

*Service of Triumph
for*



Carol M. Graham

Sunrise: October 3, 1962 – Sunset: August 16, 2015

Monday, August 24, 2015

Wake – 9:00a.m.

Service – 11:00a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church

1121 Tilghman Street

Chester, PA 19013

Officiating Rev. Claudia William

Curtis D. Morris, Senior Pastor/Teacher

Life's Reflections

Her Light, Her Love, Her Liberty

Carol Michelle (Coleman) Graham graced this world as a shining light and the first daughter of Woodrow and Mae Frances Coleman on October 3, 1962. Even as a young child, she illuminated the world with her broad, beautiful smile and hearty laughter. Her parents taught her the importance of staying connected to God and family. Much like her father, Carol had a love for the Lord. She adored her parents and appreciated spending time with them. She was a faithful and joy-filled sister, niece, auntie, cousin and friend.

Carol was an encourager. Interacting with her brought out the best in other people. She had a thirst for knowledge and new experiences. She was educated in Chester, PA school system, and attended Temple University in Philadelphia.

Always aspiring for greatness, Carol was a continuous light in her home, family and community. Her greatest light came in the form of her two handsome sons, Jared and Jaleel. She was a very proud mother and often spoke of how she and the boy's father, Harry, worked together to instill Christian values in their sons. They taught them that putting God first would always yield a positive outcome. Two of her proudest moments were seeing her sons graduate college and grow into strong black men as positive contributors to society. Carol mentored, nurtured and coached younger members of the family and the community, especially the young males. She served as a pack leader for the Boy Scouts of America and was an avid sports mom. During her last place of employment, Chester Water Authority, Carol was a dedicated and valued employee who sought to help others.

Carol delighted in fine dining, the arts and entertaining her "boys", hosting sleep overs for the many young men in the family. For her, the more of her boys the better. She was adventurous and traveled all over the United States and abroad. She had the most beautiful smile and a natural ability to engage people from all walks of life. Carol never grew tired of spending time with family and friends.

Carol lived and loved life. She was a popular disco queen who ran with her aunts Claudette and Paulette which inspired them to create "Spotlight Productions, INC." Carol served as producer, writer, and host of Spotlight. She interviewed radio personalities such as Doug Henderson of WDAS, who went on to establish his own spin-off of the popular television show "Soul Train." Carol also interviewed popular entertainers of the 70's, 80's such as the Grammy Award winning "Manhattans" as well as numerous other entertainers.

Carol also interviewed state and local political leaders and she served with her aunts as a part of the "Hands Across America" team, who raised money with thousands of major entertainers such as Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones, and many others! Carol helped create a human chain to raise money for the hungry and homeless in Africa and throughout the World. We will never forget her loving efforts.

As Carol celebrated the last days of her earthly life, she experienced numerous health challenges. Yet, she remained steadfast in her faith and her fight for life. God, in his infinite wisdom, saw her struggles. He dispatched his angels of mercy to bring Carol home to receive her eternal reward.

Carol leaves to cherish her memory her mother, her loving sons (Jared and Jaleel) and their father (Harry), two sisters (Dara and Zenda), one brother (Gregory), one brother who preceded her in death (Stanley), one brother-in-law (Darryl), and a host of other relatives and friends, including her partner (Steve H. Smith), who will forever treasure her vibrant and loving spirit.

Fond Memories





**Rev. Service of Celebration
Claudia Williams, Officiating**

Processional/Viewing.....	Clergy & Family
Ministry in Music.....	Organ Prelude
Opening Hymn.....	Bethany Mass Choir
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Randolph Ellerbe
The Holy Word	
Old Testament – Psalm 23	Elder Wardell Coleman
New Testament – I Thessalonians 4:13 - 18	Dea. Edward Coleman
Ministry in Music....."Selection".....	Kashyia Lester
Acknowledgements & Life Reflections.....	Doris Duren
Instrumental Tribute.....	Jerry Blake
Reflections of Comfort.....	Friend – Grace Ford Family – Chante/Kasia On the behalf of the church – Dea.Kenny Garrett
Musical Tribute.....	"Our Other Mother"
Eulogy.....	Pastor Curtis Morris
Benediction	Pastor Cuitis Morris
Recessional.....	Let the Church Say Amen

Pall Bearers

Horace Duren
Kenny Garrett
Herschel Garrett
Derwin Canty
Jerome Genwright
Emmanuel Blake

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgments

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy shown during their hour of bereavement. We pray that your love toward us will be rewarded by our father above. God Bless You.

Special Thanks

Physicians and Staff of Taylor Hospital ICU Ridley Park, PA and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Pavilion for Advanced Care Philadelphia, PA

Interment

Professional Services Entrusted to:
Edney Funeral Home, Inc.
634 Sharon Avenue
Sharon Hill, PA 19079
610-586-8890

A Message from Carol
My Liberty

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23:1-6

Son's Protective Prayer

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:10-17