

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Mart Henry  
Eurtis Henry  
Dr. Yul Everline  
Yul Everline, II  
Marvin Everline, Jr.  
Adrian Luchin  
Aaron Luchin  
Yachtze Luchin

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

Special thanks to Valerie Taylor, Marilyn Good, Sidney Guice, Regent Care Center of Kingwood Staff. The tenderness and sensitivity you showed our mother at the end of her life is something we will never forget. Thank you for the comfort you gave mother and the wonderful insights, knowledge, and emotional support you showed our entire family. Watching someone you love to make the transition out of this life is challenging, and your wisdom and comfort helped us navigate this challenging time. Thank you so much for all you are doing.

## *Acknowledgment*

You extended compassion, support, sympathy, and kindness during a time when we needed it the most. Your thoughts, prayers, and beautiful flowers have been a great comfort to our family during this difficult time, and we are truly grateful. Thank you!

~The Family

## *Interment*

Houston Memorial Gardens  
2426 Cullen Parkway  
Pearland, Texas 77484

## *Final Arrangements Entrusted to*



*Celebrating the Life of*

# *Ms. Carolyn Jean Everline*

*Sunrise*  
**July 5, 1936**

*Sunset*  
**June 20, 2022**



## *Service*

**Thursday, June 30, 2022**  
**9:00 AM Viewing | 11:00 AM Service**

**C. A. Dixon III & Sons Funeral Home**  
205 Fidelity Street | Houston, Texas 77029

*Pastor Tim Dixon, Officiant*

# Carolyn Jean Everline

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul (Psalm 23:1-2).*

Carolyn Jean Everline lived a life full of laughter, love, and learning by helping others. Carolyn was a shining light born on July 5, 1936, in Houston, Texas. Carolyn was born to two loving parents (Roosevelt Carlton and Ovesia Hayward). She is preceded in death by her brother Roosevelt Carlton Jr. and sister, Willie Faye Williams.

In early childhood, Carolyn professed her faith and love of Christ at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church (on Gray Street). She believed that serving God and keeping the faith was all one needed to succeed. Singing, reading the Bible, and spending quality time with her family and friends ignited her spirit. At five years old, she tragically lost her parents. Her maternal grandmother (Mary Fitzgerald) raised her alongside her siblings and many family members. Despite life's obstacles, Carolyn Jean's determination soared and propelled her to achieve her dreams and goals. She focused on academics and performed as a majorette at Phyllis Wheatley High School's "Wildcats Marching Band" in Fifth Ward, Texas. At sixteen, she graduated with esteemed peers such as the Honorable Barbara Jordan, a U.S. House of Representatives member. Immediately following graduation, she attended Huston Tillotson University, majoring in Nursing. This choice of study exemplified her kind, friendly, and caring spirit.

Carolyn brought joy and light to her career while growing her family. She welcomed her children Mart, Pam, Robert III, Eurtis (Felicia Henry, RN), Shawndra (Pastor Joseph Johnson), and Yul (Dr. Nicole Everline). Preceding her in death are her children, Pam and Robert III. Her children were her heart, so you could not miss her cheering at volleyball, basketball, track and field, or football games, listening to speeches or musical solos at church, but most of all sharing her glowing smile and infectious joy and love with them. Carolyn was deeply appreciative of the loving relationship she shared with her children.

While raising her family, Carolyn pursued her passion for healthcare. For fifteen years, she sharpened her health administration and management skills while providing oversight and support in maintaining patients' medical records. Carolyn absorbed the knowledge from the healthcare industry and transitioned her career into education. She worked in the Houston Independent School District's Administration building for thirty years while serving in various roles. Again, her spirit of service was centerstage in cultivating an educational pathway for Houstonian children. She always knew the importance of maintaining a sense of fashion and style. Every day she stepped into the office with her hair perfectly styled, make-up and nails flawless, and clothes tailored to her frame. When she smiled and spoke, everyone stopped to listen.

Carolyn capitalized on each opportunity to allow the light of Christ to shine through her acts of service. She was a humanitarian, helping others to realize their fullest potential and purpose. Carolyn loved spending time in the kitchen, creating delicious meals for her family. Neighborhood children would gather around the kitchen table for dinner and loved listening to Carolyn's life experiences. She filled her home with life, love, and laughter. "Wanting everyone to be happy and love each other."

Carolyn's legacy continues through her grandchildren, Mar'e, Kimberly (Marlon), Olivia, Amari, Calvin, Akeelah, Kaitlyn, Yamia, Yul II, and Zoe, along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

*Many asked, "What can I do for your family?" Carolyn left the perfect answer, "Just be happy and love each other."*





# Order of Service

**Processional** ..... Clergy and Family

**Song** .....Betty Bennett

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Aaron Luchin

New Testament ..... Adrian Luchin

**Prayer of Comfort**..... Ray Mackey

**Song** .....Courtney Waters

**Resolutions/Acknowledgement** .....Lessie James

**Obituary**.....Read Silently

**Reflections** ..... Ann Mosley, Friend (Canaan Baptist Church)

**Expressions**..... (2 minutes)

**Song** .....Pastor Billy Williams

**Message of Comfort**..... Pastor Tim Dixon

**Recessional** .....Clergy & Family





### *I Made It Home*

I just wanted to let you all know that I made it home.  
The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too long.

Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh and new.  
I wish that you could close your eyes and that you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand,  
God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of his hands.

Here there is no sadness, no sorrow and no pain.  
Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.  
I really have to go for now... I've just got to try on my wings.

### *When I Am Gone*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will hear.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
**"Welcome Home"**.



### *Don't Grieve For Me*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

# *Tributes of Love*



### *My Mother*

"In tears we saw you sinking,  
We saw you fade away.  
You faced your task with courage,  
Your spirit did not bend.  
But you still kept on fighting,  
Until the very end.  
God saw you getting tired,  
When a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around you;  
And whispered, "Come to me!".  
So when we saw you sleeping,  
So peaceful, free from pain.  
We could not wish you back,  
To suffer that again.  
Always remembered and forever missed  
By your family and friends.

*Love you forever and ever.*  
*Your daughter,*  
*Shawn*

### *Remembering "Granny" With A Smile*

In life we loved you dearly  
in death we love you still  
in our hearts we hold a special  
place no one will ever fill.  
This is not farewell, this is a thank you.  
Thank you for coming into our lives and giving us joy.  
Thank you for loving us and receiving our love in return.  
Thank you for the memories that we will always cherish  
forever.

*Love you always,*  
*Lessie, Michael & Marcus*

### *"To Granny"*

Without You  
The sun still rises in the east  
And darkness falls at night  
But nothing now seems quite the same  
Each day is not as bright.  
The birds still sing, the flowers grow  
The breeze still whispers, too.  
But, it will never, ever be  
The same world without you.  
It's so sad you had to go  
Your leaving caused such pain  
But you were very special,  
And earth's loss is Heaven's gain.

*Love Always,*  
*Your Grandchildren*