



An Appreciation

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their love and support that was in the form of prayer, flowers, cards and the gifts of your volunteering of your time. Our family realized how blessed we are to have such amazing supportive friends and family.

Felix, McShell, Felicia and Bayli

A special thank you to Union Evangelistic Baptist Church and Pentecostal Church of Harvey for graciously opening their doors and service to our family.

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Nabors Family Funeral Home
 Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.
 470 W. 172nd St
 Thornton, Illinois 60476
 Office/Cell: 708-704-5023

*Expect Great Service...
 and Receive Greater.*



FREDERICA
 MARIE
Lairston

Life Reflections

Born on December 13, 1951, Frederica Marie Hairston was our special gift from God. She was affectionately known as Freddie or Mrs. Freddie. She was born to the late Fred Coleman and Helen Coleman-Dancer. Frederica Hairston accepted Christ at an early age at Zion Gate M.B. Church. Later in life she became a devoted usher at Livestone M.B Baptist Church and later a member at Apostolic Faith Church.

Frederica never imagined the high-yellow (her words often) baseball player she often teased would become her forever soul met. Frederica met Felix Hairston in Columbus, Mississippi where they attended the picture show and she became his cheerleader during his baseball games. The two became one on March 3, 1968. Frederica and Felix moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1968. Frederica blessed the world with two beautiful Daughters, McShell Clarke and Felicia Marie Hairston.

Frederica began her big city life working at Sears Roebuck in Aurora, IL as a billing specialist, where she began her career of billing coding. After Sears closed their doors, Frederica went on to work at Lawndale Christian Health Center where she allowed her light to shine in several departments. She did not just work in the billing office or as a receptionist but she was the smile and warm spirit that many looked forward to seeing and interacting with each day. After Lawndale Christian Health Center, Frederica began working at Macy's as a sales associate. She was known for her keen eye for style. Frederica had a unique talent for finding beauty in detail and knowing the latest trends. She gave "service with a smile. She was known for her infectious smile and unwavering kindness, always greeting every customer as if they were an old friend and treating her colleagues as family.

Frederica was called home by the Lord on January 26, 2026. She is survived by her husband, Felix Hairston, Jr. Dolton, IL, her two daughters McShell Clarke, Dolton, IL, and Felicia Hairston Chicago, IL. Her beloved granddaughter, Bayli Pittman Chicago, IL. Her two sisters, Helen M. Dancer-Duncan Dennis, San Jose, CA and Rhonda Faye Lee, Columbus, MS and her brother John D. Dancer. Columbus, MS. She leaves behind nieces, nephews and cousins that will miss her dearly.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother Willie Lee and two sisters Virginia Ann and Yvonne C. Neal.

Frederica enjoyed cooking, spending time with her family, watching Lifetime and NCIS. Each week she looked forward to Thursdays, granny and granddaughter time together. She was a quiet sanctuary for so many throughout the years. She developed the title of "Auntie" to others who enjoyed her listening ear and warm heart. Her smile lit up every room she entered. Macy's colleagues called her Mother Theresa, because she saw the good in everyone. She carried herself with a timeless elegance that brightened every room she entered. She leaves a legacy of love and will truly be missed.

Expressions of Love

Bud, life will never be the same. You were my rock, my everything. I will hold on to our 57 years together and remember all the times we shared together. Until we meet again.
Bud (Your Husband Felix)

It is because of you I have compassion and empathy for others. It is because of you I can push through difficult situations with my head held high. You taught me to have faith and to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Thank you for being the most amazing granny to Bayli; am grateful she was able to experience your unconditional love. Rest well mommy until we meet again.

Lisa

I will miss hearing you say, "hey girlie, girlie, girlie," I will miss our mall time together and how you would get mommy for not taking me to McDonald's. My love for perfume and purses grew because of you. Most of all I will just miss being with you. I love you granny

Bayli

Momma, you were the glue and you held our family together. I will miss you.
Shell

The moment that you left me my heart split in two. One side filled with memories; the other side died with you. I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek. REMEMBERING our song, "Have you seen her, tell me have you seen her," I sing it every day; but missing you is a heartache that will never go away. I will hold you tightly within my heart and here you will remain. You see life has gone on without you but it will never be the same.

Your baby sister

For 13 years, Frederica was a pillar of Macy's River Oaks family, where she was known simply and affectionately to everyone as "Ms. Freddy." To Frederica, her colleagues weren't just coworkers-they were a second family. She possessed the rare gift of knowing someone in every corner of the store, crossing department lines with a radiant smile that acted as a beacon of warmth. In recent years, she came to the Men's department, where her spirited laughter and joyful greetings served as the bookends to everyone's day. To pass by Ms. Freddy was to be reminded that a kind word and a bright spirit could change the world around you.

Your Macy's family

We shared incredible moments at work, which blossomed into beautiful friendships that transcended our job descriptions. We were a support system, lifting each other up through laughter, prayers, tears, and even meals together. Your presence will be deeply missed, dear friend. May you now rest in eternal peace, and we will reunite in the heavenly upper room.

The UPPER ROOM CREW - Regina, Karen, Michelle, Conne, and Daphine.

Order of Service

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Wake: 10AM Homegoing: 11AM
Union Evangelistic Baptist Church
1625 Center Avenue
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Organ Prelude

Processional

Mistress of Ceremonies – Janette Sanders

Opening Prayer – Elder Kenneth Moore

Scripture – Elder Kenneth Moore

Solo – Karen Watkins

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Obituary – Mrs. Judith Byrd

Solo – Karen Watkins

Tributes (Family and Friends Remarks - 2 minutes)

Eulogy – Pastor LeRoy Jones II

Closing Prayer – LeRoy Jones II

Final Viewing

Recessional to Cemetery

Interment

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleums
801 Michigan City Rd, Calumet City, IL 60409

Repast

The Pentocostal Church of Harvey
16423 Lathrop Ave
Harvey, IL 60426

