



Acknowledgments

Our family appreciates the love, prayers, cards, calls, and other offers of help that you have given us during this time. Your expressions of sympathy will remain in our hearts and lift us during this time of mourning. May God Bless and Keep You.

—THE BUTLER FAMILY—

I'm Still Here

Just because you cannot see me, does not mean I am not there.

Just because I am in heaven, does not mean I do not care.

I often see you crying, you often say my name,

I want to hold you tight; I want to ease your pain.

Its easy for me, for I know heaven is real, if you knew the truth,

how much better would you feel.

One day we will meet again, but only when the time is right,

when you step out of darkness, I will be standing in the light.

—JOHN F. CONNOR—

(One of the many poems Jerri Butler loved)

Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile

If only I could have you back, for just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do

You always meant so very much and always will do too

The fact that you are no longer here will always cause me pain

But you are forever in my heart

Until We Meet Again.

*Arrangements especially for the
Butler family by*

*Robertson Funeral & Cremation
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR

*Jerri Allyson
Collins Butler*



Service

Saturday, May 22, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

Marlin Missionary Baptist Church

507 Bennett | Marlin, Texas

Rev. Vincent Hartsfield, Pastor, Officiating

Rev. Durrell Ward, Eulogist

On July 11, 1964, the late Jimmie Lee (Sanders) and Clarence F. Collins became proud blessed parents of their third beautiful baby girl and named her Jerri Allyson Collins (Butler). Being the baby of the bunch, the late James Sanders (Big Daddy) her grandfather spoiled "Panky Lou" the name he would call her until his death. She grew up in the south end of Marlin, Tx, and attended Upper Zion Baptist Church with her two older sisters Jacqueline and Janice Collins. Jerri Collins graduated from Class Of 1982 at Marlin High School where she was known for her creativity, glowing smile, and sportsmanship.

Jerri gave birth to three beautiful children, her first-born, Eboni Nicole Butler in 1983; her second-born, Jaleesa Sharee Butler in 1992, all while attending and graduating nursing school; to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Still pursuing her career, she gave life to her third born, a handsome baby boy, an angel named Donald Eric Jackson Jr. (Bookie Dookie), in 2005. He departed on November 12th of 2007, when our father in heaven whispered to him to come back home to the heavens above.

She worked for 27+ yrs. at the Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.) in Waco, Tx where she met many loving and caring people who would also get to know what wonderful god-fearing woman she was. That many of us, her family got to genuinely adore, cherish and be around every day. Always tried to bring the best of herself out as much as she could towards others even through the trials and tribulations that came with life itself through it all she continued to smile. That is just who "Panky Lou" was, that wonderful, loving, nurturing, jovial, inspirational, sincere, and one-of-a-kind human being.

On May 10, 2021, around Monday morning the angels pluck a petal from the rose garden of life and Jerri Allyson Collins - Butler joined the angels up above and reunite with her beloved son JR. (Bookie Dookie). Your two beautiful girls will not forget what was taught to them and will forever miss you and continue to also be those loving, selfless, caring, and strong young women who you raised us to be.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jimmie Lee Sanders and Clarence F. Collins; and her young king (Son) Donald Eric Jackson Jr.

She Leaves to Cherish her memory, two daughters, Eboni Butler, and Jaleesa Butler both of Waco, TX; two sisters, Jacqueline Williams, and Janice Collins of Waco, TX; one uncle, Larry Sanders of Marlin, TX; mother-in-law, Emma Butler and her son Elvin Butler (Jaleesa and Eboni's Father) of Marlin, TX; three nieces, Tukiesha Collins, Cinthya White, and Jacquendalyn Williams; five nephews, Marvin White, Jimmy L Collins, Tremaine, and Jermaine White, Keithy Williams; two granddaughters, Amuriyah A. Butler and A'Naiya Butler; three grandsons, Kemorione Butler, Jamorione Butler, Michael Butler of Waco, TX; Sanders Family, Collins Family, Butler Family, Diles Family, and a host of other relatives and close friends.



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament & New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

RESOLUTION

SENTIMENTAL EXPRESSIONS

Limit 2 Minutes, Please

MUSICAL SELECTION

MESSAGE OF COMFORT

*Rev. Durrell Ward
Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church – Marlin, Texas*

RECESSIONAL

FINAL RESTING PLACE

*Hillcrest Cemetery
Marlin, Texas*