



Mrs. Catherine Vivian Fennell

April 14, 1948 - December 26, 2022

“Now we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” 2 Corinthians 5:1 (KJV).

Catherine Vivian Fennell was born on April 14, 1948, to the late Anna S. Epps and J.D. Epps at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. God called her home on Sunday December 26th, 2022, at 5:02 a.m. at UNC Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill NC.

Catherine attended Armstrong Elementary in Eastover, NC and graduated high school in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She obtained her associate degree in 2014 and bachelor’s degree in 2016 from Apex School of Theology in Durham, NC. In 2019, she obtained her master’s degree in Education from Hosanna Bible College in Durham, NC. Until her untimely illness, she was working toward her second master’s degree in Divinity from Charlotte Christian College Theological Seminary in Charlotte NC. She was so motivated to complete her assignments in a timely manner that she worked on, completed, and submitted her work the night before she was hospitalized on November 26, 2022.

She met the love of her life Alexander Fennell in 1978. They dated for five years and were united in holy matrimony on June 12, 1983. Alexander loved singing to her, his favorite song to her was “You are so Beautiful” When he would sing, she would give him that contagious smile that lit up the room. They were each other’s companion, friend, and caretaker. Her nickname for

him was “Daddy”. Alexander loved, supported, and sat by her bedside to help nourish her back to health. They were married for 39 years and together for 44 years. They loved each other until death drew them apart on Sunday December 26, 2022.

As a child she traveled with Bishop McLaughlin to sing at various churches. Before she accepted Christ as the Lord of her life, she loved to sing Blues. She was known by her stage name Lady “D” (Diamond). Her love for music never changed, she just switched partners. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and joined Fayetteville Deliverance Evangelistic Center in Fayetteville, NC. She was an active and faithful member until she joined Plain Truth Church in Fayetteville, NC. At Plain Truth Church, she served as an Evangelist. She was the mother of the church and President of the Pastor’s Aid Committee. She worked in any capacity that she was needed in.

She loved singing for the Lord. She had a beautiful voice, wrote songs, and also made CD’s. She loved singing to lift other people’s spirits. She was a counselor to many and a listening ear to everyone. She never met a stranger. Even though she didn’t have any biological children of her own, she loved children and was a mother to many. Everyone called her Aunt Cat. She was a woman of faith and believed in the power of prayer. She had no problems being an intercessor on your behalf. She opened her home to the homeless and never turned those away that needed a place to call home. She loved to watch television; her favorites were Westerns. Everyone knew her favorite movie was “Pretty Woman” and “Wonder Woman”. Her favorite artist was Marvin Winans. She had a passion for cooking and her family will miss her special dishes she prepared for birthdays and holidays. She will be missed at home and in the community. There will never be another Aunt Cat.

Catherine was preceded in death by her mother; Anna Epps, her father; J.D. Epps, three sisters; Bobbie Mae Randleman, Ora Owen, and Darlene Britt. Two brothers; James and Charles Epps.

Catherine (Aunt Cat) leaves to cherish her fond memories; her husband of 39 years Alexander Fennell of the home, two sisters; Costella Pope of

Fayetteville NC; and Annie Clark of Charlotte, NC; two brothers; Grady Epps and Ceasar Epps (Marquita) of Fayetteville NC: Three special nieces, Monique Hall (Eric) of Fayetteville, NC; Tonja Brady and Shiyearrah Carvin of Tampa, Florida. Two special nephews: Claxton Royal Jr, and Jeremy Royal of Fayetteville, NC. Three sister-n-laws Sallie Mae Scriven of Georgia; Christine Fisher and Betty Ann McMillian of Fayetteville, NC. Her life-long best friend Phyllis Payton of Fayetteville, NC. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
(910) 488-6047
info@hmcolvin.com
<http://www.hmcolvin.com/>

Funeral

JAN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fayetteville Deliverence Evangelistic Center
517 Mt. Gilead Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28314

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Catherine Vivian Fennell



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - January 03, 2023 at 05:07 PM

TH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Catherine passing
She and I worked several places together.
I will truly miss her, she was a joyful person always kept you
laughing. May God bless her family. A friend Tina Harrell

Tina Harrell - January 16, 2023 at 08:19 PM

TH

“ Tina Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Catherine Vivian Fennell



Tina Harrell - January 16, 2023 at 08:13 PM

BE

“ *She will be missed may she Rest in heavenly peace*



Bernadette - January 08, 2023 at 01:06 PM

DM

“ *Dear Aunt Kat,*

There are so many things to say right now but I don't have the stomach to form words. I thank you for the memories and moments shared with me, they shall stay with me Aunt Kat. You're part of my childhood, part of the reason I sing and part of the reason I love God. You helped open that door for me and my sisters, even at a young age. I'm proud to say that I grew up in church surround by you and the church, and for that I'm forever in your debt. God, Imma miss you Kat, Dancing, singing, just joking with you in general. Whenever I would say I love you, you always said "but not more than Jesus" and I finally understand that your love for him was boundless. It was incomparable to the love we'd shared. I finally understand now auntie.

*Love,
Your niece Destiny M.*

Destiny Miller - January 06, 2023 at 02:40 PM

MM

“Wow! My Great Aunt "Cat" Catherine I'm going to miss you to the core. The memories I have with you I will cherish and hold close to my heart. All the love, prayers, joy and wisdom you showered me and my children with from birth is unmeasured. The Miller family is glad to have shared different moments of life with you, you are one of kind, and you will be deeply missed.

Melissha Miller - January 06, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Vivian Fennell.



January 06, 2023 at 08:11 AM

KS

“Costella, I really appreciate you reaching out to me about Cat's transition My condolences to you and your family. The memories of Cat will live on and never die. Keep them close to help you as you grieve for your Sister. I May her Beautiful soul rest in respose.



Karla D Sessoms - January 04, 2023 at 11:36 AM

CP

Thanks so much

Costella Pope - January 05, 2023 at 11:44 PM

BR

“ On behalf of Triumph Deliverance The Church and Kingdom of God In Christ, we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family. We will miss her warmth and enduring presence. -Bishop CV Royal

bishop royal - January 01, 2023 at 10:02 PM

CP

Thanks so much.

Costella Pope - January 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM

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“ We the of Allie Berry - Yeomans are sorry to here of Cat Fernell. We send our Condolences to her husband and Family, you're in our hearts and Prayers 🙏🙏🙏. May she Rest In Peace. ❤️❤️❤️🌹🌹🌹



Allie Berry -Yeomans - December 31, 2022 at 08:19 PM

BM

“ I met Catherine as a child alone with several of her brothers and sisters. I was so sorrowed to learn of her passing. Praying for her family and may God continue to keep you all. The Tucker Family of Eastover, N.C.



barbara T. mccormick - December 31, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AD

“ Going to miss you Aunt Cat you received your wings. Alphonzo Daniels & Family



Alphonzo L. Daniels - December 28, 2022 at 09:20 PM