.

She always put God first then her children. When she was unable to attend church physically, she faithfully stayed on the prayer line. She always would fight for her children. Before a mother, she was a sister, friend, and cousin to many.

She leaves to honor and cherish her memory her beloved children Annie

Delores Charles, Thomas Charles, Marcy Thomas, Wanda Davis, Willie Davis, Frederick Thomas, Carla Silvera, Drayson Silvera, Hope Silvera, Jermaine Silvera, Tanika Silvera, Maggie Turner, Richard Turner JR., Marcia McKenzie, Janet Silvera, Annette Silvera and adopted daughters Sinai Jones and Gloria Small. Her Beloved in-laws: Yvonne Bramwell, Joel Bramwell, Audrey Oddman, Her most dearly beloved Jasnit Silvera, Osmond Silvera, and Gwendolyn Silvera. She leaves to carry on her memory 37 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren, a nation of nieces and nephews, her cousins including her most highly favored cousin Geraldine Boykin and Jerry Spivey and a host of friends (Including Ann Bessinger, Linda Hopkins, Carol Bennett and Carlene Ruggs).

Nancy Carolyn Silvera was proceeded in death by her parents, her sister and brothers mentioned above, her husband, her granddaughter Kareemah Orange, her in-laws Ruby Brown, Delphia Brown, Winston Silvera, Windel Silvera, Bobby Silvera, Eric (Carter) Silvera, her nieces Debra Ann Currie, Valdenia Currie and great nephew James "JJ" Currie.

Another link in our family chain has been broken,
We began to mend the missing parts.
We look to God for strength and guidance
And ask for healing within our hearts.

God has again tested our strength
But somehow He will fill our need.

Our mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend will be watching and we know from heaven she will be pleased.

In the voice of Annie Delores Charles and Miquel Foster, "Sweet Caroline – woo, woo, woo" will always be in our hearts.

~The family

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, on Monday August 16th from 7 pm to 9 pm, and Tuesday August 17th from 9 am to 10 am. Her Funeral Service will begin at 10 am, and will be live streamed. The service can be viewed by clicking on the "Photos and Videos" tab on your pc, or the "media" tab on your phone. Click on the album "Live Streamed Service".

Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NJ.

Repast after burial will be at:

Maple Shade 25 Club

60 E Rudderow Ave, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

(856) 667-9875

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-8000
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

AUG 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Carolyn Silvera*




Givnish Funeral Home - August 12, 2021 at 06:01 PM

DT

Beautiful tribute...what a legacy...God doeth all things well...may you all have peace that passes all understanding...Love you...Darlene and Rich Turner

Darlene Turner - August 13, 2021 at 09:59 PM

 Janet Silvera

May His love be with you til we meet again mommy! I would remember your kindness towards me. Sleep in peace!!

Janet Silvera - August 17, 2021 at 07:29 PM

AS

*There is power in the name of JESUS,
There is power in the name of JESUS
There is power in the name of JESUS to break every chain, to break every chain, to break every chain,*

Your sister and auntie Adjie

Adjie Stewart - August 18, 2021 at 03:32 PM



Oh Momma, I know that you said that you were ready. I know that you sent that rain at the right time to comfort us who know you.... But Mom, I miss you so much 💕💕💕💕💕💕💕

Carla Silvera - August 18, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Nancy Carolyn Silvera*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Mrs Nancy is a very special lady. 365 days with her felt like a life time. I'm so honored that Maggie gave me the opportunity to help make sure she was dressed and ready to start her day. What a blessing she was full of wisdom and understanding. I asked her did she have room for one more daughter and she said yes. When we realized she knew me since a baby girl and she worked with my mom at BCAP I felt even closer to her. Mom I will always carry your wisdom in my heart. I'm glad you loved me and JJ as if I was yours. Love Erika*

Erika Harris - August 18, 2021 at 08:19 PM

MT

We love you 😊 You were amazing to mommy and she loved you and baby boy 💕💕💕💕

Maggie Turner - August 18, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Live Streamed Service*



Givnish Funeral Home - August 18, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Nancy Carolyn Silvera*.



August 17, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *My dearest Bird, Hope and the entire Silvera family. Please know that we are praying for you all. Praying the Lord will hold you, comfort you and bring you through this difficult time. I have a recent memory of Mrs. Silvera on our prayer line, she sounded like a sweet woman and made me laugh with something she said to me. We take comfort in knowing she knew Christ and is now in His father’s arms! We love you are here for you! Blessings Wil, Andrea, Devin, Eddie, & Adrianna Gaskin-Chapman* ❤️❤️❤️

Andrea Gaskin-Chapman - August 17, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“In her father’s arms”

Andrea Gaskin-Chapman - August 17, 2021 at 12:48 PM

Ashley
Baldwin

“ One thing I always will remember about Aunt Carolyn is that when I was a little girl, I was allowed to be a little girl when I was with her. Whether it was smacking my gum (because it tasted better that way, so she informed my mother) or if it was making mud pies and then trying them out in the back yard. (My mother was mortified at the state of my clothes, Aunt Carolyn informed her to “ Leave that baby alone.”) She always let me play. And now sometimes when I am yelling at my kid I hear her, smile and think, “Leave that baby alone, let her play.” And now I have a new son, I will let him do the same. Because her voice will no doubt come back in my head reminding me that kids need to play.

Ashley Baldwin - August 17, 2021 at 11:13 AM

TF

“ The Family of the Late Mozella Pridgen Shipman extend our sincere condolences as you go through this difficult time. Our hearts are heavy today and I know yours is too. Carolyn will be missed. She would call our mother Mozella and that always cheered her up. She had a beautiful smile which we are sure was a testament to her life. May God be with each of you. Keeping our family in prayer. We love you.



The late Mozella Pridgen Shipman Family - August 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM

MS

“ *The Family of the late Obed Pridgen and Mattie Goss Pridgen wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Carolyn will be missed by all of her family. Her smile will always be cherished. May God be with you. Sending our love for our family.*



Mary Shipman-Lindsey - August 16, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 16, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 15, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 14, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 14, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Givnish Funeral Home - August 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 13, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 12, 2021 at 10:54 PM



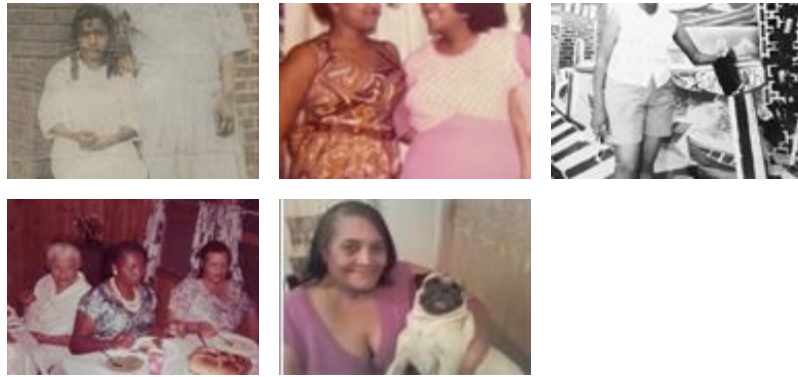
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.



August 12, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ 310 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Givnish Funeral Home - August 12, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.



August 12, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Carolyn Silvera.*



August 12, 2021 at 02:49 PM