



Ms. Carolyn Blackshear

September 16, 1954 - August 11, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Carolyn Denise Blackshear was born September 16, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Shirley Alice Teague and Arthur Gilcrease.

Carolyn accepted Christ at an early age, she attended the Highland Park Public School system.

Carolyn was employed with Gunsberg Meat Packing Company for many years as a Meat Cutter and after leaving there she enjoyed spending her time with her children and grandchildren.

In 1971, she was joined in holy matrimony with Edward Blackshear and to this union (8) children were born.

Given the nickname name Stroke, and later Strokie, she owned them both for her ability to swim so effortlessly. Her pastimes were reading, watching TV (Lifetime, 62 CBS Sundays, and Jerry Springer were amongst her favorites).

She also had a love for dancing and music. Some of her favorite artists were Minnie Riperton, Roy Ayers, Peabo Bryson and in her later years, Koffee Brown. Her favorite all time song was "After the Party". Not to mention, she had a passion for playing cards and games, Yahtzee being one of her favorites, where she was known for cheating.

Strokie, a kind-hearted, mild tempered, loving person who was loved by everyone she encountered. She taught us Fairness and gave plenty of advice.

A person in need was never friendless with her. She gave them food to eat and a place to stay without partiality. That's just who she was.

In 2014, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Laryngeal Cancer and beat it. After being in remission for 10 years, in June she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer and succumbed to this battle on Sunday, August 11, 2024. She was preceded in death by: husband Edward, sisters Sharon and Linda (Robert), son Jerome, grandsons Reginald and Jaeontay.

Forever cherishing memories: children Charnita, Bryant (Kira), Brian, SaKena, Rhonda, Jairmarria, Robert and Brandi; daughter-in-love, Taurus. Siblings; Rosalind (James) and Angela; 36 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, uncles Douglas and Michael Fantroy; bestie Carol Ann; caregiver Nicole Lucas, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Aug. **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **24**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

Saturday, Aug. **24**. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Ernestine Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Carolyn Blackshear*



Ernestine Smith - August 24, 2024 at 09:49 AM

ES

“ *Condolences from Ernestine Smith and family to the Blackshear family. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Praying for strength on this difficult time.*

Ernestine Smith - August 24, 2024 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Aunite Strokie was such a beautiful soul with a smile that could light up a room. She will be truly missed. Heaven has definitely gained an angel. Love Dushawn(Aunite Ora D's daughter).*



Dushawn - August 23, 2024 at 09:17 PM

LF

“ *Livonia Hook and Reel Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Carolyn Blackshear.*



Livonia Hook and Reel Family - August 15, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Livonia Hook and Reel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Carolyn Blackshear.*

Livonia Hook and Reel Family - August 15, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn Blackshear.*



August 14, 2024 at 03:12 PM