## The Life Celebration For Carolyn Ann McGrew Welson



February 23, 1954 ~ November 25, 2024

Friday, December 6, 2024

11 O'clock A.M.

Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness USA 845 N. Lamar St., Jackson, Mississippi



Host Pastor

Bishop Joseph Campbell
Cynthia Church of Christ (Holiness) USA



# 1)rder of Service

Ms. Johnnie Griffin, Mistress of Ceremony

Processional

Psalm 23

Standing

Song

"Let the Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Alberta Ross Gibson

Scriptures

Old & New Testaments

**Elder Frederick Conners** 

Austin Church of Christ Holiness USA

Prayer

*Deflections* 

Mrs. Martha McRavin-Oliver (Friend) Theresa King & Ester L. Ainsworth (Coworkers) Alisa McGrew-Ross (Family Member)

Song

Comolita Scott

Resolution

De'Keither Stamps (Central Mississippi Public Service Commissioner)

Words of Comfort

**Christine Tanner Watkins** 

Acknowledgements

Lauren Sinclair

Song

Jay Wright

Eulogy

**Elder Robert Washington** Christ Temple Cathedral Church of Christ (Holiness) USA

**Closing Prayer** 

**Elder Robert Washington** Christ Temple Cathedral Church of Christ (Holiness) USA

Funeral Directors in Charge

**Parting Views** 

Recessional

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Carolyn Ann McGrew was born, February 23, 1954, to the late Columbus McGrew and the late Mary Lee Reese McGrew. She was the oldest of four sisters, Rosie McGrew Crawford, Betty McGrew and the late Melissa McGrew-Ross. She was born in rural Copiah County, Mississippi. Carolyn affectionately known as "Nelson" transitioned this earthy kingdom on Monday, November 25, 2024, around 6:48 p.m. in her home surrounded by her loving family and friends.

From day one, Carolyn brought joy into the lives of those who encountered her. However, her greatest joy was found when spending time with family and friends. She gave her life to Christ at an early age. She attended Temple Church of Christ Holiness in Hazlehurst, MS faithfully until 1999. She continued to worship with Christ Holiness Movement attending church at Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness USA in the Jackson metro area, where she served as the lead usher.

She attended and graduated from Hazlehurst High School in May 1972. She was a member of the basketball team and participated in various clubs and organizations. She continued her education enrolling at Delta State University before transferring to Jackson State University and completing her undergraduate degree in Social Work. She received her Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration with a concentration in Personnel Administration.

Carolyn Ann Nelson was united in holy matrimony to Johnnie Ray Nelson on August 5, 1973. To this union four children were born, Quentin "Cricket" Nelson (LaQuita Nelson), Katrina "Trina" Brinson (Allen Brinson), Kimberly "Kim" Armstrong (Justin Collins), and Karen Nelson. These "gems" are her pride and joy.

Carolyn Ann Nelson had a distinguished career marked by her dedication to education, public service, and community development. Carolyn began her career with the State of Mississippi Employment Service in 1980, later serving as a Personal Staffing Management Specialist for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management from 1980 to 1982. Her contributions to the field of dentistry included time at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Dental School, where she worked under Dr. Peter Stewart, and later in private dental practice with Dr. Clement Alleyne during the 1990's. In 2000, Carolyn joined the U. S. Department of Justice's Weed and Seed Program, where she worked tirelessly to promote community safety and development until 2006. She also served as the Program Manager for Jackson University's Summer Transportation Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Afterwards, Carolyn embraced entrepreneurship, becoming the director of HAANDS (Helping And Assisting Needs Daily Somewhere), community outreach resource services. She also worked as the shop manager at Mississippi Prints and More, LLC until her health declined. Her legacy of service, professionalism, and dedication to the betterment of others will always be remembered.

To cherish her loving memories, she leaves a family and friend legacy that is truly grateful of her life. To lovingly remember her for the remainder of their lives is: her children Quentin Nelson, Katrina Brinson, Kimberly Armstrong, Karen Nelson; her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Nana" Dey'Jah Nelson, Johnathan Nelson, Joshua Nelson, Da'Myah Nelson, Antonio "Tony Ray" Nelson, Ja'Lon Singleton, Desmond "Business" Nelson, Makyah Nelson, Kameron "Chocolate Suga" Armstrong, Kai Keyes, RuJean Verdee; her sisters Rosie Crawford (Vincent Jenkins), Betty McGrew, the late Melissa McGrew–Ross, Jean Jackson, and honorary brother Parren Porter, a sister-in-law Edna Jenkins. Her nieces and nephews that called her Catee; Reginald Crawford (Tay), Vincent Jr., Veronica Jenkins, Alisa McGrew–Ross, Dontelius Ross, Chris Jenkins, the late Chennetta McGriggs; special loving friends Christine Watkins, Martha McRavin-Oliver, Robbie Price, Georgia Mathews, Johnnie Griffith, and the Golden Girls, along with a special friend James Allen and a host of many more relatives, friends, and coworkers. She will be lovingly missed.











































## Loving Tributes

In Loving Memory of our precious sister: What a beautiful person inside and out. She was the epitome of living life to the fullest. She was anchored in the Lord and allowed her light to shine bright in any room she entered. Constantly on the battlefield for the Heavenly Kingdom. Carolyn, you left some big shoes to fill. We will do our best to carry this torch. Sweetie, you get your much deserved rest. Those who leave us for their internal home are always with us each day. They walk ahead of us, beside us and behind us keeping us covered. To God we give the Glory for your life and all the lives you touched. Will always miss and love you .

#### Love ~ Betty, Rosie, & Jean

Mama,

My life is forever changed. In every aspect of life, you were my navigation tool so what the hell am I supposed to do now? You touched so many lives daily with your selfless love and I have been privileged to have you in my life EVERYDAY. I could not have asked for a better person to call Mom than Carolyn Ann McGrew Nelson. There is no doubt in my mind that you are in a better place. Your legacy will live on forever through ALL the lives that you have touched. You lead this family by example EVERYDAY. So, rest well in the knowledge that the work you've done could not have been done any better. I pray that your next journey is full of love, peace, and happiness and look forward to our future visits that I am sure to have with you.

### Love Ya ~ Your baby Karen

Dear Nanna,

You were loved by many people, and you touched so many people's hearts and souls. Over my 23 years of being with you on earth, you taught me a lot. You taught me how to be a soldier, and you taught me how to overcome anything that I put my mind to. Mrs. McGrew-Nelson, please continue to watch over me, and guide me in the right direction.

You once texted me and said, "Ja'Lon... as you are driving home let these prayers play in your car... acknowledge them by saying Amen... and thank you Lord at the end. Ask God to remove the evil spirits that is looming over you and your vehicle in Jesus name... Amen."

I love you and I am thankful for you, and every talk and memory that we have had and shared. I will not ever forget... I promise

### Sincerely ~ Ja'Lon

To our Catee/Nana,

Thank you from the depths of our hearts for not just covering us, but for being a guiding light during our darkest days. Your unwavering support, boundless love, and joyful spirit have been a source of strength for my brother, his children, and me. You've shown us how to embrace life's challenges and dance with joy even in the rain.

Your sacrifices have not gone unnoticed, and your laughter echoes in our hearts, reminding us to cherish every moment. We love you dearly and promise to "stay on beat." Until we meet again, we will carry your light within us.

#### With all our love ~ Alisa & Dontelius

You always gave me praises daily. You would always call me your "fighter." This year really taught me how to be strong. I will continue to enjoy those drives listening to gospel music. I will continue to enjoy those drives listening to gospel music. I promise GOD for giving you to us. You brought this family joy, knowledge and laughter. Get your rest, I will stand in the gap.

#### Love ~ Trina

Dear Catee,

Your love, beauty, and personality will always be the first things I will always remember about you. Thank you for teaching and helping raise me into the woman I am today. Your life is a life I pray get to live just as gracefully. Every tine I get dressed up; I will be sure to add a "touch of Catee."

I love you oh so much. ~ Veronica

# Loving Fributes

Today, we gather to honor and celebrate the life of an extraordinary woman-Carolyn Nelson. To me, she was so much more than a mother. She was my rock, my confidante, my strength, my heart, and the foundation of our family.

Mom had a way of making every moment special, even the simplest ones. I'll always treasure our trips to the doctor-those moments where we shared laughter, conversation, and an unspoken bond that only we

understood. They were small but significant reminders of the love and connection we shared.

One of the greatest joys in her life was her role as a grandmother. When my first child, Desmond—whom she lovingly called "Business"—was born, he didn't just become her grandson; he became her second son. Their bond was something so special and unbreakable. She poured so much love and wisdom into him, and the lessons she taught him will stay with him forever.

Mom also adored her grandchildren Kameron and Makyah. She was always so proud of Kameron's dedication and talent in soccer and Makyah's bright spirit and determination. She celebrated their milestones and supported their dreams with all her heart. Her love for them knew no bounds, and she took such joy in being a

part of their lives.

Her legacy is one of love, strength, and faith. She taught me and all of us the importance of family and the power of unconditional love.

Mom, your love has left an imprint on our hearts that can never be erased. Though we will miss you dearly, your spirit will live on in each of us—in Desmond's drive, Kameron's determination, and Makyah's light.

Rest now, knowing you were deeply loved and will always be remembered. I promise to carry your legacy forward and honor you in everything I do.

I love you, and I'll miss you forever ~ Kimberly

"Why God Created Sister-Friends"

When God created sister-friends, he made close friends to share our secrets, hopes, dreams and the burdens that we bear.

When God created sister-friends, he made warm hearts to care. With gentle understanding and an insight that is rare. When God created sister-friends, he answered every prayer that asked

for someone special, whose love is always there.

Girlfriend, we did not want to say goodbye, but it is right to let you go. I know that God met you when you came in and said to you, "well done my child, you did what you were told." Thank you for your love and support. No matter how much time passes, I will miss you every day! Rest in the peace you richly deserve! I love you!

Always and forever ~ Martha (Mac)

My Catee,

You were so much more than a aunt to me—you were a guiding light, a safe place, & a pilar of strength in our family. You were a rock, a comforter, & a pure example of strength and love to us all! You taught me to stand tall, love deeply & cherish family. I can still hear your laughter, see your smile, and feel the warmth of your longest, most heartfelt prayers. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. Imma miss you, my girl! I love you baby! Sincerely Yours ~ Reggie (Barry White), Tay, & kids

Dear Catee, Thank you for being an amazing example of a loving woman. Your love is big enough to solve any problem. Thank you for loving me like I was your own. ~ Junior

My Ann was my everything. We laughed, cried, fussed and sometimes almost fist fought each other. She never was wrong even if you had the proof. Yet she still would find some way to persuade you that you are the one that's wrong. If I had a word to describe my Ann, I would say "warrior." She battled and fought everyday through the toughest of times and yet her smile never left her face. My Ann was my everything and will be truly missed. Love you dearly ~ Dr. Business

## Active Pallbearers



Daniel Thompson Herman Horton Bobby D. Brown

### Honorary Pallbearers

Desmond Nelson
Kameron Armstrong
Ja'Lon Singleton
Antonio "Tony Ray" Nelson
Reginald Crawford
Dontelius Ross
Arvester Smith

Johnathan Nelson Joshua Nelson Chris Jenkins Landis Ross Dave Melton Joshua Greene Justin Collins

Vincent Jenkins Robert Hillman Allen Brinson Vincent Jenkins Jr. Dallas Ross Duane Parker

### Hower Bearers

Class of 1972 Hazlehurst High School Hazlehurst, MS

Interment

Garden Memorial Cemetery Hwy. 49 North, Jackson, MS

### Acknowledgement

The Family of Carolyn Ann McGrew Nelson wishes to express our sincere appreciation and loving thanks to each of you for your love, kindness, and prayers which are evidenced in your thoughts and deeds. Carolyn will always be in our hearts.

The gift to all of us is a bond that will forever tie family and friends together, and a lifetime of memories of a happy and humble individual, who laughed a lot and made friends forever. Our prayer is that God continues to bless each of you.

## Repast and Fellowship

The Elks Lodge

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