



## Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)

August 3, 1949 - May 30, 2025

ANDREWS, Mrs. Carol Joy (Gates) - Age 75, passed away Friday, May 30, 2025 at Lavigne Home for Compassionate Care. Family hour 11:00 AM Monday, June 9, 2025 at Bethlehem Temple of the Apostolic Faith, 3401 Dr. Martin L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM. Family and friends will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Monday. Mrs. Andrews will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Carol Joy Andrews was born on August 3, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to Evangelist Pinella (Tyson) and Reverend Isaiah Andrews. She was the only child born to her mother and the eighth and youngest child of her father. Her name was chosen with great care: Carol, meaning a song of praise, and Joy, because she brought so much happiness into the lives of those around her. Carol was baptized in Jesus Name and received the Holy Ghost at age 7 in Detroit, MI. Being Baptized again later under the leadership of Eld. BT Scott - Bethlehem Temple Church, Flint, MI. One of Carol's most meaningful contributions was her time as choir director and lead musician at Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith alongside the late Greg Massey. Carol was instrumental in helping guide the congregation as they transitioned from their former location at 918 Spencer Street to the new location at 3401 Martin Luther King Avenue (formerly Detroit Street) in Flint, Michigan. Her leadership, faith, and unwavering commitment left a lasting mark on the church and in the hearts of everyone she served alongside. Her dedication to the ministry went

far beyond music—she became a steady and inspiring presence during a pivotal chapter in the church’s history. Carol’s early career reflected her strong work ethic and adaptability. Over the years, she held positions with Michael Lynn Lighting, Michigan Secretary of State, and Michigan Bell as a switchboard operator. She later worked at Fisher Body and retired from General Motors—AC Delphi in 1999 after years of dedicated service. After retirement, Carol remained active and involved in her community. She was a devoted volunteer at the Mott Applewood Estate for many years, continuing her service until 2024. In recent years, she also found joy and purpose in walking and volunteering alongside her daughter in Crim Races & GirlTrek—a national movement focused on health and healing for Black women. Carol was raised surrounded by older siblings and grew up alongside her nieces and nephews. Affectionately called “Baby Sis” by her beloved sister Betty Jean; her protector, Carol Joy fondly called her “Momma Sis”. Carol held a cherished place in the hearts of her family. Her life was a testament to the meaning of her name: a source of joy, light, and love to all who knew her. Music was in her bones. Born into a musically gifted family, Carol inherited her parents’ talent and passion for music. A skilled pianist from a young age, she often accompanied her parents to Apostolic churches throughout Michigan and abroad, serving as their musician and singing alongside her mother. Her music was not just a gift—it was a ministry, and she used it to uplift and inspire those around her. Her music touched lives and lifted spirits. Growing up in Detroit, Carol Joy attended Detroit Public Schools and travelled with the P.A.W. in Ministry with her parents and their close friends, the Late Bishop William C. Abney and Eld Willie Elam and families. Her 1st job was babysitting Bishop Abney’s grandchildren now known as DeBarge. After the passing of her Father, her Mother remarried Willie Jones and relocated her to Bay City, MI where she graduated from Bay City Central in 1967. They later relocated to Flint and Carol Joy became an extension to the Massey family, referring to her as “daughter”. She maintained close relationships with high school best friend Dazerene “Daz” Ball and with the Massey family until God called her home.

Carol Joy Andrews Sunrise: August 3, 1949 – Sunset: May 30, 2025 Carol shared a meaningful chapter of her life with Terry Gates, and from that union came her greatest joys—four beloved children: her sons Anthony, twins Aaron and Byron, and her beloved daughter and primary caretaker, Chylawn, whom she lovingly called “SunChyne.” Carol was full of sass, laughter, and love for a good practical joke. She had a passion for collecting music and books, enjoyed traveling to visit her grandchildren, and could often be found playing games on her Sony PlayStation. She loved recording her favorite shows on her DVR—ready to replay them whenever guests came over. She also loved singing on the phone while talking with her Sister Betty Jean “Momma Sis”....they talked EVERY single day. Carol never met a stranger. She had a gift for striking up spontaneous conversations and turning them into lasting friendships. Her presence lit up every room, and she left a mark on every heart she touched. Carol’s life was one of grace, generosity, and quiet strength. During the past year, she never lost her faith in God; she believed that God would heal her....and He has! She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and love—reflected in every life she touched and every song she played. One of her most memorable sayings was, “Glad you came,” a sweetly humorous way of letting you know that she enjoyed your company but...it was time for you to go! Carol Joy left her earthly body full of spiritual life!She leaves to cherish her memory - Children: Anthony Gates, Sr., Chylawn Gates-Jackson, Aaron (Tamra) Gates, Sr., Byron Gates, Sr. Fourteen (14) Grandchildren: 1st Grandchild - David Isaiah Gates, Sr. Christopher Jackson, II., Christian Jackson, Antonyo Jackson, Sr., Aaron “LA” (Da’Keeta) Gates, Jr., Byron Gates Jr., Brejae Gates, Anthony Gates, Jr., RaeKwon Slaughter, Aaliyah Gates, Zechariah Turner (Spring, TX), Jamari Donnell, Maya Mance, Kiara Duncan. 9 Great Grandchildren: Laila “Lil Boochie” Gates, David “Digii” Gates, II., Noah Gates, Cameron Jackson, Carter Jackson, Aceion Williams, Samaya Gates, Isaiah Meniefield. Surviving Siblings, Sister Betty Jean Andrews & Bonus Sister Evg. Beverly Williams. Many Nieces, Nephews,

Cousins and descendants of the Andrews & Tyson Families. Special Nieces, "Kimmie" Lucas, Stephanie "Stevie" Lorris and Special Cousin Douglas Smith. Many families that she adopted into her heart: God Sister Sharon House-Stockman, McMullen, & Family; BettyJo Levels & Family; Chris Jackson and Family, Brazle & Owens Families, the Steele Family, Regina & Whitney White & family, Bonus Son Clyde "Boola" Childress & Strozier Family. Carol Joy was preceded in death by her parents: Isaiah Andrews (1962) and Pinella (Tyson) Andrews-Jones (May 1975). Brothers: Clifford "Shorty", Isaiah "Ike" & Robert "Pete" Andrews Sisters: Arnell Andrews-Peeks, Claretha Andrews-Forbes & Mary Andrews-Purnell, Step Parents Deacon Willie Jones & Evg. Corrine Williams-Jones, Special Cousin Judith Sheldon

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith  
3401 M.L. King Ave.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith  
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# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Hey GG! Yesterday was my birthday. Missed hearing you sing but I know you had the angels in heaven on one accord singing to me.

*I miss you so much. I love you forever ! ❤️*

Christian Jackson - January 23 at 11:53 AM

CH

“ Carolyn (Cardwell) Hudson lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



Carolyn (Cardwell) Hudson - June 17, 2025 at 12:32 AM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



Mary Dantzler-Grace - June 12, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



Mary Dantzler-Grace - June 09, 2025 at 03:10 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



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**Pam Williams** - June 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates).



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June 07, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)



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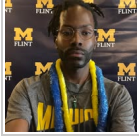
**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - June 07, 2025 at 06:52 AM

SF

“ Sending, my Love, thoughts and prayers to you Chylawn and the rest of the family during this most difficult time. Chy, you know I am just a phone call away if you need me!

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**Sherika Finklea** - June 06, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Sending my love ,thoughts,and prayers to the Family of Mrs Carol Andrews(Gates) whom my church family and I affectionately called her Sis Carrol. She was such a precious jewel and such a beautiful and genuine person inside and out ,with such a very pleasant spirit. I was deeply saddened to have learned of her transition and she will be greatly missed.

To the family I love y'all dearly. ❤️🙏😞

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**Rasq Quan** - June 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



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**Tanya Jefferson** - June 04, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ EQC lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



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**EQC** - June 04, 2025 at 10:30 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)*



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**Cassandra Burks** - June 04, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CB

“ *Sending condolences to Carol family. A beautiful a kind spirit will be missed.*

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**Cassandra Burks** - June 04, 2025 at 12:29 PM

EM

“ *Eric McElroy lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)*



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**Eric McElroy** - June 04, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RK

“ *Sorry for your Loss of your Mother praying for the Gates family Tony you're in my prayers keep ya head up !!*



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**Rashawnda Knight** - June 04, 2025 at 09:52 AM

TG

“ Trina Gates lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)



Trina Gates - June 04, 2025 at 09:43 AM

MJ

“ Marcella Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)



Marcella Jackson - June 03, 2025 at 09:18 PM

NS

“ Niquai Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)



Niquai Shaw - June 03, 2025 at 06:37 PM

LM

“ Lillette McMullen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)



Lillette McMullen - June 03, 2025 at 06:36 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)* ”



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**Excelento Davis** - June 03, 2025 at 03:23 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)* ”



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**Excelento Davis** - June 03, 2025 at 03:23 PM

KW

“ *Kayla Williams lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)* ”



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**Kayla Williams** - June 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AG

“ *Anthony Gates lit a candle in memory of Carol Andrews (Gates)* ”



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**Anthony Gates** - June 03, 2025 at 11:30 AM

LL

“ *Laura Legardye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Laura Legardye - June 03, 2025 at 09:30 AM

PU

“ *Punkin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Punkin - June 02, 2025 at 08:53 PM

SD

“ *Sherry Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Sherry Dixon - June 02, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ *James And Carolyn (Cardwell) Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



James and Carolyn (Cardwell) Hudson - June 02, 2025 at 06:34 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Maxine Massey - June 02, 2025 at 04:46 PM

ZW

“ *Zackery White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Zackery White - June 02, 2025 at 04:28 AM

CC

“ *My prayers and condolences to her family. Carol was such a sweet gentle person from the moment I met her as a neighbor on Holbrook in Flint. We would touch bases via Facebook from time to time. May God grant her entire family the peace that surpasses all understanding*



Charlene Causey - June 01, 2025 at 11:08 PM

CW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You are in my thoughts and you're in my prayers.*  
*Cleo White*



Cleophas White - June 01, 2025 at 07:11 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Andrews*



Sandy Neal - May 31, 2025 at 10:36 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Andrews*



Sandy Neal - May 31, 2025 at 10:35 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Aileen Spence - May 30, 2025 at 04:59 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



Aileen Spence - May 30, 2025 at 04:59 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carol Joy Andrews (Gates)*



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**Aileen Spence** - May 30, 2025 at 04:58 PM