



Karen Melchor

July 14, 1950 - December 9, 2008

On July 14, 1950 Karen Melchor was born to Katie Sylvia Howard (predeceased) and Wilbert L. Melchor (predeceased). She was one of eight children, Geneva S. Melchor, Wilbert L. Melchor Jr., (predeceased), Bruce W. Melchor (predeceased), Sharon D. Melchor, Richard L. Melchor, Lucille L. Melchor and Daniel H. Melchor.

Karen graduated with honors from Mabel Dean Bacon High School top of her class, after nursing school, she later pursued a short career as a Operating Room Nursing Assistant (ORNA) Long Island College Hospital. In the mid 70's she met a man that would eventually steal her heart. He was a handsome outgoing fella who would do anything to get her attention. His name was Orvin Ronan. Karen and Ronan spent endless hours together, which resulted to over 30 years. Ronan passed away January 9, 2005 during their almost half-century together. He helped her raise four children Samaria Estwick (Henrigues), Dennis Estwick, Tennille Ronan (Stewart) and Joy Ronan (Dominques). Karen had a full life raising her children, which presented a challenge within itself. In a neighborhood with no promise she forsake her dreams, to nourish the upbringing of her children. Her methods were questionable to those who couldn't see her long term goal. She was not just a mother, but a disciplinarian, educator, social worker and a moral builder. She went beyond the call of duty to reinforce independence amongst her children. Karen prided herself that "she did not lose any of her kids to the streets", by

drugs and violence that plagued our community. However, her kids serve these same communities as civil servants, who are gainfully employed by each of your Federal, State, and local Governments. Job well done! A battle won! Will be missed dearly. Karen (Nana) reward for a job well done, were her 12 grandchildren. Each as she describe "As her revenge" to all the turmoil her kids put her through. Every one of them can remember a talk with "Nana", she was very stern and strict. They spent endless nights listening to stories which involved their parents. Sometimes talking until the sun rose. Karen didn't smile much, but her grandchildren lit up her spirit. Each one brought her a profound happiness. The time she spent with Shyana, Shawny, Denise, Bruce, Malik, Lucciano, Makayla, Sanjay, Isiah, Cayenne, Kirk and Serrel was golden. She showered them with love and gifts and more importantly, valuable lessons. She will be missed dearly.

Karen is survived by her daughter in law Aisha, and three sons-in-law Tom (her favorite), Carl and Curtis. And a host of nieces and nephews. Of course her best friend in the entire world Joanne. She will be missed dearly.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Melchor*

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