



Marquita Latrice Steele

December 5, 1975 - May 11, 2024

Marquita Steele, 48, of Chicago, Illinois passed away on May 11, 2024. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Clarence and Otie Steels; brother, Jarrell Watkins Sr; nephews, Devon Steele and Martinez Kimp; aunt, Cheryl “Moody” Ballard; and cousins, Jawon “Buddah” Carter and Brandon “Manman” McGee. She is survived by her mother, Valorie Steele; father, Anthony Ballard; children, Melanie, Keisha, Justice, Destiny, Harmony, Jasmine, Angelo, Bethany, Micheal, Jason, Ashley, Kimberly and Mila; grandchildren, Kmarie, Gabriel, Tashawn, Keyshawn, Lyfe, Datolstan, Marshawn, Majority, Marketta, Judis, Abrianna, SySy and Zirah; sisters, Debbie, Janice, Nikki; lots of brothers; nephew, Elijah; nieces, Tiera and Octavia; aunts, Yoland and Tanya; and cousin, Kristal. Marquita loved God and talking about his word and message, she also loved listening to motivated speakers. She enjoyed writing, working-out, races, riding 4wheelers and swimming. She was the life of the party she loved to sing, dance, drink and smoke. Her laugh was so contagious and it sounded a lot like “Akkkkeke”. Marquita loved to spend time with her children making endless memories with her family, but her true love, pride and joy were her grandchildren. “I want my children to be better than me” is something she would always say. Marquita will be deeply and truly missed by all who loved her.