



Ms. Soria G. Speed

July 13, 1942 - December 22, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

Soria G. Speed (Sonny) was born on July 13, 1942 to the late George W. Brown and Juanita King in a rural town of Margaret, Alabama, 27 miles outside of Birmingham.

At the age of seventeen, Sonny left her hometown and traveled to New York City where she became employed as a child care provider. There, she met and married Welford Givens. The two shared one child together.

After a short time experience in New York, she returned to her hometown with her son, Mark and was later divorced. In 1979, Sonny was remarried to the late Eugene Speed. They shared two children together. In the early 80s, Sonny moved to Detroit, MI. There, she raised her three children and later gained employment at a steel company where she later retired.

Sonny enjoyed playing cards (poker) throughout her lifetime and watching wrestling. She was loved by many and was well known for helping others that was ever in need. If you know "Sonny," you know she was always "straight up" and said whatever was on her mind even if you didn't like it. She cracked many jokes with her friends and was always the light of the room. She was quick to tell you "I'm Sonny Speed..." and you know the rest. She was like a mother to many others and also known as the neighborhood candy lady on

Spokane St. where she resided. She ran the numbers as another hobby. Sonny was overall a full-time hustler. If it didn't make a dollar, it didn't make sense. She was a loyal mother, sister, and friend.

Sonny leaves to cherish: her three children, Mark, Katrina, Geoffery who all preceded her in death within 365 days; two sisters, Dorthy Wilburn who also preceded her in death and Denise Sayles; one brother, Ronald Davis Burrell (Shagg); five grandchildren, three of which she raised as her own, Ryan (Blake) Givens, Bri'Ana Givens, Kendra Givens, Devan, Devon; six great-grandchildren, Javon who she loved dearly and preceded her in death, Katrina, Samir, Ryan, Kynidi, Kassydi; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Jan. **1.** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Visitation

Monday, Jan. **2.** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

Tuesday, Jan. **3.** 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Soria G. Speed*

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“ *A tribute to my Sister Soria (Sunny) Speed from Ronald (Shagg) Burrell*

Oh, sister, we've fought, laughed, jested, and cried together. Yet, those moments became treasures deeply entrenched in my being. Keep living in my heart because there is plenty of space. The poem below reflects some of the thoughts I have.....

Love And Go On

*You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that shell come back
or you can open your eyes and see all shes left.
Your heart can be empty because you cant see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that shes gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what shed want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

by David Harkins

Ronald D Burrell (brother) - January 02, 2023 at 05:40 PM