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Evelena and Martha; her best friend, Ms. Greene; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and neighbors. **Carrie** will be greeted at the gates of heaven by her children: Calvin and Nancy; her husband Gettie; her brothers: William, Levi, Garfield ("Frog"), Bo, Otis; her sister Louise; and daughter-in-law Yvette.

We rejoice and thank God for each moment we shared with **Carrie Mae Ritter**. We kiss the ground she walked on because we recognize the privilege of being in her presence. We remember her. And we give her the biggest honor, because only the largest and brightest crown is fit for ... a Queen!



DEAR GRANDMA

You've been with me from the start,
Everything you've done straight from the heart.
How can I go on when you're not here to play your part?
We've been through every walk of life together,
The bad, and the better.
Everything I know is you,
I really don't know what to do.
31 years, 11, 000 days,
I'll give anything for one more "hey".
My dear Grandmother, I love you Carrie Mae.
1/30/89 – 7/31/20

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of the late **Carrie Mae Ritter** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this morning, and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who sent their love from near and far to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

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Celebrating The Life And Generous Spirit Of



Carrie Mae Ritter

Sunrise

August 27, 1935

Sunset

July 31, 2020

Thursday ~ August 13, 2020 ~ 11:00 a.m.

at

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*"... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live:" ~ St. John 11:25*

ORDER OF SERVICE

[As you enter this chapel, please reverence the family
by silencing all electronic devices.]

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend Asim L.F. Shannon, *Founder & Pastor*
Ade Insight Ministries ~ Brooklyn, New York



Musical Prelude Min. David E. Sayles
Processional // Final Viewing (*Friends of family, please stand.*)
Selection Min. David E. Sayles
Scripture Readings Rev. Asim L.F. Shannon
 Old Testament
 New Testament
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Asim L.F. Shannon
Obituary
Brief Reflections (limited to only 2 persons)
Selection Min. David E. Sayles
Eulogy Rev. Asim L.F. Shannon
Benediction
Recessional (*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.*)

INTERMENT:

Cypress Hills Cemetery
(Exit 3 off Jackie Robinson Parkway)
Brooklyn, New York



Though restrictions are starting to be eased, we are still closely monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind and the safety of all concerned, we are still recommending adherence to the recommended guidelines of the CDC. Thus, although it is unnatural and difficult, especially during this time when the family needs you most, physical contact with family, and with one another as well as the body is not suggested. Social distancing (keeping 6 feet apart) is still required. Also, the complete service must be contained within **one hour** for the sake of limited exposure. Your cooperation is most appreciated during this temporary disruption of life as we know it.

OBITUARY

If the Marcy Houses were a Kingdom, *Carrie Mae Ritter* would be the Queen. She was born on August 27, 1935 in Fairfax, South Carolina to (*the late*) Emma Bryant Ginn and Allen Ginn.

A woman of many names, she was known as: **Carrie, Ma, Aunt Carrie, Grandma, Mrs. Ritter**, but to everyone, she was the epitome of **a community hero**. She gave unlimited space, time, money – whatever resources were at her disposal – to ensure those she loved were never in need. **Carrie** will forever be celebrated as an unapologetic giver. One of her fondest ways of nurturing was through her food. And what a cook she was! Anyone who set foot in her home was offered a hot meal; no one left hungry. And that was her creed ... her contributions to building and sustaining community.

She was wealthy in spirit, so material goods didn't phase her. It was the small things that put a smile on her face: watching Judge Judy and Family Feud, complaining about the latest gossip on Wendy, completing a difficult crossword puzzle with her son Calvin, reading the Sunday paper, screaming at her daughter Marlene whom she loved to bug, nagging the granddaughter Danequa who never left her side, or reminiscing about old times via conversations with her beloved sister, Ethel Mae.

If you look up the definition of *resilience*, a picture of **Carrie** will appear. Not even dialysis, three times a week, could stop her from running to Macy's or a quick trip to the casino. A true warrior spirit, she maximized all that life had to offer. She was also no stranger to hard work. Having worked at CABS Homecare as a Domestic Engineer for 22 years, with all that wisdom, **Carrie** was known for a good lesson and an even greater joke. Sit before her for more than 5 minutes and try not to laugh! She was blunt and full of wit and humor because she was adamant that life was to be experienced this way.

Among the most difficult of life's tasks, one thing she firmly believed in and centered was FAMILY. Married to (*the late*) Gettie Ritter, together, they were blessed with five beautiful children. She sacrificed most of her life raising her children and grandchildren, demonstrating kind and relentless care to her son, Calvin, who suffered from seizures; and most recently tending to her daughter, Nancy, when she grew ill. She never missed a birthday, holiday, graduation, travel schedule, or major life event. She remembered food choices, diet changes, best friends' names, cousins' children, and she asked about all of them ... because she cared. Family was the garden she watered daily, and because of this, we know she is resting well.

Carrie leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Marlene, Gregory and Bennie; her grandchildren: Danequa, Imani, Najee and Yizaira; her great-grandson Amren, whom she absolutely adored; brothers: Jimmy and Roy; her sister Ethel Mae; her sisters-in-law: Helen, Betty and Tammy; daughters-in-law: