

Pallbearers

Marques Elmendorf
Jerome Bell
Gregory Ransom

Derrick Thomas
Jerome Hancock
Gregory Bodine

Alternate Pallbearers

Tyrek Quinn
Jermaine Glenn

Acknowledgement

The family of Katherine Campbell extends heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness that have been shown during our time of bereavement. Words cannot express our gratitude for your prayers, visits, cards, food and encouraging words. May God continue to richly bless and keep you all.

“STRONG, IS SHE”

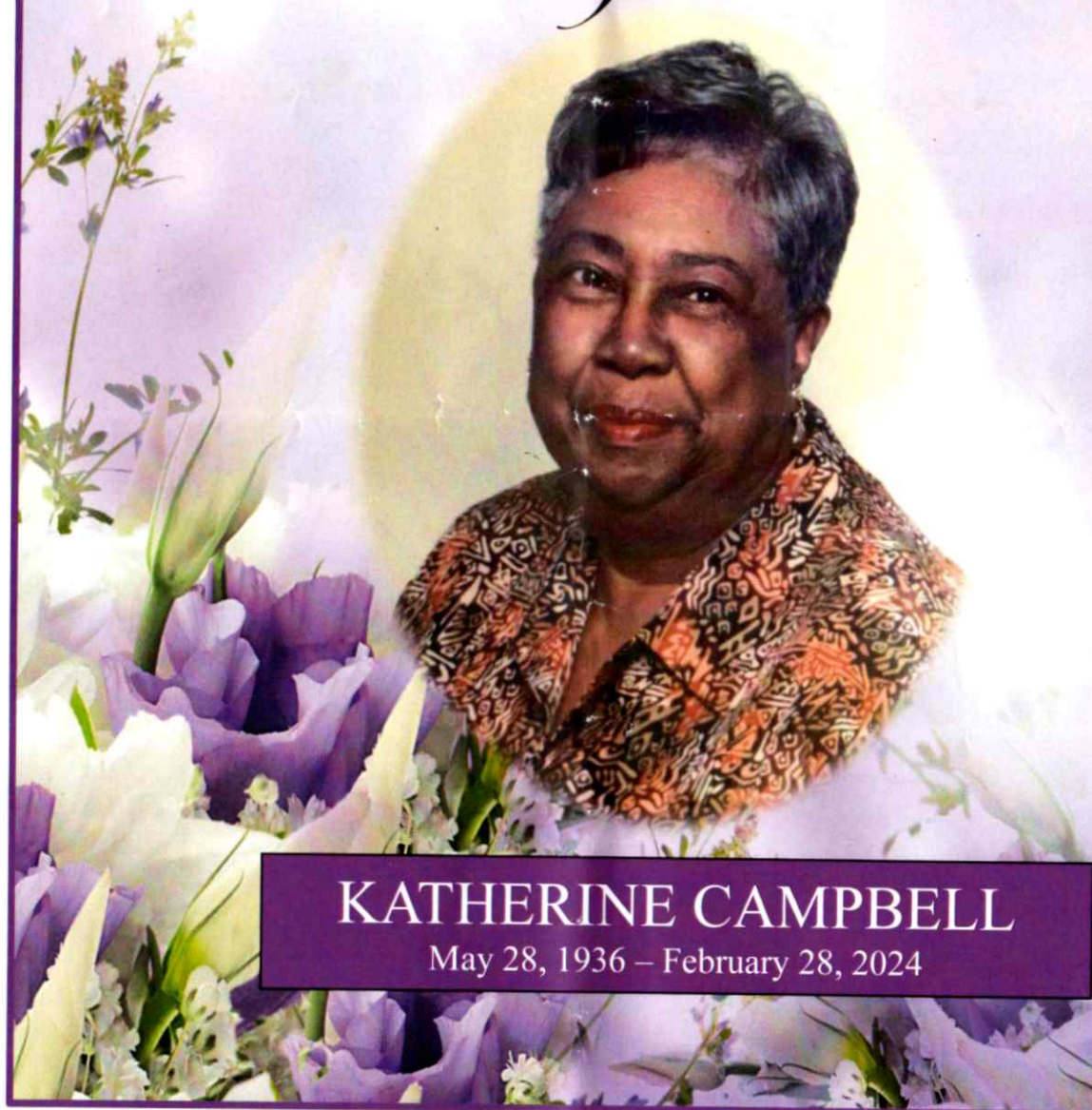
She is strong. Not because of how much she can lift but for how she lifts others up when they're at their lowest. Not because she is capable of withstanding the storm but because she'll navigate the storm and then show you how to do the same. Not because she is indestructible but because after every fall, she will always, always rise. She is strong. Not because she chose to be but because the world demanded her to be. She has walked through hell, faced battles most will not comprehend and yet despite it all, she still chooses to be kind; to be soft at the hands of the world that tried to break her. Her strength comes from within. From learning how to turn pain into power, chaos into peace, wounds into wisdom. Strong is she, who will not back down, who will fight for what she believes in. Strong is she, who has love wrapped around her heart, courage knitted in her bones and fire running through her veins.

~ Alysha Waghorn ~

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A
CELEBRATION OF

Life



KATHERINE CAMPBELL

May 28, 1936 – February 28, 2024

Obituary

A TIME TO BE BORN

Katherine Campbell was born Catherine Turner on May 28, 1936 in Triadelphia, West Virginia to the late Louis Turner and Vivian Howard. She was the fourth of Vivian's eight children.

EDUCATION

Katherine graduated from Oakfield High School in Oakfield, NY. She went on to pursue a career in nursing. Overcoming all adversity, she graduated from Rochester School of Practical Nursing in 1969 as the only Black student in her graduating class.

LOVE AND FAMILY

On August 26, 1955, Katherine married the late Deacon Archie Campbell. Five children were born to this union: Dolores, Jean, Joan, Trina, and Archie Campbell Jr.

HER LIFE



Katherine was affectionately known as "Kay" or "Kat", but she was best known by those who knew and loved her as "Gaga". She had a 50+ year career in nursing and specialized in long term care. She loved to travel and spend time with her family. She especially enjoyed dancing to the music of James Brown and watching WWE with Ja'Yon. She was a lifelong member of First Genesis Baptist Church, having joined at its inception. She sang in the choir and served on the Trustee Board, Missionary Board, Willing Workers, and Mothers' Board.

Katherine departed this life February 28, 2024. She is predeceased by her husband and parents; sisters, Emma Whitis and Lillian Dunwoody; brothers: George Lewis Turner, Harry Wilson Jr., and Edward Wilson; daughter, Jean Campbell Hill. She leaves to cherish her memory: 2 sisters, Vivian Miller and Shirley Hall; one son, Archie (Grace) Campbell Jr.; 3 daughters: Dolores (Glenroy) Thomas, Joan (Anthony) Baker, and Trina Campbell Smith; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and welcomed her great-great-grandchildren, Aspen and Native in late 2023. Gaga loved and adored each of her grandchildren and shared a special "ting" with Alexis, Ja'Yon, Aaliyah and Anylah. Her life was centered around God and her family. She believed in a good work ethic and in pure love. She will be missed.

Order of Service

Thursday, March 7, 2024
Service: 11:00 a.m.

First Genesis Baptist Church
292 Hudson Avenue
Rochester, New York 14605
Reverend Dr. Fredrick Johnson, Officiating

Seating of Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort Apostle Jerrard Brown

Musical Selection: "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading

- Old Testament Kiari Smith
- New Testament Eric Bradford

Musical Selection: Church Medley

Remarks Deacon Michael Tyler
Reverend Marva Tyler
Marques Elmendorf
Jamone Alexander
Shirley Richardson

Acknowledgements and Reading of Obituary Ja'Net Harris

Musical Selection

Eulogy/Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Fredrick Johnson

Mom's Wish

Committal and Benediction Reverend Dr. Fredrick Johnson

Recessional Metropolitan Staff

Interment: Private