

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F L I F E

Carolyn Yvonne Bigby Haymon

sunrise

SEPT 5, 1950

sunset

JULY 29, 2022



September 2, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 am – Narthex
Funeral: 11:00 am – Sanctuary

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

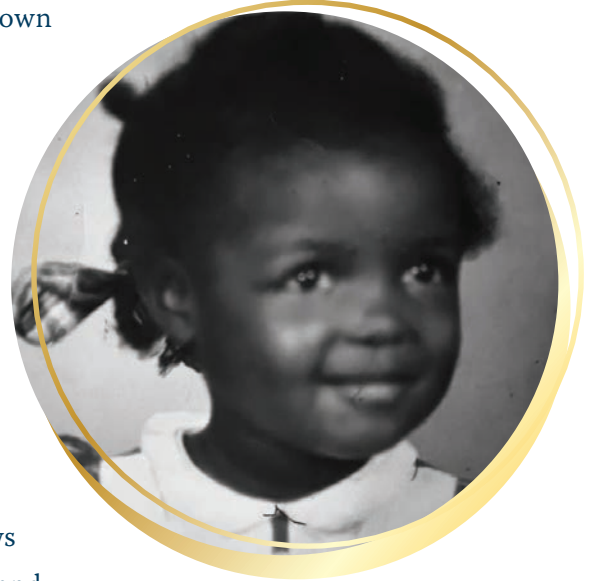
Officiant: Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor

Carolyn was a beautiful person and spirit who enjoyed living life with the love of her family, relatives, and friends. She obtained her degrees from A&T University in Greensboro, NC. While in school, she would also work as a model wearing beautiful fur from one of the top furriers in Winston Salem, NC.

Carolyn loved fashion, and her exceptional sense of style led her to own and operate “Staircase,” a unique high-fashion boutique in Norfolk, VA, for several years. Afterward, she moved to Washington, DC, where she owned and operated a successful novelty business.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn is predeceased by her sister, Diann Patricia, and brother, Roscoe Howard Jr. (Mattie) Bigby.

Carolyn is survived by her loving family, her husband of 38 years, Bill Haymon, her daughters, Lauren Haymon and Briana Murphy (Ian), siblings Jacquelyn Bigby, Leon Bigby, Gilbert Bigby (Sharon), Derry Bigby (Benie), Joyce Williams (Larry), Kenneth Bigby (Dynna), and Deborah Bigby-Obomanu (Ted), loving nephews and nieces, Eric, Howard, Mark, Jessica, Ashley, Robin, Tina, Kyla, and Kelaiah and a host of other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Instrumentalist
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley
Hymn of Rejoicing: “At the Cross”	
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22–26, 31–33	Dynna Bigby
New Testament: John 11:25–26	Ashley Bratton
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Dwayne Reed
Musical Selection: “How Great Thou Art”	Soloist Jacqueline H. Lewis
Acknowledgements	Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley
Tributes/Reflections	Shelli Vasser Gilliam, ASBC
	Debbie Crawford, Cousin
	Margaret Wiggins, ASBC Friend
Musical Selection: “Total Praise”	Voices of Triumph
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley
Closing Prayer and Benediction	Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley
Recessional: “I’ll Fly Away”	

Repast immediately following service

A POETIC MOMENT IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF SISTER CAROLYN HAYMON

by Rev. Samuel Nixon, Jr.

*Dedicated on the occasion of
Carolyn's passing amongst us*



To you, my sister, Carolyn
In this moment of reflection we commit
In recognition of your departure
From the perspectives in which we sit

I remember your note of shock and awe
When you shared what the doctors said they saw
At the end of the year twenty-twenty, during its close
You shared the disruptive message they soberly disclosed

With focused concern, you conveyed what they spoke
Their news of your remaining life span did they painfully note
In declaring it short, but not clear when
You were told that in not many weeks, or months it would end

But you boldly said, in your Carolyn way
They did what they could, but the Lord had the final say
And in your sharing, you spoke, to my surprise
In extending the invite to walk with you in this wise

You calmly stated, as only you could
That you trusted God to do what He would
In keeping you through whatever lay ahead
Because He brought you forth to do what He said

And as I remember the concerns about which you cared
Their consistent pattern was focused around the family you shared
Even as we broke bread, in dining with you and your family at your invite
The love you extended to many was brought even more to light

Because of how special the Lord had gifted His love through you
To bring smiles to many, in addition to Bill, Lauren, and Briana anew
As your days became more difficult to navigate and move
It seemed your spirit lifted higher in a rather special groove

Though death was immanent, and we prayed through each day
The Lord seemed more evident in your eyes and your ways
You gifted so many with uniquely significant and creative notes
The art of your giving left the message of love in our hearts as you wrote

Truly God loaned you to your family and us in a special way
To provide your witness in your songs and the moments that we did pray
Now, Sister Carolyn, take your rest and removal from the daily labor and pain
Knowing that God has provided for the fragrance of your life to remain!

The Haymon-Bigby family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern. The love you have shown has given us great comfort during this difficult time. It will forever be remembered.

I'm prayerful, Dynna

