



## Ms. Charitha Matthews

August 13, 1968 - August 4, 2024

Charitha Yvette Matthews, 55, was born on August 13, 1968, to Almetter "Meada" Matthews Knighten, Audubon "Larry" Walls. On August 4, 2024 Charitha transitioned to eternal peace at home in Plano, Texas at 3:31 a.m. surrounded by family. Charitha attended Peoria "Central" High where she graduated in 1986. In 2010, Charitha graduated from ECPI College with a bachelor's in healthcare administration. Charitha moved to Northwestern Illinois, Indiana, and Columbia, South Carolina before finally settling in Texas in 2017. Charitha's last job was Children's Health of Dallas, where she was a Health Care Unit Coordinator (HUC). Charitha enjoyed spending quality time with family, friends and her five grandchildren who referred to her as "Gigi". Charitha liked playing spades and dominos. She had a fond love of going to concerts, amusement parks and traveling; rather it was with friends or by herself. If there was music Charitha would be dancing. Growing up as the only girl she was affectionately called "Woot". She would become well rounded in sports, had a keen eye for detail and a very strong personality to say the least. She was a true Leo, to the end. Within the last year she deepened her faith and attended New Life Christian Church frequently online.

She leaves to cherish her most memories with her children: Chateau Tiana Matthews, Gerald Rayquan Anderson, Payton Jabri Matthews; grandchildren: T'Marie Tillman, Taryn Tillman, Taelin Tillman, Kamari Anderson, Trhue Tillman; Siblings: Steven D. Matthews, LaCarlos D. Knighten, and The Walls

Siblings; Aunt: Ida Jean Lee "Auntie Mama"; Uncle: Fredrick C. Matthews "Unc"; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother: Almetter Matthews Knighten; Stepfather Tommy L Knighten "Bubba", Grandson Tevin Tillman Jr., Grandparents Mattie Mae & Douglas C. Matthews, Aunts Maxene Matthews Harris, Phyllis Matthews Russell, Uncle Frazier Matthews, Cousins: Victor Burnside, Kevin Burnside, and Timothy Thomas. Charitha will be greatly missed by ALL whom she crossed paths with. We love you Mommy!!!!

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at New Life Christian Church 2018 W. Kellogg Ave West Peoria, Illinois 61604. 12:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior at 11:00 a.m. Sr. Pastor Ahmad Dawson Sr. will host, and Pastor Spencer Gibson will present the Eulogy. Arrangements were made especially for the "Matthews" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Charitha's inurnment is private. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ms. Charitha Matthews, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Full Scripture: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come" -Proverbs 31:25-31. Another Scripture: Serenity Prayer

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Life Christian Church  
2018 W. Kellogg Ave  
West Peoria , IL 61604

### Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Christian Church  
2018 W. Kellogg Ave  
West Peoria , IL 61604

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Charitha and I met in Columbia SC many years ago and we became steadfast friends. I called her Chi-Town! Over the years I became friends with her children and met her grand kids. We shared lots of laughs, some tears, but lots of joy and memorable moments. She often told me I was a great and dependable friend just as she was. I send my condolences to the family. I will miss you friend. I will miss you huge personalities. You fought a great fight! May you Rest in Power!!

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**Kenny Pendergrass** - August 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM

MB

“ Rest easy my friend. I will hold on to these very good memories. The laughter we shared was awesome. I am grateful to have you for a friend. 🥺💔.I will miss you 🥺💔 May God watch over your family. ❤️❤️

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**Mimi Buckley** - August 13, 2024 at 08:57 PM

WD

“ I love you always and forever my other mama rest in eternal peace and happy birthday

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**whitney drummond** - August 13, 2024 at 12:29 PM

AT

“ *Charitha has always been so full of life. When they would come to Chicago we had great times. She was the only one that would ask for a soda and her Aunt Louise would make sure she got one. Years passed and we end up meeting up again in Texas. Wherever we went she was definitely the life of the party. I will trust miss her and until I see her again I'm going to be living my life likes it's Golden just like she did. Rest well Cuzzin*

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**Annette Thomas** - August 13, 2024 at 10:53 AM

JM

“ *Jacqueline McKinley-Willis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Charitha Matthews*



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**Jacqueline McKinley-Willis** - August 13, 2024 at 08:53 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Charitha Matthews*



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**Kathy Collins** - August 12, 2024 at 02:38 PM

CT

“ *Charitha’s(Woot) life has touched so many people along the way. We met in school and found out we had relatives in common. She always been a real and that’s what I love about her. Rest in Peace, girl you will be missed by all you have touched in life. Prayers and condolences to her children, Steve, Carlos, and the family.*



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**Camille Thomas-Harris** - August 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM

PL

“ *We grew up together. You were always a wonderful person. The world will miss your presence*

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**Pip Lilly** - August 10, 2024 at 03:13 PM

SW

“ *Sonya Wade lit a candle in memory of Ms. Charitha Matthews*



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**Sonya wade** - August 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ *Ms Charitha , My Beautiful Bonus Sister !!  
All I have are Great Memories growing up !!  
Laughter n Fun Times. ❤️*



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**Mrs Mariola (Sharon) Smith** - August 09, 2024 at 08:44 PM

TW

“ I am sorry for your loss my condolences to the family Charitha was a beautiful woman and a great friend I remember all the times we had in the Pierson she used to come over my house and used to make me laugh I thought of her as a little sister but she was so mature I was surrounded by family members of hers but didn't know that until we talked a few years ago she was doing her bucket list and now I know why she looked so happy I told her that I will always have something in common her birthday is my granddaughter birthday too she will always be with me rest in peace little sister 💙  
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Tanya Woods - August 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Ms. Charitha Matthews



Dorothea Banks-Burse - August 09, 2024 at 02:33 AM

AN

“ You were beautiful Charitha and you will greatly missed 🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️



Angie - August 09, 2024 at 01:12 AM