



Ms. Faith Bailey

June 13, 1947 - April 20, 2024

Faith Bailey was born on June 13, 1947 in Harlem Hospital, New York, the baby girl of William and Jesse Bailey both of whom have preceded her in death. Faith or Faye as she was called, grew up in the suburb of Corona, NY until her mom packed up the family when Faye was in the 3rd grade and relocated to rural Middleburgh, NY. It was there in Middleburgh where Faye developed her love for plants and flowers. She had a green thumb when it came to her plants. This love would follow her throughout life.

In June of 1965, Faye graduated Middleburgh Central School and returned to the family home in Corona, NY to make her mark on the world. Faye had a desire to try and learn as many things as possible. although she did not return to college to obtain a degree, until she was 70 years old, she taught herself to cornrow, crochet, knit, scrapbooking, jewelry making, photography, and baking. Her love of the English language and vocabulary and her quest for knowledge continued by playing word games such a scrabble daily with her sister, Hazel. She a walking dictionary! This love of word games continued well into her 70s until she could no longer play. Faye's love of photography was something she developed in her 20s and continued until her 70s. You could always find her with two cameras in her bag at all times. She would be photographing family and friends, church events, vacations, foliage, clouds, decorated Christmas trees, making doll clothes; you name it she took a picture of it.

In her yearbook they listed she wanted 10 girls. She has six daughters: Stacy,

Michelle, Courtney, Yvette “KiKi”, L’Naiya and Catherine “Cjae” and then her God daughters Germaine, Ashanti, Shonda and Rebecca. She fulfilled her desire for 10 girls.

Faye loved to travel via cruise and vacation in Disney or simply enjoying nature on a trail ride. She believed in exposing her daughters to a world outside of the community you live in. You would often find her and her travel buddies Marian Bennett (R.I.P), Hattie Williams and later Tammie Taylor (R.I.P.) on an adventure. While traveling, she photographed everything. Faye’s love of caring for children (girls in particular) leads her to become a foster parent in 1985. Before she closed her home in 1992, Faye had fostered a total of 30 girls. She was often complemented on the way she keeps her girls dressed and how her girls never stepped outside without their hair fried, dyed, and laid to the side. Her love of doing hair caused her to learn how to cornrow, straighten and perm hair. Just like with her plants, Faye had a way of growing hair on little girl’s heads. A few of her daughters were often questioned if their hair was real or a weave. As if little brown girls are not supposed to have long hair.

If you saw Faye, then you saw her arm full of West Indian bangles. They were her signature accessory. She often told her children that her bracelets were to bury with her, or she would haunt them from the grave. If you were lucky or blessed to receive a bangle taken from her arm, you have an everlasting memory of something that was dear to her heart.

After raising 6 daughters and then her granddaughter, Mikyiah, Faye decided to return to school and get a college education. Not only did she obtain a degree, but she was on the Dean’s list at 70 years old. She proudly walked the stage arthritis and all before her daughters, granddaughters, and her great granddaughter. She believed in education and continued learning. Her children were not permitted to fail in school. She said if God gave you a brain, then use it!

During her 76 years on this earth, Faith accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church of Corona until

she relocated to Greenville, NC 27 years ago and became an active member of Philippi Church of Christ.

On Saturday, April 20, 2024 God called Faith home after a nine year battle with cancer. No, cancer did not win! If Faye could describe her transition, I believe she would say she hit a triple word bingo! (Scrabble term for the highest score possible) She arrived in heaven- no more pain and suffering. Faith leaves to cherish her memories her six daughters, Stacy Rice of Bronx, NY, Michelle Sasser of Winterville, NC, Courtney Benjamin (David), Yvette White, L'Naiya Bailey and Catherine Bailey all of Greenville, NC; two grandsons , Jordan Mercer of Bronx, NY, Kheon Bradberry of Greenville, NC; two granddaughters, Mikyiah Bailey of Greenville, NC, Rimyiah Sasser of Winterville, NC; her great-granddaughter, Caretta "Kimmie" Mercer of Bronx, NY; four God-daughters, Germaine Stewart, Ashanti Bartlett, Shonda Williams and Rebecca Richmond; one God-son, Tyrone Manning of Little Rock , AK; her brother, Floyd Gars of Middleburgh, NY; sister, Louise Palmore of Brooklyn, NY; segregate sister, Kay Peck -Maxwell of Bronx, NY; her home-care aide, Claudette who became more like family and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Celebration of Life Service

APR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *I miss you so much mama! I will continue to find joy in the beautiful memories that we shared. Love you. Until we meet again* ”



Courtney R Bailey-Benjamin - April 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DP

“ *Darlene Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Faith Bailey* ”



Darlene Phillips - April 24, 2024 at 03:28 PM

RR

“ *My sweet MA Faith !! We love you and miss you !!! To the Bailey, Rice and Benjamin Family May Jesus give you peace, strength and comfort ! We are here we love you !* ”

Rakim Roach - April 24, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DS

“ I’m saddened by your loss but glad for your eternal stay in the Kingdom.

Thank you for always treating me like one of your own when I came to spend time with Courtney. You didn’t play any games with us, at all, when it came to laying down rules, and that’s what we needed. You were an amazing mother and grandmother.

My prayers are with the family. ❤️

Doretha Smith - April 24, 2024 at 02:13 PM

RB

*Sister Faith... Your journey is not over..it is just beginning. You were always an inspiration and reminder of what GOD can do...HIS good works...HIS healing powers. I will miss wrapping my arms around you at Church..the view in front of me will never be the same without you...BUT...GOD has HIS arms around you now. My condolences to Min. Courtney and the family. May GOD continue to comfort you and give you Peace as only HE can do..! Love you all.. 🙏
❤️ Blessings, Sis. Rena Bunns*

Rena Bunns - April 27, 2024 at 10:15 AM

DS

Praying for the family

Dian Smallwood - April 27, 2024 at 12:18 PM

SR

“ Sure going to miss you Mommy - rest easy - your twin , Stacy



Stacy Rice - April 24, 2024 at 07:19 AM

CB

“ *Mama I miss you so much! But I know that you are resting in Jesus and that’s what gives me peace! I love you. Save me a seat! Well done mommy you did a good job! You were good by all of your kids. Life well lived. Rest now mama. Rest!!!!*



Courtney Benjamin - April 23, 2024 at 10:50 AM

MP

MY DEAR BIG SISTER. I AM EXTREMELY HONORED THAT WE WERE APART OF EACH OTHERS LIVES FOR OVER 50 YEARS. YOU WERE A TRUE WOMEN OF GOD WHO TRULY LIVED UP TO YOUR NAME-FAITH! YOU NEVER ALLOWED ANYTHING OR ANYONE TO WAIVER IN YOUR LOVE FOR THE LORD!! THROUGHOUT ALL THE TRAILS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT YOU WERE FACED WITH YOU RELIED SOLEY ON YOUR “FAITH” IN THE LORD! YOU Poured YOUR WHOLE HEART IN ALL THAT YOU DID FOR THOSE IN YOUR LIFE. YOU WERE A SINGLE MOM WHO BY GOD’S LOVE, GRACE , AND MERCY RAISED SIX INCREDIBLE DAUGHTERS WHO YOU WERE BLESSED TO SEE GROW INTO SIX INCREDIBLE WOMEN, FOR WHOM YOU COULD BE PROUD OF. A PART OF YOU LIVES IN EACH OF THEM, AND EVERY OTHER LIFE THAT YOU TOUCHED CAUSING YOUR LEGACY TO LIVE ON IN EACH OF US! SIS, REST WELL IN THE ARMS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER!



MRS. KAY O. PECK-MAXWELL - April 24, 2024 at 04:26 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - April 23, 2024 at 07:10 AM

CM

Never will forgive how we met and shortly after you shared a beautiful granddaughter with me and my family. You have always been supportive of my ministry and I valued our friendship; surely I'm going to miss you and your kind heart and bracelets ❤️

Carolyn Maye - April 24, 2024 at 08:14 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Ms. Faith Bailey*



Ben wooten - April 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Faith Bailey*



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - April 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM