



## Ms. Karen Bannister

August 4, 1958 - March 29, 2021

Miss Karen, Mommie, Cabbage, Special K, better known as, Karen Ellen Bannister was born on a sunny day alongside her twin brother Keith Everett Bannister on August 4, 1958 to the parents of James Bannister and Blanche Everette at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Karen attended grammar school at Crown Elementary. She graduated eighth grade from Stockon Elementary. She then attended Nicolas Senn High School whereas she graduated as a senior and continued her education at Harry S. Truman Community College whereas she obtained her Associated in Accounting.

Even though Karen accepted Christ at an early age, she continued her fellowship with many churches. She was a tirelessly active member on Monday nights at Pleasant Grove Substance Abuse Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Charles A. Hamilton. She ultimately joined Sweet Holy Spirit Baptist Church and became a dedicated member serving the Mothers Board under Bishop Larry Trotter's direction.

Karen was always known to be a jack of many trades. She was a mail sorter for USPS, Accountant for the Chicago Bulls, Youth Counselor, Culinary Graduate, School Bus Driver, among numerous entrepreneur endeavors. Miss Karen was known to help anyone who crossed paths with her to always share accurate honest advice with anyone who asked. Everybody loved "Mommie", hardly a mean bone in her body.

On Monday, March 29, 2021, Karen was called home to be with the Lord.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories, two daughters Elizabeth and Rachell; grandsons Elijah and Rahsaan Everett; twin brother Keith; stepchildren Readale Thomas Jr., and Shantell Thomas; her Godchildren April, Brittany, Romell, Koryell and Sabrina; best friends Alice, Maria, Nadine and Gwen; and a host of in-laws, cousins, great aunts and uncles, and plenty of people who loved and were impacted by Miss Karen's radiance. She cherished her nieces and nephews and acted as a second mother to all.

Miss Karen has lived a beautiful life and has been a prime example of never giving up and as she transitions to the next life/milestone...she would want us all to do the same.

# Events

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**APR 10**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 03:30PM

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851 East 75th Street, Chicago, IL, US, 60619

**APR 10**   **Service**   03:30PM

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