



## Charlene Buie

September 22, 1958 - August 16, 2025

Charlene Faye Buie was a woman of strength, love, and devotion. Born on September 22, 1958, she lived a life marked by service, family, and an adventurous spirit until her passing on August 16, 2025.

Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago to her loving parents, the late Lola Buie and Charles Buie. She grew up alongside her siblings, three sisters and three brothers, and is now reunited with her family members that preceded her in death, including her sisters, Loretta Vance, and Lola Mae, and brothers, Larry Vance and Gregory Buie.

Charlene served her country with honor in the United States Army. Her courage and discipline became guiding forces in her life and in the lives of those she loved. She selflessly raised her two nieces and her nephew as her own, becoming their steady foundation and spiritual protector. Her youngest niece recalls the daily prayers and blessings Charlene spoke over them, even anointing their foreheads with Pam oil—a lasting reminder of her faith and care.

Charlene was a free-spirited traveler, driven by boundless energy and a deep sense of curiosity. Rarely staying in one place for long, she embraced the freedom of movement, often returning to special places that grounded her, such as Chicago and Milwaukee. With her adventurous heart and fearless

outlook, she inspired those around her to live boldly, love openly, and welcome the unknown with grace and wonder.

To her only child, she was everything— “all I ever knew.” To her nephew Rodney, she was a voice of courage and strength. To her brother Curt, she was both tough love and constant care. To her sister Darlene, she was courage and strength. To all who knew her, Charlene was a giver, a guide, and a protector.

Though her passing came suddenly, her love, wisdom, and adventurous spirit will forever live in the hearts of her family and friends. Charlene leaves to cherish her memories, her son, Asua, brother, Curt, sisters, Lorain and Darlene, granddaughter, Savannah, several nieces and nephews, and friends.