

A LETTER TO MY DEAR AUNT JOYCE

Let's Just Kiss & Say Goodbye!

Dearest Aunt Joyce, "The Nurturer." My heart is so heavy knowing that I won't see you again in this life. Seeing you so happy and vibrant this past Sunday brought the family so much joy. You were glowing, dancing, and enjoying yourself; you were so full of life. I want to thank you for all the years of warmth, tenderness and pure love you've given me all throughout my years. You taught me many things that I will forever treasure and hold dear in my heart.

I remember swallowing a grapefruit seed and you told me that a tree was going to grow inside of me, I was so scared. You would ease my fears and tell me that I would be okay. You were the epitome of love in human form because you were "The Nurturer." You were a person who uplifted others when they were down and out and saw the best in them, even at their worst. You saw me and made it known that you were my aunt & I was your niece.

Oh, Aunt Joyce, I'm going to miss you, dearly! I didn't know when I went into your room and knelt down to say good night and gave you the biggest hug and kiss would be my last time hugging and kissing you. You started to cry and the caretaker, Ms. Glenda, asked me why were you crying? I said, "I don't know." Now, I know why. The next day after your transition, I kept hearing the Manhattans song, "Let's Just Kiss & Say Goodbye." It just kept ringing in my ears.

You knew that you were leaving me and kissed me on my left cheek. That's why you started to cry. For those of you who know, you know & for those of you who didn't know, now you know. She kissed me and said her final goodbye. Hats off to you, my dear Aunt Joyce. You will always have a special place in my heart. I LOVE YOU!

Love Always, Your Loving Niece,

Giya!



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IN LOVING
Memory of



Joyce
Jeanette Frederick Woods

JOYCE JEANETTE FREDERICK WOODS

was born April 22, 1952 to the union of the late Cecil L. Frederick, Jr. and the late Charlotte L. Jefferson Frederick. Joyce entered into her eternal rest on Thursday, June 27, 2024 after some years of battling progressive dementia.

Joyce was born and raised in West Palm Beach, FL, and attended Roosevelt Elementary School for her early education. Then later her High School education was achieved at Boggs Academy, a coed college preparatory school in Keysville, GA. She was in the 1970 graduating class.

Joyce attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee on Track pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree. She transferred to Clark University in Atlanta, GA for her 2nd year of college. Shortly after, she joined her high school sweetheart she met at Boggs, Karl O. Woods. They married and made Athens, GA home. To their union were born two daughters, Katreese and Karlotte (Kina) Woods.

Joyce was an avid employee holding several positions in her professional life. She worked in Customer Service to Culinary Arts. Joyce had a personality that attracted many. Everybody loved Joyce. She was a beautiful person with a warm and caring spirit always uplifting the downtrodden. Joyce was a believer in Jesus Christ, whom she prayed to often.

Joyce leaves to cherish her memories: husband, Karl Woods; daughters, Katreese W. (Rico) Wright and Karlotte (Kina) Woods; grandson, J'Rico; sister in law, Michele; sisters, Carolyn L. Frederick, Diahann M. Frederick, Pamela Frederick and brother, Bernard Frederick; aunts, Alice F. Winn and Loretta F. Kinsey; one niece, Giya. S. Wilbourn and a host of cousins, other relatives and close friends.

