



## Genean Long

January 29, 1936 - November 8, 2017

Willie Betty Johnson was born on January 28, 1938 to the union of Anna and Thomas Johnson, and reared by her mother and step-father Willie Cartwright. She was the first born of six children in the household, her siblings included: Alice, Pearl, Mary, Barbara and Gregory. Willie B. married Robert Green in 1954 in Caruthersville, MO, and to that union was born Beverly, Robert and Eleah. Adopting the name Genean in adulthood, she relocated to Aurora, Illinois, and married her current husband Terry Long in 1975. To that union was added one child, Marvin.

Genean was educated in the Chicago and Caruthersville public school systems, and then moved on to higher education as a licensed practical nurse. She received Christ and was baptized at the St. Paul Baptist Church in Caruthersville. She attended Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church in Aurora for more than 35 years. She loved her church community led by Pastor and Sister Neighbors. They were her best friends until the very end.

Genean was a prayer warrior and many were healed by the gift that God gave her. She loved going to church and shopping. She especially enjoyed cooking meals for her family and decorating the house. Jewelry was her thing. She had impeccable taste in fashion and interior decorating.

Genean transitioned from this life on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. She was preceded in death by both parents Anna and Willie Cartwright, and two sisters, Alice Hollywood and Mary Cagle. She leaves to mourn her passing: two sisters, Pearl Williams and Barbara Rodgers (Tee Willis); a brother, Gregory Cartwright; her husband, Terry Long; sons Robert Green (Diana) and Marvin Long; daughters, Beverly Robinson and Eleah Berry; her grandchildren, Neiva, Chunetil, Conethia, Opal (Robert), Adrienne, Charlena, Donitha, Aretta, Willard, Danielle and Robert; 21 great-grandchildren, Elajayii, Ime, Tela, Deandria, Rachel, Kendrick, Zaniah, Khari, Cameron, Cymone, Anthony, Zaire, Robert "Logan," Isaac, Victoria, Willard III, Quentin, Christin, Timothy, Daija, Daniya; and two great-great-

grandchildren, Aria and Caiden.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Friendly Outreach

1625 Washington, Florissant, MO, US, 63033

**NOV**   **Service**   11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Love Marsha & Lisa Flowers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Genean Long.



**Lisa Y Benson** - November 13, 2017 at 08:17 PM

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“ Marsha Flowers lit a candle in memory of Genean Long



**Marsha Flowers** - November 12, 2017 at 07:02 PM

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“ It's very difficult to to write with a heart so heavy and how should I start? My grandmother was my twin and my kindred spirit; we shared so many special memories together. She was one of my biggest supporter and my #1 cheerleader. From the very beginning when I was a little girl she would be the one that bought me my first play beauty salon, baby dolls, Barbie head with the make-up, rollers, blow dryer, combs, etc. Which ignited my natural passion to be a cosmetologist/stylist. She was my 1ST mannequin and the one who I would practice on using my make-up as well as creating my favorite hairstyles. Oh how I loved using my imagination while brushing and styling her hair:). As the years would go on, I received so much gratification and pleasure just from shampooing and brushing her hair. It's almost unexplainable the feeling that I would get just from brushing her hair and massaging and oiling her scalp. I looked forward to that special time that we spent together. Whether it was making cookies, cooking in the kitchen or just sitting on the porch sipping a drink and talking. As an adult, when I didn't have the funds and would do hair out of my kitchen she was always right there and later when I opened my first beauty salon she was my first customer and in my styling chair weekly even when no one else was coming through the door, and she would always pay for her services and leave a little gratuity as to show support. She wanted to support me and my vision and she guided me and gave me a few lessons about business ethics and customer service. I always appreciated her for that and would treat her to shrimp after our day at the salon. When I had the dream of moving to Scottsdale, Arizona to

open my salon there she totally supported that dream and encouraged me to go for it . One of my fondest most recent memories was her 80th birthday party, which is one of the best experiences of my life. She was tickled pink and overwhelmed with joy. I last saw her this past February 2017 where we enjoyed lots of laughs and barbecue together and although I live all the way across the country. I made it my mission to see her as regularly as I could. I will cherish the fact that she was able to see 5 generations and the fact that she was around to even enjoy my grandbaby, how precious. I will miss her but I am blessed from all her wisdom, guidance, support and for her being there to teach me how to be a lady. She was the original Diva and could do it like no other. I love you granny....Sincerely, your Chuny Bear.. RIH



**InfiniteHair ByChunetil** - November 11, 2017 at 09:59 AM