



Honorable Angela Therese Butts

January 31, 1955 - August 6, 2024

Judge Angela T. Butts, 69 passed on August 6, 2024. Mass Celebration will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 2560 Tilson Rd. Decatur, GA. Interment North Atlanta Memorial Park, 5188 Winters Chapel Rd. Dunwoody, GA. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 12 Noon to 5:00 P.M at Gregory B. Levett & Sons South Dekalb Chapel. Wake services will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Please express your condolences on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory South Dekalb Chapel 404.241.5656.

Angela Therese Butts, Angie as she was affectionally called was born at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, New York City on January 31, 1955 to Rosamae Butts and Freddie Butts. She peacefully passed away on August 6, 2024. Both parents predeceased her. The loss of her mother at her tender age of 8 profoundly affected her.

Angie was born at a time when it was a time of social change in the Country and people who had little formal education had little options for the future. Her mother wanted and expected her children to take the opportunities given to them. Angie, from a very young age, though quiet and soft spoken was a force of nature determined to become a woman who contributed. She understood and always wanted to make her mother proud of her.

Her mother was the most beautiful and loving woman. She was a role model for Angie. She was strong, kind and relentlessly devoted to her children. Angie was like her in so many ways. Her personal character, integrity, outgoing nature, and concern for others comes from being the daughter of an incredibly and singularly remarkable mother.

Angie attended New York City public school, then called P. S. 160 until age 8 when her mother died. She and her sister, Debbie, went to live with relatives in Philadelphia. There, she attended St. Ignatius School for two years. From there, she went to live with her mother's sister, Aunt Ruby in Macon, GA. where she attended St. Peter Claver Catholic grammar school.

Judge Butts spent her childhood in Macon, Georgia, where she lived with her aunt after her mother's passing. She received the sacrament of baptism into the Catholic faith at an early age.

Angie excelled academically and athletically at Central High School graduating in 1971. After graduating from high school with high honors, she began her college education at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, before transferring to Howard University in Washington, D.C. There, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in physical therapy in 1978. She worked as a physical therapist for several years until an injury forced her to change careers. She enrolled at the Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia, where she became Articles Editor of the Law Review. After earning her Juris Doctorate degree in 1989, she worked as a Public Defender in the City of Atlanta Public Defender's Office. With an amazing work ethic, she was appointed to the bench of the Dekalb County Recorders Court, one of the busiest courts in the State of Georgia, as an Associate Judge in 1997. Judge Butts also sat by designation in Dekalb County State and Superior Courts. She served on the Executive Committee of the Council

of Municipal Court Judges and was a member of the International Women's Think Tank. She earned credentials to become a certified civil arbitrator where she utilized her mediation skills to resolve disputes and conflicts.

Judge Butts served her community in various activities as a member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Dekalb Bar Association, among others. She was a mentor to many. She lent her beautiful singing voice to several musical events. She used her gifts to bring joy to those around her.

Angela T. Butts was united in marriage to Ronnie Glen Parker and to that union were born three children, a son Cameron Omari Parker and two daughters Ayanna Rose Parker and Aliya Arielle (Brenden) Williams. The marriage was dissolved. To her children she passed on her love of sports (she was a track star and cheerleader in high school). Somehow, Judge Butts managed to be courtside, at the track, or poolside at all their basketball games, track and field events, volleyball games, and swim meets. With

Judge Butts' encouragement, all of her children went to college as national champions with scholarships in track and field and volleyball.

In addition to her children, those left to cherish the legacy of the full, well-lived life of Judge Butts are her grandchildren A'mari Ann Parker, Brenden Marquis Williams II, Leilani Rose Williams, Kamilah Brenley Williams, and Anaya Angela Williams; a sister Deborah Butts Coleman; a niece Anthea Coleman, a nephew Buddy Coleman, and a beloved granddog Mr. Kaney Wayne.

The early loss of her mother created a need in Judge Butts to build a strong foundation rooted in family and close friends. This devoted mother and grandmother enjoyed being present at births, made sure all holidays and birthdays were special, and memorable.

Judge Angela Therese Butts was a respected friend, a caring, benevolent spirit, a dedicated mother and beloved grandmother who loved the camaraderie of family and close friends. She was strong and she embodied grace, class, and hard work attributes she received from her mother. Without a doubt, she slipped her feet into one of her many beautiful pairs of high heeled shoes and did her hallelujah dance through the gates of heaven. Thank you, Lord, for sharing this gorgeous soul with us.

Cemetery Details

North Atlanta Memorial Park

5188 Winters Chapel Road
Dunwoody , GA 30360

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
2560 Tilson Rd
Decatur, GA 30032

Tribute Wall

AG

“ My sweet Auntie Angie - Your warm and loving heart will be what I remember most. You had a way of seeing the best in things when everyone saw the worst. Like my husband's dog, Tahoe. Bad as can be, but you wanted to rehab and love him! For all that you have overcome and all that you became, I have always been in awe of you. In the truest sense of the word, you were awesome. I will love you forever and hope you feel all of the love that is coming your way right now.

Anthea Gray - August 18, 2024 at 08:33 AM

YB

Blessings to you Anthea. Angie spoke of you often. I hope to meet you one day.

Yasmin R. Brown - August 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM

AG

I'd love that!!

Anthea Gray - August 22, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ My sister was the only family I had after my mother died. We were so young. Angie, my dear sister and best friend, I loved you from the second Mommy brought you home. I still love you and am glad the last words I said to you were, "I love you." We were just two girls from Manhattan, NY, Harlem to be more precise. We had a rocky start in life, but we had each other. No matter the time, distance or life trials, we were a part of each other. You were the one who believed in the world. You always believed people were good, and you never lost your willingness to help teach, mentor and support anyone who asked.

It is clear from all the posts, you were loved, admired and respected personally and professionally throughout your life. Your remarkable imprint as a recognized jurist is only overshadowed by your extraordinary contributions to your community, mentoring countless young men and women and being a voice for freedom and democracy and voting advocacy. You were and always will be a devoted friend to those who knew you. Mostly, you were a mother and grandmother. If you could be remembered for nothing else, I know you would want it known that your true treasure was your children and their children.

*So, now rest, my dear baby sister. The world has given you over to a safer harbor. Fair winds and following seas. With all our love,
Debbie,*

*Stanley G. Gray, II (Buddy) nephew
Anthea Alexis Gray niece*

Deborah Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 09:36 AM

MJ

Beautiful, loving sentiments , Debbie! Hope you remember me from MDS Academy. Would love to reconnect with you! Marie James

Marie James-Jones - August 17, 2024 at 02:16 PM

DC

Marie, I think I see your face. Can you remind me? Would love to connect. Not on Facebook.

Deborah Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 03:06 PM

DC

I do remember you. It took me a second.

Deborah Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JG

I will miss my dear school friend, Angela. Our paths crossed a few times in adult life through our work with the courts and mediation. They were grand meetings and I never have and never will dismiss her from my memories. Know that. Peace and comfort Debbie and to her children and family. I remember.

Jacquelyn Lester Gray - August 17, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JA

“ I knew Judge Angela Butts for more than 25 years; she was well known in the community and well respected. My deepest condolences to the family. She will be missed by her friends and love ones.

Judge Gregory A. Adams, DeKalb Superior Court

Judge Gregory A. Adams - August 17, 2024 at 08:43 AM



DW

“ Angie was such a beautiful soul. She and her sister, Deborah were like Family to me. I will always love and cherish her memory.

Reverend Deborah Franks Watson

Deborah Franks Watson - August 17, 2024 at 12:38 AM

DC

Deborah, I lost touch, but not because of you. I guess life takes us away from people and places we care about the most. Angie told me you asked about me over the years. I hope you know I treasured and always will those times we walked for hours on the dusty hot Macon streets. We shared our hopes and dreams. Mostly, we were silent. I will always think of you as family. Sometimes, love is not measured in day to day closeness, but by the memories we keep deep in our heart. Thank you for your kindness to my baby sister.

Deborah Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 08:42 AM

PP

“ *I am so sorry to hear this! Angie and I were very good friends is school. Graduated together from Central High School in 1973. We walked to school together and hung out every day. My heart is heavy. To the family, my deepest condolences for your loss. Pamela Knighton Pompey*

Pamela Pompey - August 16, 2024 at 10:59 PM

LC

“ *I remember when Angela and her sister first came from Philadelphia to Macon and to St. Peter Claver Catholic School. She was a class behind me but I knew that she was very smart. Her English was very good and we said that she "spoke proper". She was full of fun on the playground and walking home after school. I had not seen Angela for many years until a few month ago when I saw her at Dexter King's Memorial Service in Atlanta. She was so vibrant and seemed so happy and offered to help the young men that I had with me get into college. What a Christlike spirit! May her soul rest in peace! Loretto Grier Cudjoe*

LORETTO GRIER CUDJOE - August 16, 2024 at 02:43 PM

MJ

Like Loretto, I too remember the day Debbie and Angie began school at St Peter Claver, Macon, GA. They were kind, beautiful, and very smart girls—clearly destined for greatness in the own right. Angie leaves an enduring legacy of family and service. As she takes her place in eternity, may God surround her family with comforting light and love! Marie James

Marie James-Jones - August 16, 2024 at 05:52 PM

FT

My condolences to the family. I met Angela as a parent in the City of Decatur School system where our kids ran track together (Christopher & Derrick Jenkins). We became good friends during our kids involvement with school sports. She will be truly missed.

My Prayer & love to the family. Felicia Taylor

Felicia Taylor - August 16, 2024 at 07:43 PM

YF

My heart is broken! Angie was one of my dearest friends growing up. We lived around the corner from each other and each morning we would walk to school together from Orchard Avenue. We had so much fun together. I recall vividly Angie and I as the only 2 black Varsity cheerleaders at Central High School while in high school. There were so many firsts during those days! I always knew that Angie was destined for greatness. She was brilliant even then. So loving, kind and generous. We lost touch after high school when I relocated out of state. I thank God for the life and the notable accomplishments of my amazing Sister Friend. I extend my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to Angie's family during this very difficult time. Rest well my dear friend... rest well.

*Love,
Yvette Stokes Finney*

Yvette Stokes Finney - August 16, 2024 at 10:58 PM

MP

I hadn't seen Angie in years but I remember her well. My deepest condolences to her Family. Rest well. Love Michelle Dixon Parks

Michelle Dixon Parks - August 17, 2024 at 03:22 AM

YB

Dearest Angie, I deeply mourn your loss. You understood well our great friendship when I promised to name my first daughter after you, using your middle name. Not only am I extremely thankful for our early friendship on Wise Avenue (all those races down the street, walking to Panell's store) and at St.Peter Claver Catholic School, and Central High. However memorable they were, there were so many more special occasion moments during our later adult years, when we reconnected at Mom's house- my family and yours. The celebrations in Atlanta are too numerous to name - you and I back together again. Clearly this was ordained from the time we met in 5th grade. No one would have believed how that chance meeting would have precipitated into our later lives. There are no words to explain or express our relationship during the final years of your life. All I can say is to God be the glory, for the great things He has done. Rest eternally Angie. Sending my prayers, my condolences, and my love to your precious sister, your wonderful children, and your darling grandchildren. Always in my memory, your other "sister".

Yasmin R. Brown - August 17, 2024 at 04:15 AM

DC

Yasmin, you are as much of a sister to Angie as I am. Miss Hattie, your grandmother and your mother, Mama Mae saved us in so many ways. Your family gave us hope and love. Love and hope had eluded us in so many ways back then. The three of us used to sing "Respect" on your front porch. Hysterical! You and Angie could actually sing and dance. I, not so much. And yes, Angie could run like the wind. She was also a cheerleader, as her friend told us in her wonderful post. Angie practiced hour after hour, in that red Georgia clay. All on her own, no help. Determination and hard work were always watchwords in everything she did throughout her life. Most of all, we both learned the power of learning; a love of books; curiosity about the world and faith that we could achieve something, not just for ourselves, but to use whatever gifts we were given to pay back the simple kindness and generosity that we had been shown by people who got nothing in return. You made the world a better place, Angie. Thank you, Yasmin. She loved you so! You were there for Angie when I could not be. I am forever grateful. Your loving "sister", Debbie.

Deborah Coleman - August 17, 2024 at 08:29 AM

YB

Much love to you Debbie.

Yasmin R. Brown - August 20, 2024 at 09:17 AM

YB

Hello to all my classmates in this thread. Sending love and blessings to you all.

Yasmin R. Brown - August 20, 2024 at 09:20 AM

KC

“*My sincere condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Judge Angela Butts. My heart was saddened to hear of passing. I enjoyed working with her and my memories of her will always be pleasant.*

Kathy Crumbley

Kathy Crumbley - August 15, 2024 at 06:00 PM

