

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Viewing 9:00am-10:00am | Service 10:00am

G. Choice Funeral Chapel, Inc.

2530 N. Broad Street | Philadelphia, Pa 19132

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

*Processional
Clergy and Family*

*Paver of Comtor
Pastor Felicea Fennell*

*Old and New Testament Scripture Reading
Sis Dniele Fennel: Psalms 23
Sis. Sabrina Harlan: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Solo
Sis. Tamyra Evans*

Remarks - 2 minute limit

*Cards & Acknowledgements
Min. Kyesha Green*

*Reading of the Obituary
Min. Kyesha Green*

*Solo
Sis. Tamyra Evans*

*Eulogist
Pastor Allen Bowser
Resurrection Evangelistic Church, Philadelphia, PA*

Benediction & Recessional

INTERMENT

Mount Peace Cemetery

3111 West Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free,
I'm following the path
God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah, yes, this too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
Good times, good friends, a loved ones' touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now, with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share it with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

REPAST

Immediately following the service there will be a brief
gathering of relatives and friends at
Unveil Event Studio, 5900 Greene Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation and love to
everyone that called, visited, and showed support during this time.



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BARNES-CHILDS

February 25, 1954 - July 13, 2023



Marlene Barnes-Childs was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 25, 1954, to the late William and Maggie Barnes. She was the fifth of seven children. She was preceded in death by her sister, Sheila King and her brother, Bernard Barnes.

Marlene received her education through the Philadelphia School System including William Penn High School, later exercising her passion for teaching and learning as an enthusiastic youth teacher to many students at various day care centers in the community.

In December of 1988, she married the late Lorinzo Childs. Renny, as she affectionately called him, was her one and only true love. They met at a very early age and stayed together until his death. From this union was born their daughter, Lorraine Barnes-Childs and son, Omar Barnes-Childs.

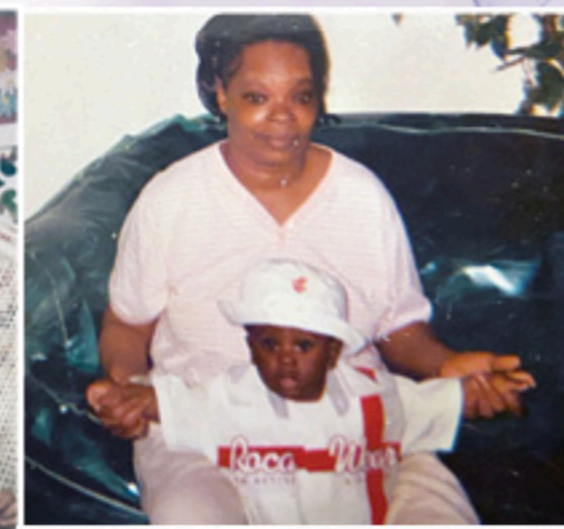
“Mar Mar,” as she was affectionately called, enjoyed cooking, crafting, decorating, teaching, shopping, seamstress work and spending time with family and friends. She also took great pleasure in listening to gospel music, in addition to dancing to doo-wop and Bruno Mars when she wanted to let her hair down.

Marlene became a member of Resurrection Evangelistic Church under the leadership of Pastor Allen Bowser. It was there that she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She took pride serving in the ministry, decorating the church and served as a Sunday school teacher for the children. She also served as the mother of the church.

When offered the position, she said, “I’m too young to be a church mother. That’s for old people.” But when she learned that the position was not about age, but it was about the wisdom that she could offer from her experiences, she gladly accepted and did the job well.

On Thursday July 13th, Marlene departed this life. She leaves to cherish her memory: her children Lorraine and Omar; her siblings, Joanne Barnes, Bernadette Fennell, Ralph Barnes, and Marie Barnes; brothers in-law, James King and Haywood Fennell; grandchildren, Nyia, Omar Jr., Desean and Samir; special friends, Miranda and Sylvia and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
 Marlene Barnes-Childs



God's PROMISE

God has not promised
 Skies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God has not promised
 Sun without rain
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.
 But God has promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy,
 Undying love!