



## Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert

July 6, 1947 - June 26, 2020

Visitation for Linda Colbert will be held from 12:00 PM to 2:00 p.m. on Monday July 6, 2020 and the funeral service will start at 2:00 p.m. These services will be recorded and Streamed Live starting at 1:00 p.m. during the last hour of visitation. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available for viewing on this same link later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the services

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It was on this day July 6th in the summer of 1947 and something amazing happened. Linda Arnette, a robust baby girl was born at seven pounds and seven ounces at St. Johns' Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Proud parents Queen Esther and Angus Carroll were more than excited to welcome their first-born child whose 73rd birthday would have been today. Instead today we celebrate Linda's home going, to be with her parents who preceded her in death.

Linda surrendered to be with the ancestors on Friday June 26, 2020. Daughter Chloe and sister Anita Lorraine watched as she opened her eyes, looked up to heaven and shrugged her shoulders as if to say READY, and took her last breath at 8:12 pm at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Ironically, she waited until we played Tamela Mann's "Take Me to the King" and transitioned within 45 seconds of the song being played.

Linda grew up in Brooklyn and Queens NY. During her early years in Brooklyn Linda led a full and happy childhood. She attended Concord Baptist Church where she was baptized by "the dean of American preaching" Garner C. Taylor.

She attended New York City Public Schools where she excelled and received many commendations. She forged close friendships during those years that would last throughout her life.

When Linda was 11, she joined with nine other girls and formed a social club. The name search for this newly formed group would have special meaning for Linda. They decided on the name “Ebony Queens”. Linda felt the name reflected their Black culture. At a young age she was a proud black teen that understood the Struggle; a catalyst which was later instrumental in molding Linda’s social justice work and activism. After 60 years the Ebony Queens remain close friends and eight are alive; five are here today including Linda’s spirit.

Linda would say, “Black people have been catching a hard time for too long.” In the early 60’s Linda begged her parents to let her ride one of the Freedom Buses to the South. She and one of her friends Cheryl Robinson (now deceased Ebony Queen) left for 125 street in Harlem to board a bus and head South. But the bus never came. Linda’s parents were relieved; she was only 16 years old.

At age 18 Linda’s character continued to blossom. She had developed a way with words, an even more vibrant personality and commanded center stage and an audience wherever she went. She had a lively spirit that was contagious and so was her smile. She loved people and later in her adult life many people stayed in her home when they had no place to live. She was encouraging, gave people hope and always made you laugh.

She graduated from Central Commercial High School in 1965 and immediately enrolled in Queensboro College and, went to work as a secretary at Chemical Bank’s United Nations branch office. She used her love of the French language to land her a spot at this prestigious United

Nations location. Working in this environment gave her an opportunity to story tell and interact with an international audience.

In the winter of 1966 Linda went to work for the National Urban League as an administrative assistant and trainer under the tutelage of Whitney Young and Vernon Jordan. In 1977 she relocated to Atlanta, Ga. where she continued to work for the Urban League in its Southern Regional Office.

Linda was excited to work for the “Movement”. She had heard many stories of inequity told around the dinner table by her father Angus. He often spoke of Black folk’s plight and the epic story of America’s great migration including his own story of how at age 13 he left South Carolina with a family of Arabs on a watermelon truck.

Her passion for the “Movement” was further influenced by first hand experiences of discrimination. During family car trips to Louisiana and Mississippi she saw “colored only” bathrooms and water fountains. She vividly remembered having to eat potted meat and crackers on the side of the road while fighting off the nits; Black folk could not eat in white restaurants back then. The family had a 1956 blue Mercury Monterey, and, on the road, it provided a haven for family needs on those long journeys.

Linda poured her passion into her work. She excelled quickly at the League and in 1973 was asked to attend the National Urban League’s annual board retreat in Tarrytown, NY where she was responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting; she was an exceptional stenographer. She had an opportunity to interact with the Leagues’ board members which was comprised of more than 50 corporate CEOs. The day ended with Linda having a gin martini and holding her own with Nelson Rockefeller, then governor of New York and his wife Happy; Linda was a cool 26-year old.

In 1977, Linda met Ray A. Colbert and they married and had one daughter Chloe. The two purchased what Linda considered to be her dream home that she imagined as a young girl in the Marcy projects. Many precious memories were made at 4285 Pleasant Ridge Road. Linda spent years being the 'hostess with the mostest' entertaining friends and family, bringing laughs, love, and smiles to all that she came across. Until her last days she acted as the family historian, she kept up with family history on both her and her late husband’s side of the family, often being told she had the mind of an elephant able to recall memories with such vivid accuracy.

Linda loved to dance, liked all kinds of music, and often said in her past life she was a Blues singer that died incredibly young. I am sure y’all heard her rendition of SUMMERTIME. She sang it all the time to make you happy. She sang it to break the ice and she sang it to the little people at John Hope Elementary School where she served as the school registrar and secretary for many years.

Cooking and enjoying food from a variety of cultures was a favorite of hers. She could describe the differences in a cake recipe based on taste and knew the right ingredients to achieve the best cake grain possible.

In the early 2000’s Linda changed careers and became a foster parent. It is here where paths crossed, and she met a fine young man Ricky Lamar Nixon. Linda was putting her energy into helping young people and it paid off. Her baby Ricky is here today and in his own words, “JOB WELL DONE auntie. She taught me everything, even how to iron my clothes. “She considered him both her son and grandson and often spoke of how good of

a heart he has as well as the hope that her love and influence was enough for him to succeed in life.

Prior to meeting Ricky, she formed a deep bond with one of her fosters Naomi Smith. Although their time together was brief, Linda grew rather fond and attached to young Naomi and wished that she, was able to keep her longer. Despite the years and distance between them, their bond nor love never lessened and until her last hours of life both Ricky and Naomi were able to express their love and gratitude to the only mother they acknowledged as their own holding her hand at the hospital and letting her know they loved and appreciated her love, her kindness, and her patience with them.

During the last 2 months of her life God gave Linda and granddaughter Samone the time they needed to grow and bond. As Linda's illness progressed her granddaughter went to stay with her so that she could help her beloved 'Nani'. Because of the pandemic, many of life's daily distractions no longer existed and the two were able to strengthen their bond and get to know each other on an entirely different level. Despite being ill, Linda was overjoyed that her one and only granddaughter came to stay with her and care for her. She was beyond proud of the woman that her granddaughter had come to be!

Linda leaves to continue her legacy of love her pride and joy Chloe Colbert (David Moore) and granddaughter Samone Moore. Brother Wayne Adams (Doris) of California, confidant and sister Anita Lorraine Green and nephew Corey James of Marietta, Ga. and grandnephew Christopher Simpson of Chicago, best friends Betty Wigfall, Dolly Dudley, Jackie Moore, Evylon Harris, Emma Roberson, Shirley Sanford Burns, and the Ebony Queens (Beverly Butler, Linda Pharr, Sidney Ryals, Yvette Pharr, Lillian Morrison, Connie Foreman, Beverly Brown and Anita Green) a multitude of relatives and dear friends. See you on the other side Linda. May peace and paradise be with you until we meet again.

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# Previous Events

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

YP

“ Yvette Pharr lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert



yvette pharr - July 09, 2020 at 10:52 AM

YP

Rest In Peace dear Ebony Queen sister. Love you

yvette pharr - July 09, 2020 at 11:00 AM

AC

“ May God's grace and mercy surround all your loved ones, your laughter and friendship will be treasured always.

Love,  
Anita


Anita Coleman - July 06, 2020 at 02:18 PM

AC

“ Anita Coleman lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert



Anita Coleman - July 06, 2020 at 02:15 PM

 Naomi  
Smith

“ Mommy I love you and will miss you. I know you might not have been my birth mom but you were the only mother I knew. Even though I was placed with you for a little while. Our bond was like no other. Mother asked my real mom could she have my permanent and was told no. But through out all of my years mother and I have remained close. But one thing I know for sure is that one day I will see mother again. I love you so much and I thank God for allowing us to have the time we shared.

Naomi Smith - July 06, 2020 at 01:28 PM

AH

“ Love and compassion from a NUL assoiate and family friend

*Andrea L. Halyard*



Andrea L Halyard - July 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MA

“ Michael Anderson lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert



Michael Anderson - July 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MA

*My fondest memories of "Aunt Linda" is no matter what it was she told it to these ways, straight, to the point, honestly and pulled no punches whether you like it or not. I will never forget that and will keep the memory forever*

Michael Anderson - July 06, 2020 at 10:21 AM

BC

“ My Only-est. Linda knew what I meant when I called her that. I will truly always cherish the talks we had being ‘Sisters-in-Law’s to two brothers. I always knew her love and support as the younger, to be so, so real. She would call me or I would call her during some tough times as well as good fun times. Those times were ours. But knowing Linda, she made us all feel that we were her favorite person. Her love for us never let go. She stayed in. I will always love Linda Colbert. My Only-est. Rest In Peace and Power until we meet again. 🧡🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

Brenda Green Colbert - July 06, 2020 at 09:52 AM

VR

“ It's been a long, long time since I've seen or talked to Linda and/or Lorraine and was saddened to hear of Linda's passing. Talking to Lorraine brought back fond memories of the days we had as friends and neighbors when we lived in Jamaica.



*My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the family.*

*Love, peace, blessings.*

*Valerie Farnell Robertson*

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**Valerie Farnell Robertson** - July 06, 2020 at 09:26 AM

CF

“ To my childhood friend and Ebony Queen sister, you will be sorely missed; growing up with sisters that were so much a part of my life. Having shared so many special memories will always keep me connected. Even though our paths went in different directions, I was always happy to reconnect with my Ebony sisters. My condolences and prayers are with my dear friend Lorraine, Linda's daughter, cousin Wayne and all the family and friends that are grieving her loss. All of you will be in my prayers.

*Connie Boone Forman  
Booneform@aol.com*

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**Connie Boone Forman** - July 05, 2020 at 10:20 PM

BB

“ I grew up with Linda and Lorraine in the Marcy Projects. We had a group of 10 girls in a club we formed and called ourselves the "Ebony Queens". Life changed and we all moved. from the projects. Linda was the glue that kept the group together. She would call and check up on all of us. I will never forget her kindness to us all opening up her heart and home to all who might need any kind of support she could offer. I will always remember her immortal words:

*Ooh Lorraine, I'm gonna tell Momma".*

*You fought the good fight of life and through it all you did .well.*

*God Bless you until we all meet again*

*Rest in Peace.*

*Beverly Brown*

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**Beverly Brown** - July 05, 2020 at 10:03 PM

KC

“ Linda you will definitely be missed...I remember my brother and I spending time with you and Chloe growing up and just remembering your amazing, witty sense of humor. My mother Kay and Dad Malik always shared the best stories with us about you and great times with you in NY. The last time I saw you, I was so excited to see you and introduce you to my new husband. I had already told him so many stories about you. I had promised you that I would not let so much time pass before we saw each other again....but time got away from me and now I will never get that time back. Thank you for always showing me so much love. I love you. I know you are high above us watching over all of us. From Me, My mom Kay, my dad Malik, my brother Jibri, my husband Marcus and my son Tre.... we love you and will always keep you close to our hearts. Rest easy Queen! Our condolences to all of the family as we celebrate her life 🙏



Kwanis Harper Carlos - July 05, 2020 at 08:18 PM

NH

“ As young girls growing up in Marcy Projects, Bklyn, I met Linda through my best friend Shirley Sanford. Through the years, we all remained friends no matter what state we lived in. When both of my children went to Georgia colleges, Linda looked after them. My son, Malik, lived with Linda & Chole for a short while. Linda will be remembered for her hospitality and kindness.  
Rest now my friend. I am sure your parents welcomed you with open arms.  
Love, Noreen Hosier

Noreen Hosier - July 05, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RE

“ I first met Linda several years ago through my neighbor and her sister Anita. She and I clicked immediately and spent about an hour chatting and laughing. We always were laughing about something. I enjoyed seeing her whenever the opportunity presented itself because she was an interesting person to talk to with a great insight on things. The last time I saw her, she was at Anita's. She and I were walking up and down the street for her to get some exercise. As usual, we were having fun and laughing about something we saw that we both found to be hilarious. That is how I will remember her. She is now in heaven and I am quite sure she's stirring it up up there as she did here. She will be missed but I think the stars are shining just a little brighter with Linda in heaven. God Speed.

Ray Eaton - July 05, 2020 at 12:54 PM



*Praying that GOD will bring comfort to you Anita Lorraine and all family and friends.. Linda was a blessing to know. I know you will miss her greatly. We are here for you.*  
 Carolyn Green

**Carolyn Green** - July 06, 2020 at 03:21 PM

DS

“ Family



**Dwaninia Spann** - July 04, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CF

*You will truly missed by all. We will miss all the traveling to south Carolina Great cousin love Carroll Washington Ford*

**Carroll Washington Ford** - July 05, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DS

“ *Dear Sweet Linda, family gatherings will never be the same. I've appreciated your support and transparency throughout my adult years. You never missed out on the opportunity to support me and my family and I enjoyed every second of our conversations and your wisdom..not to mention, you make the best crab salad on the planet! :-)* You will be greatly missed and remembered by all that have had the pleasure to encounter you. See you in the afterlife. Love, Dwaninia



**Dwaninia Spann** - July 04, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CM

“ Linda was my **FIRST** friend when I moved to NY in 1964. She would tease me on my country accent and repeat what I would say in a heavy country drawl. She was so incredibly smart, outspoken and commanded the room everywhere we went. The years never changed Linda. she remained that incredibly smart, outspoken and incredibly altruistic person. I was so lucky to have her as a friend. We were all lucky to have her as a friend. Missing you!!

Connie (Brown) McAllister

Connie (Brown) McAllister - July 04, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ Linda with energy enthusiasm, and creativity, Linda made life less stressful and more joyful for lots of people, especially me. Each life is touched by others. With some, the touch is warm and loving and lingers forever. That is how Linda touch me. Dear Linda thank you for being a friend and my love forever John

John Bewley - July 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

AG

“ Linda was my rock. We talked monthly over the phone and had long conversations about life and family. Im gonna miss my special cousin.  
Patricia Spann



Anita Green - July 04, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JA

I am deeply saddened by the lost of Linda. That infectious, bubbly smile would Win you over every time. I would be remiss if I didn't mention her honesty and truthfulness. Rest on Linda until we see you on the other side. Love you Family  
Joann and Aaron

joann and aaron - July 04, 2020 at 12:44 PM

KS

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family. I met Linda and her sister Lorraine around 4 years ago through a companion of mine that they had known for many years. I loved sitting down at the big round table with her, and discussing many topics that were an interest for all involved. Never a dull moment. She was very knowledgeable & I truly enjoyed that. We talked, laughed, and of course ate. I didn't live in Georgia, but visited quite often. I always asked about Linda and Lorraine, because it was my pleasure meeting them. You've got your wings now Linda. Rest in Heavenly Peace. I say this with love. Always, Kathy Storms

Kathy Storms - July 04, 2020 at 09:56 AM

MH

“ Malik Hakim purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert.



Malik Hakim - July 03, 2020 at 02:42 PM

BC

“ My beautiful sister in law...who was a sister to me. Always making sure our family was welcomed, ANYTIME we visited Atlanta, will truly be missed by me. Linda has always had OPEN arms for all her COLBERT family. I am sure my brother, the late Ray Colbert had OPEN arms when he came and took her home to be with the LORD 🙏  
Rest In Peace Linda 🦋  
You are FOREVER in my heart ❤️... Niicy

Beverly Colbert - July 03, 2020 at 09:02 AM

RK

“ Back in the day, there was a special bond among friends – Linda, Lorraine, Wayne, Johnny, Kay, and me. We didn't do everything together, but we did everything that mattered together. It was a foundation for our lives to follow. It was a special time. Trips to Coney Island where we danced in the street to Martha & The Vandellas and sampled affordable wine beneath the boardwalk. New York beaches, nightclubs, and basement parties. We were essentially a drama-free support group that was there for each other with fun and laughter. I'll remember Linda for her beautiful smile, inquisitive eyes, biting wit and wisdom. Beyond the memories of yesterday, in a way, we all became an indelible part of each other. Rest in Love and Peace,

Richard Kenyada

Richard Kenyada - July 03, 2020 at 03:19 AM

KH

“ I will forever be GRATEFUL for the impact Linda had on my life. When I left home/ Mississippi and moved to N.Y. to go to college/FIT I stayed with Linda and family [ Aunt Esther, Uncle Angus, Wayne, Lorraine and Corey]. I was so excited...Imagine a home body country girl moving to the BIG APPLE! WOW!!! Did we have some GREAT TIMES !!!! She was very knowledgeable and taught me a lot about city life. I always admired her wisdom and strong opinions about certain issues. She loved being with family and will truly be missed at family gatherings! Cherished memories of LINDA will never fade and will be in my HEART FOREVER!!! LOVE YOU CUZ RIP Kay Harper.

Kay Harper - July 02, 2020 at 11:01 PM

GG

“ You Are Not Alone...

*She will be missed no doubt of course  
Dow't let misery and hurt be your remorse*

*Think of the times you both have shared  
Helping you now to be prepared*

*To look back, laugh at, live on and love  
She is comfortable now, up "Above"*

*Love, your friend and neighbor, Gigi*

*I met Linda a few years ago and she was fun and vibrante to be around.*

Gigi Gaythos - July 02, 2020 at 08:33 PM

AG

“ Before there was Lorraine there was Linda. I'm listening to Donald Byrd & the Black Birds' "Places and Spaces I've Been" cause it reminds me of you and our good times in the basement at Mama and Daddy's house.



Anita Green - July 02, 2020 at 05:37 PM

PW

“ To my cousin thank you for sharing the family connections of the Carroll & Washington roots. I will miss you keeping it real . You know you are the jambalaya queen and crab leg popping professional. I will miss our party spirits ,loud laughs, fashion show preparations for the dance outings , hair styling tips, and guidance on how to be a proper young lady. Thank you for always including me in the " whats happening jounrey" and "how to be hip"? You are my hero cousin.I willl always remember your beautiful smile ,all of the joyful times ,sister connections and never being selfish.

*I LOVE YOU! Phyllis Washington Charlotte NC*

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**Phyllis Washington** - July 02, 2020 at 04:42 PM

DO

*To Lorraine and family, it's in moments like these that we often find words to be seemingly empty, shallow and our lives r all but disconnected. Rest assured and know we r with you and Jesus as well . As I ponder the fond heartfelt moments of love, joy and laughter, they provide a source of strength, courage and reassurance to continue the race that Linda has run well. Time has separated but Eternity has embraced, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Come unto me all who labor And r heavy leaden and I will give you rest.*

*Debbie, Mary, and Ellen love you dearly*

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**Debbie Oliver** - July 04, 2020 at 08:33 PM

SR

“ Linda and I grew up together and have been friends since we were 7 years old. She and Lorraine were the sisters I never had. We grew up in the Marcy Projects and lived right next door to each other Apt 4A and 4B. The last time Linda and I were together was 2017. We went on a cruise to Jamaica and Cozumel Mexico. We always stay in touch by phone and I must say this before I close, there were ten young ladies and we called ourselves the "EBONY QUEENS", and we were just that! Linda I will miss you but "Continue To Rest In God's Arms".

*Your loving and life long friend.*

*Sidney Theresa Ryals, Florence, SC*

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**Sidney Theresa Ryals** - July 02, 2020 at 04:03 PM

ER

“ Emma Walker-Roberson  
"Reflections of Linda."

*Linda and I met in middle school in Brooklyn, NY and the friendship continued for sixty years. She was fun to be with, always there with a smile and great laugh, interesting, brought a new perspective to everything going on around us, lovable , because her kindness was so thoughtful, caring and came naturally for her, and never at a loss for what to do to brighten someone's day.*

*Linda's friendship was precious not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of the lives she touched. She was a true friend which is the greatest of all blessings.*

*So rest my friend, you have earned it. Your time on this earth has been a blessing to me and my entire family, and to all who knew you.*

*Until we meet again, I thank God that you are only one wonderful memory away.*

*To the Family, thank God for Linda's life, praying for strength and comfort for you.*

*Love,*

*Emma*

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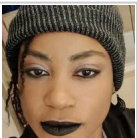
**Emma W. Roberson** - July 02, 2020 at 03:26 PM

YP

*Rest In Peace my dear ebony queen sister. You will be missed. Love Yvette*

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**yvette pharr** - July 05, 2020 at 08:06 PM



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**Talicia Clark** - July 02, 2020 at 02:04 PM

SC

*Linda and I met through our daughter's friendship. (They call themselves sisters) thank both of you for bringing us together. I will miss our long phone conversations and outings with the children and grandchildren as well.  
We'll meet again someday.  
Rest in peace Linda*

Shirley Clark - July 05, 2020 at 11:59 PM

JL

*“ I met Linda a few years back and saw what a generous, fun and loving person she was. I remembered being at your home for a cookout and you were so busy cooking and making sure everyone had enough food and were enjoying themselves. The other thing that comes to mind is the day we were all out looking for a place to have lunch and it seemed as if every one in Atlanta had the same idea, we finally found a eating place and just enjoyed each other's company and the food and laughter. Linda, the battle is over May God hold you in his loving arm and may you rest in peace. To Anita and Family I extend my sincere Sympathy. God will give you the strength to carry on.  
Loving you All, JoAnne & Richard Ledford*

Jo Anne Ledford - July 02, 2020 at 01:12 PM

CM

*“ Clifton Murphy lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert*



Clifton Murphy - July 02, 2020 at 12:52 PM

SB

*“ I can't remember a time in my life that Linda wasn't in it we've been close friends since we were seven years old we used to come home from school and get on the phone and our mothers would Yell at us and say you just left each other why are you on the phone that's just one memory I have millions I will keep so close to my heart until we meet again Linda I love you always .Shirley*

Shirley Burns - July 02, 2020 at 12:11 PM

RE

*“ Rest In Peace 💕💕*



Regan - July 02, 2020 at 11:32 AM

EC

“ *Eboni Caceres lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert*



Eboni Caceres - July 02, 2020 at 10:57 AM

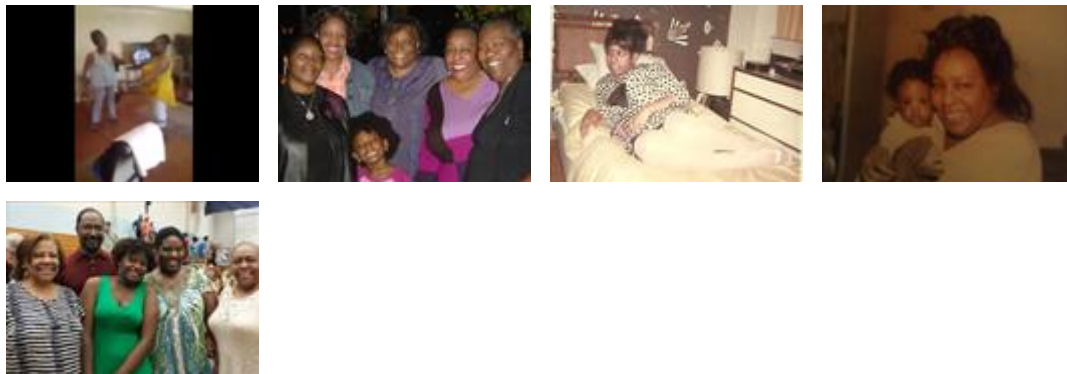
OE

“ *Dear Anita & Family,  
Those we love don't go away  
they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near.  
So loved, so missed, so very dear.  
Rest in Peace Linda.  
Olga*

Olga K Evelyn - July 02, 2020 at 10:08 AM

CC

“ *26 files added to the album Memories Album*



Chloe Colbert - July 02, 2020 at 10:07 AM

DR

“ *I'll always remember Linda for the wisdom and kindness she shared during our years at Linden Plaza in Brooklyn, as well as her smile and laughter on my visits to Atlanta during our lunch dates at Cracker Barrels. Missing you.*

*Dianne Carr-Rodgers*

Dianne Carr Rodgers - July 02, 2020 at 09:21 AM

CB

*I first met Linda thru Betty Wigfall and Dianne Carr Rodgers. Dianne and I would visit Betty in Atlanta. My first memories were visiting Linda at her home and she introduced me to Cocoa Taylor and we had a wonderful time and every time after. She was a breath of fresh air, happy and a beautiful smile.*

*Rest In Peace*

*Cecelia Burchett*

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**Cecelia Burchett** - July 03, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JR

“ *I knew Linda for a long time, she fought a good fight. Now she is in a better place. Rest In Peace God bless, Bernard*

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**James Rubens** - July 01, 2020 at 10:42 PM

BT

“ *I knew Linda for many years when her family and my family all lived and grew up in Queens, New. We lost contact with each other and this was the year we were finally reconnecting as I am moving to Atlanta too in a few months from Florida . Linda will be missed for the many laughs and memories we shared while in New York growing up as an extended family. She was loved and we will truly miss her sweet smile. May God hold her in His loving arms and may she forever Rest in Peace. Our deepest condolences to Anita and her entire family. We love you Linda.*

*Barbara Thomas-Jackson*

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**Barbara Thomas-Jackson** - July 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM

AG

*Hey Barbara, many thanks for the comforting words. Love you*

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**Anita Green** - July 23, 2020 at 09:34 PM

YH

“ Any friend of Anita’s, also had to know Linda and their brother Wayne. I’ve have heard so many laugh out loud stories, of their childhood and growing up in Brooklyn. So, it was very difficult to witness Linda’s health challenges over the last several months. But Linda’s family was there by her side week after week, and month after month, with love and encouragement. The prayer was always for Linda to be restored to the woman that we all knew and loved. But GOD had a different plan.

*May Anita, Chloe and their family find peace and comfort in the infinite memories, in the joy and the laughter, that they shared over the years.*

*Yvonne Hovell  
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

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**yvonne hovell** - July 01, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JT

“ Linda you were a good mother, daughter, dear sister & spirited friend. You Will Be Missed. My fondest memories were in Chgo - when in the spur of the moment, on a Saturday afternoon in a bleating rain, we went to see Howard Hewett - in an aging movie theater, down the street from your sister. We were sitting close enough to touch to his shoes. He was fantastic & we had a ball, even though we got wet. When you moved back to ATL, I helped you drive back. Of course we arrived during rush hour - which was a bear! You fought a good fight girl, & did it your way. God has said it's time; taken you in his arms & given you eternal peace. You will remain forever, in our heart.

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**Jonece Tyler** - July 01, 2020 at 09:00 PM

NC

“ The Carrolls’ were my next door neighbors in the sixties in Queens. They were family. I lost contact with Linda and Anita for thirty seven plus years. On June 1st, a small voice, out of the blue told me to search Chloe Colbert on FB and I did. Through her I was able to reconnect with my friends.

*I had too short conversations with Linda and I prayed for her in hospice. I realized that God was at work through all this. I am thankful and grateful for those significant moments.*

*Sleep in peace my friend, my sister. I will cherish the memories. I love you*

*My deepest condolences to Anita, Chloe and family.*

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**Neiveta Creary-Gittens** - July 01, 2020 at 06:21 PM

AG

*Good to hear from you my sister. Love you too*

Anita Green - July 23, 2020 at 09:30 PM

SH

“ *More than 50 years ago when we were living in Queens NewYork, on 141street I met Linda & Lorraine and their cousin Wayne. The Temptations song “The way you do the things you do” was just released and Linda and her sister played that record until the 45 melted on the record player spindle, and so many years later when I hear that tune I always remember both Linda and her sister. Wishing her family at this time peace, comfort and lovingly memories. I feel blessed to to have known the sisters and will continue to cherish those precious moments. Rest In Peace Linda, deepest condolences to the family.*

Steven Holloway - July 01, 2020 at 04:46 PM

AG

*Hi Steven, your words bring tears. We really had some great times and it seems like it was only yesterday. God bless and stay in touch. I will look for you on FB*

Anita Green - July 23, 2020 at 09:28 PM

KG

“ *Linda was family. I was always calling her for advice. As the president of urban league, she was my leader. I could ask her about programs and her experience as a national urban league employee help me so much. I loved her as a friend, advisor, mentor. I was so please that she attended the Maya Angelou event where we honored Dr. Angelou, but what people don't know is that Linda helped give me the idea to name a hospital after her. One of the only hospital named after a black woman in America. Linda help me with idea! I'm working in South Africa now and I use Linda advice to deal with Prime Ministers and Deputy Presidents of countries all over the continent. I will miss her laugh and I will miss her advice, but I will carry her strong and loving spirit with me all over the world. Id like to leave Linda with a Maya Angelou quote that i believes directly describes Linda and it is "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." Linda you accomplished your mission and now God has an angel who live touch others in a way that cannot be taken away. Rest easy! I love you*



Keith grandberry - July 01, 2020 at 02:39 PM

AG

*Good times will be missed.*

**Anita Green** - July 23, 2020 at 09:26 PM

KA

“ *I had not seen Linda in 50 years and saw her 2 years ago in Atlanta! It was liked we were back in high school laughing and remembering growing up in Queens, NY. I am so glad we reconnected and will cherish that time together*



*Rest In Peace my dear friend. I'm going to miss your pretty smile*

*Deepest sympathy to Anita and family.*

**Karen Adeeb-Anderson** - July 01, 2020 at 01:53 PM

NC

*The Carroll's was my next door neighbor back in the sixties. They were family. I lost contact with Linda and Anita for over thirty seven plus years. On June 1st, a small voice, out of the blue, told me to search Chloe Colbert on FB and I did. That was how I reconnected with my friends. I had two short conversations with Linda and I prayed for her in hospice. I realize that God was at work through all this. I am grateful for those short but significant moments.*

*Sleep in peace my friend, my sister. I will cherish the memories. Love you*

*My deepest condolences to Anita, Chloe and family.*

**Neiveta Creary-Gittens** - July 01, 2020 at 05:12 PM

AG

*Love you too my sister.*

**Anita Green** - July 23, 2020 at 09:25 PM

HH

“ *Harold & Maria Holloway purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert.*



**Harold & Maria Holloway** - July 01, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *I can still remember Linda teaching us the somba in Anita's living room. She had a very lively spirit that was so contagious. I only met her once, but I will remember her forever.*

**Jerrold Anderson** - July 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM

AH

“ Linda,

*You have been a staple in my life as long as I can remember. You have been family to my family, sisters with my mother, and cried with us for my sister. While my love for you was quiet, your love for me was always loud and came with a big smile and huge hug..... I will always appreciate you for the conversions and validations and for being unapologetically you....you were priceless.*

*Miss you on this day ....but will love your memory everyday.*

*ALH*

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**aswad harris** - July 01, 2020 at 08:53 AM

HH

“ *My old Teenage friend many fond memories, I visited Linda on my trips to see my Son and Family in Atlanta. I knew her Late Parents Angus & Esther Carroll, sister Anita (Lorraine) Cousin Wayne Adams, Linda and I talked often via telephone. I will miss those conversations and visits RIP my friend*

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**Harold Holloway** - June 30, 2020 at 10:21 PM

TM

“ *TONYA B MOYD lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert*



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**TONYA B MOYD** - June 30, 2020 at 06:48 PM

TM

“ *We are so sorry about the passing of our beloved cousin Linda. We remember lots of laughter and love whenever she was around. Linda gave you what she had to say straight from the heart, smiled, laughed and kept it moving. Just a jewel that will be missed;(Bernice) I will dearly miss the talks and laughter. Family is what she was to me and I will miss you dearly. God has gained a precious angel. We pray for the family (Chloe, Simone and Anita) to be strengthen with the memories of love that she left behind.  
Much love to you all and our sincere Condolences.*

*Your Cousin Bernice Washington Brooker  
&  
Children: Tonya, Daron Chanda and BJ*

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**TONYA B MOYD** - June 30, 2020 at 06:47 PM

DB

“ Daron F. Brooker by way of Billings MT.  
*If some one would have told me that you would be gone today I wouldn't believe it. So many phone conversations in which you gave me hope that things would always workout. Truly, it's sad to see you go but God Knows best. I send my love to the family. Stay Strong and know that God has us all and our hope is that we shall meet again. Rest on Auntie.*

Daron F. Brooker - June 30, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JD

“ Peace, Strength and Blessings Family.  
*I will always keep the memories of my first vacation 1966 with Linda and Shirley, Puerto Rico & Jamaica.  
Rest In Peace Ole Friend 🙏*



June Durett-Jones - June 30, 2020 at 05:44 PM

BB

“ *We've known each all our lives. I'll miss you always. EBONY QUEEN FOREVER!*

Beverly Parker Butler - June 30, 2020 at 05:09 PM

BB

*Linda Della Reese as I called her. I will certainly miss talking to you. You made me laugh in my saddest moments. REST IN PEACE. Your cousin Bernice Brooker, Barnwell, South Carolina*

Bernice W Brooker - June 30, 2020 at 05:30 PM

BB

*So sorry I couldn't be there with you all to celebrate Linda's homegoing. She is in a better place now. May GOD REST HER SOUL. Praying that the Lord will comfort all of us during this time.*

Bernice W Brooker - June 30, 2020 at 05:56 PM

NM

“ *Anita, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying peace and comfort for you and your family. If I can be of any help, I'm a phone call away.*

Nicole McHenry - June 30, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JJ

“ I met Linda in 1974 when we were both employed by the National Urban League(NUL), located at 477 Madison Avenue, NY, NY. Linda immensely enjoyed her employment with the NUL and the Atlanta Urban League, from where she would ultimately retire. Because we hit it off, I was soon to meet Linda's sister Anita, nephew Corey, Father and mother, Angus and Esther, and cousins Wayne, Kaye and June. My relationship with Linda and her family grew tighter as the years grew long, and I consider myself part of the Carroll family.

Linda always carried herself like a lady and made you feel comfortable in her home, where she would always put on the spread; she was a fabulous cook who enjoyed entertaining her many, many friends and family. When I tasted Linda's Collard greens for the first time, I told my mother to give up cooking. I guess the greens were what led a New Yorker like me to Georgia.

I will so miss Linda and her warm smile.

Judith

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Judith Jones-Birkett - June 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM

JJ

“ Judith Jones-Birkett sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Arnette Carroll-Colbert



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Judith Jones-Birkett - June 29, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BW

To my dear Linda I say no more to you today than I have said to you through our many years of friendship. I love you for being my friend and my chosen sister. I am so blessed that God placed us on our Life journey together and although yours here on earth has ended I look forward to when we meet again. I am grateful for all the love and support we shared through all the highs and lows of life and That we remained together to the end. Your beautiful smile and zest for life will stay in my heart forever. Rest in Peace my dear sister.

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betty wigfall - July 01, 2020 at 02:37 PM