



## Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield

February 18, 1954 - December 26, 2025

Karen was born on February 18, 1954 at in Chester, Pennsylvania. She was the eldest daughter of Elizabeth “Betty” (Randolph) and the late John “Buddy” Cottman.

On December 26, she transitioned from earth to heaven with her son Erik by her bedside at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC to reunite with her beloved family.

Karen started her early education at Watts Elementary and Smedley Jr High. She graduated in 1972 from Chester High School. She was self – employed as a Home Health Care Aid.

Karen loved music and enjoyed dancing, in her words, “Stomp a mud hole in the floor.” She was the life of every party. One of her greatest attributes was her going above and beyond for her family and making you feel like you were the only one that mattered. I guess you could say that was her love language.

Coming from a sports fanatic family, if you know, then you know she was a cheese head, Green Bay Packers fan. And her husband, oh that was Marvin, Marvin Gay that is and you had better not tell her otherwise. Unapologetically, Karen lived her life on her own terms.

Karen's Love for her family was evident in every moment she shared with us. She was proud of the achievements of all her children and grandchildren. Her love was selfless and no matter what happened, she often let them know that she was there for them and loved unconditionally.

Proceeding her in death: Falashire (son), June and Annette (sisters) and Eric (brother) and Simeon (grandson).

Karen leaves celebrate her life and cherish her memories her beloved mother, Betty and son Erik. Six brothers: Johnathan (Cookie), Jimmy (Gloria), Brian (Rhonda), Omar, Alvin and John (Mattie). Eight sisters: Johanna, Diana (Joel), Freda, Pamela (Arthur), Monique, Kysha (Clarence), Samaria (Sherri) and Shakira (Mark). Six Grandchildren: Eideara Queen Imani, Ya-sin, Amayullh, Rhumaysah, and Eivanna Rose and one Great grandson: Miguel Louis. Her best friends Ellen "Lady" Davis and Lois McGurn, her devoted nieces, nephews and a host cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Community Christian Church  
317 Central Avenue  
Chester, PA 19013  
(610) 876-5197

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Family. My Heartfelt Prayers to Her Children and Mother. I met Karen growing up on Upland St. She lived on tenth and we lived on seventh Upland. She went to school with my brother Warren. But we all knew her as well as my brother. She always was a happy go lucky person. A beautiful smile and a joy to be around. A Beautiful Angel flying amongst us! Rest Peacefully Karen Cottman. God Bless the Family.* ”



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**Roslyn Rainey** - January 20 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Miss Nay Anderson lit a candle in memory of Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield* ”



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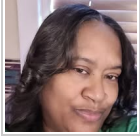
**Miss Nay Anderson** - January 19 at 07:34 PM

EM

“ *Sending my condolences and love to the Cottman family, Karen was a loving and exceptional friend. Your love and genuine friendship will be missed. You where one in a million Friend* ❤️ ”

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**Emma** - January 19 at 07:24 PM



“ *Last time I saw Karen was at my dad's funeral...Rev. Lawrence Brown...she was married to my cousin James...she continued to have contact with the family she loved us as much as we loved her...RIP Karen.*

Nessa Berry - January 19 at 06:45 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield.*



January 18 at 04:21 PM



“ *Scott Family lit a candle in memory of Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield*



Scott Family - January 18 at 11:14 AM



“ *The Scott Family lit a candle in memory of Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield*



The Scott Family - January 17 at 09:09 PM

TW

“ From The Pinder Family to the Cottman Family We send our deepest condolences and sympathy. Karen has always been a genuine friend to us and it was great seeing her at the Colbert family Gathering last year. She was her normal helpful self which has always been her MO. She will always be a light of goodness to me and mine. With sorrow and much love I send much love.

Theresa M Williams - January 15 at 03:34 PM

OM

“ Karen was one of the best friends I ever had we go back over 60 years .I am really going to miss her friendship laughter and just a beautiful person LIBBY

Olivia Mosley-Stanback - January 15 at 01:36 PM

IA

“ Our condolences to my cousin/sis family. I am missing you so much...I will miss our talks & wishing everyone you know a happy birthday...I will miss ur smile and how you touched all of our hearts with your unconditional love i don't what I'm going to do without you...

Inger & Meazo Armour - January 14 at 07:27 PM

IA

“ Inger & Meazo Armour lit a candle in memory of Karen F. Cottman-Mansfield



Inger & Meazo Armour - January 14 at 07:25 PM

IA

“ Our condolences to my cousin/sis family. I am missing you so much...I will miss our talks & wishing everyone you know a happy birthday...I will miss ur smile and how you touched all of our hearts with your unconditional love....i don't know what I'm going to do without you....love u

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**Inger & Meazo Armour** - January 14 at 07:22 PM

JD

“ Karen you've been my sister/friend all my life, tomorrow is the first time I'll miss your phone call singing happy birthday. You left me the same day as my sister. Rest well girlfriend, you will never be forgotten and always loved.  
Joetta C Davis



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**Joetta C Davis** - January 14 at 07:06 PM

AD

Karen my special hello to you will be so missed ❤️. Everytime we greeted each other you would shout ( Nettie and I would shout Celie) from the color purple 💜 lol I miss you my sister, my friend. Sleep in Peace I Love you. Arnell Davis

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**Arnell Davis** - January 20 at 10:36 AM