



Carmen Alecia Gaines

May 29, 1961 - May 5, 2017

May 29th, 1961 a baby girl, the 8th of nine Carmen Alecia Watson was born to Tiller, Sr. and Geneva Watson. Carmen being the baby girl was the love of her dad's eye! An accomplished pianist (not)... Saturdays were supposed to be "Piano Lessons:. She didn't make many. She had a way of persuading him to skip the lessons and they would often visit Jim's Hamburger, returning home smelling of onions, and with a big smile on her face.

For many Carmen was known as "Candy". Very outgoing, energetic, and funny; always had a smile; and knew everybody's business...

Candy accepted Christ at an early age at the Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of the later Rev. L.L. Tisdale

She attended Emerson Elementary, Roosevelt Jr. High, and graduated from Central High School in 1979. She also attended Langston University, and later moved to Germany where she lived while in the service for 5 years. Once back in the U.S. she met and married Kenneth Ray Gaines. As love blossomed so did her family of 2 daughters Alecia, Rayla, and son DJ (Floyd), and step-daughter Courtney.

As her career in the medical field became her passion, after working in various other professions including the banking industry. Candy was passionate for the Lord having recently re-dedicated her life and having been re-baptized. Candy was truly her Pastor's biggest cheerleader. Her love and support for her church rarely kept her from attending service in spite of her medical conditions. One thing about Candy is that she wasn't afraid to praise

the Lord.

Both parents and 2 brothers Arthur and Floyd preceded her home going. Those left to cherish her beautiful memories are her husband Kenneth, her children, and those "precious amazing grand babies"! Braelon, Raigen, Nyla, Thomas Jr. Taylor, and Ryan. Her siblings Carol of Tulsa, OK, Tiller (Pam) of Tulsa, OK, Ann of Houston, TX, Paulette of Tulsa, OK, Bennie (Kathy) of Tulsa, OK, Todd (Cheryl) of Tulsa, OK, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and very special childhood friends Kim, Lynn, and Chantal.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday May 12, 2017 at Serenity Funeral Home & Crematory Chapel from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A celebration of life service for Carmen Alecia Gaines will be held on Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Friendship Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK at 11:00 am.

Under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home. 4170 E. Admiral Place.
Tulsa,OK. 74115

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *My prayers are with the family of Candy. May God strengthen you in this time of need.* ”



Vicki Samuels Howell - May 12, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carmen Alecia Gaines.* ”



May 12, 2017 at 02:38 AM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the entire Gaines/Watson family from the Walls family we love you all!* ”



chantal walls - May 11, 2017 at 03:07 PM

DF

“ *Dewayne and Glenda Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Carmen Alecia Gaines.* ”



Dewayne and Glenda Family - May 11, 2017 at 01:51 PM

CW

“Wow wow wow! Carmen I love you! So lost for words. Gone too soon, I will always remember our times together in high school being raised up together sharing moms and also a nephew! I know you are at ease now no more pain and suffering rest easy my friend! You will always be loved by me!

chantal walls - May 11, 2017 at 12:48 PM

CG

Praying for strength peace and comfort for the Watson and Gaines families. Friendship was like a big family and Candy was little sister to several of us. Remember the good times and hold on to God and each other. Love you all, ~~BLESSINGS, Dianne Busby-Goudeau

Cynthia Dianne Busby Goudeau - May 11, 2017 at 04:15 PM

KD

“I'm really going to miss Candy's awesome sense of humor! EVERY time she saw me, she called me "Keesher Doll!!!"...imitating her Aunt Calevea. She kept smiles on our faces. I love you Candy!

Keesha Dement - May 10, 2017 at 09:27 PM



“I'm gonna miss my lil Sister !!! You know you are loved & left a lifetime of memories....thank you. Rest in peace baby

Paulette Allison - May 10, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LW

We will miss our best neighbor and friend! Gone too soon! We will never forget you my friend! Love from the Walker's!

Lou Ann Walker - May 12, 2017 at 06:17 PM