



Mrs. Airris Carmine Brand

December 15, 1950 - August 8, 2017

Life Journey:

Airris Carmine Brand “Carmine” she was born on December 15, 1950, in Bessemer, Alabama to Ovelma Gwendlyn and Harold Lee Harris, Sr.

Carmine was the middle child, with two younger siblings, Harold and DeBorah and two older siblings Andrew preceded her in death, and Brenda.

On June 20, 2001, she married her friend and sweetheart Ray E. Brand, at Peoples Missionary Baptist Church, in Detroit. She was a loving wife and stepmother to Raykiesha, and Tyrone. She was also loving to her mother-in-law, Eula Nicks who preceded her in death.

Carmine’s talents and skills were embedded in human service, since a very early age. Our neighbors often requested her assistance with chores, and decorating.

She was educated within the Detroit Public School system, and received several skilled trade certifications in collections, insurance, EKG technician, Pharmacy Technician, Legal and Medical Transcription, and Carnegie Institute Customer Service Excellence Award.

She was a determined young mother, who wanted the best for her only child.

For this reason, Carmine was an overcomer breaking down barriers that stifle African American women.

God showed her much favor in obtaining employment with DTE Energy, from a vast hiring pool. She enjoyed working as a Customer Service Representative, and developing significant work relationships and friendships at DTE Energy.

Carmine received Christ and was baptized at an early age by Pastor Burt at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. As an adult, she also attended, Friendship Baptist, Peoples Missionary Baptist, and New Liberty Baptist Church.

Although, she had stop physically attending church services one of her favorite faith ministers was Peter Popoff. One of her favorite verses is Psalm 107:1 "O give thanks unto the LORD for he is good and his mercy endureth for ever" (KJV), and Phil 4:3 "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." One of her favorite hymns was Blessed Assurance. DeBorah and Carmine sang that song the week she was in Harper Hospital and it evoked deep emotions.

She was a giver and contributed often to numerous charities such as St. Jude, the Firefighter and Police Associations, and March of Dimes, and individuals.

She also, loved listening to old school jams. Smokey Robinson, the O'Jays, Dramatics, Dells, and Temptations to name a few. She enjoyed watching the home improvement shows, and shopping networks HSN and QVC to glean new decorating ideas.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Airris Carmine Brand*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Charene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Airris Carmine Brand*



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A beautiful kind soul..RIH

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“ *I have known Airris for over 8 years and I will never forget our conversations as she was great for advice and she helped me more than a friend, when she needed me I was always there for home assistance questions I was so happy to help her find a home she just loved. She added herself to my facebook so she could watch my grandbaby grow and told me to take alot of photos. Airris I am up to 500 photos and now you can just stop by you beautiful angel and see him. I never met any of her children but what I know is your mother was Beautiful inside and out, outgoing, fun, happy and smiling. I will miss her so much! Our loving God has another Beautiful Angel!*

Tracie Peltier - August 13, 2017 at 01:54 PM