

## DR. CASSANDRA RICHARDSON KEMP



A Loving Mother Who Devoted Her Life to Brandi and John and Never Forgot Her Son Adam.

Cassandra Richardson Kemp, the daughter of the late Harold Lloyd King and Barbara Louise Biggs, was born on October 16, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She died peacefully on Thursday, November 21, 2024. Cassandra graduated from Avalon High School as a member of the class of 1968.

She received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Cassandra earned her Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Cassandra served as a dedicated educator and well-respected leader with Pittsburgh Public Schools for 32 years. During her illustrious career, she was a language arts teacher for the gifted program at Greenway Middle School, later teaching at Banksville Elementary School. She served as a Vice Principal at Brashear High School and Principal of Oliver High School and Alderdice High School. In working with the Board of Education, Cassandra was the Executive Director of Secondary and Special Schools for the Pittsburgh Public School District. After her retirement in 2006, she continued to influence educational realms. Dr. Richardson Kemp served as a consultant to Pittsburgh Public Schools and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition, she guest lectured at the University of Pittsburgh and provided workshop experiences through the National Center for Counseling and Instruction at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her influence is also reflected in her published works, both academic and literary. Dr. Richardson Kemp's scholarly work is based on research related to administration and leadership studies. She recently completed her first novel, "The Legacy of Angels," set in modern-day Ethiopia.

Cassandra lived by the phrase, "the welfare of one is bound up in the welfare of all," as demonstrated through her acts of service and devotion to family and community.

She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and supported local food banks, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. Cassandra was a pillar of strength within her family and dedicated her life to honoring traditions, celebrating joyous occasions, and cherishing the company of one another. She was intent on creating an atmosphere focused on love and learning. A legacy that will be everlasting.

Cassandra bestowed gifts of love and hope that will touch generations that follow. She is the wife of Daniel Allen Kemp; mother of Brandi King Overton (Kareef), Dayna Lorene Kemp, Daniel Allen Kemp, Jr., Mark Anthony Perkins and the late John Thomas King Richardson, Jr. and Adam King Richardson; cherished grandmother of Harper King Overton, Chad King Wilson, Jr., Cameron King Wilson, Kamryn Bryce Kemp, Jada Kemp, Josiah Weaver, Maleeka Lee-Perkins and Naseem Lee-Perkins; dear sister of Thurman Perry King (Linda) and the late Barbara Jean Wilson (Ronald) and Harold Lloyd King, Jr.; sister-in-law of Theresa Irene Armstrong and the late Odessa Joyce Kemp and Lenore Ann Kemp; loving aunt and second mother to Chad King Wilson, Sr. (Louise) and motherly caregiver to James Lee Abel. She leaves behind a host of other relatives and close friends. Cassandra was a beacon of light. Her presence will be missed, but her spirit will continue to be a guide.

In celebration of her life, Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at **MCDONALD LINN FUNERAL HOME**, 529 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Please visit the McDonald Linn Funeral Home website to view Cassandra's full obituary.

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