



Cora L. Cato

January 3, 1956 - December 9, 2025

Evangelist Cora Lucille Crockett Cato, affectionately known to many as 'Cookie', was born on January 3, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois, to the union of Henry Crockett and Ruth Mae Jeuitte. She was the fifth of six children, and the youngest of "The Crockett Girls" a beloved daughter, sister, and light within her family whose warmth and kindness left an everlasting imprint on all who knew her. Cora was welcomed into eternal rest by those who went before her: her loving parents Henry Crockett and Ruth Mae Jeuitte; her mother-in-law Mildred Cato; grandmothers Ida Crockett; Cora West; grandfathers Henry Crockett Sr., Crawford Jeuitte, Joe West; her uncle Gilbert Jeuitte; her aunt Equilla Crockett; her dearest sister Sharon; her brother Henry Crockett III (Chuckie); her niece Radiah Nicole; nephew Marvin Sims Jr.; brothers-in-law Willis Randolph Jr. and Minister Gregory Herring; and her son by love Demetrius Dorn.

Though deeply missed, their reunion in glory brings comfort and peace to those left behind. As a lifelong learner and dedicated worker, Cora's education began at Holy Family Catholic Grammar School she continued her education at St. Mary's High School and later Illinois State University. While balancing multiple careers-including Medical Records Clerk, Fannie May Candies Manager, and serviced as a business management staff member at Catholic Charities-she returned to her studies and earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degree from National Lewis University with a special emphasis in Organizational Leadership. Her commitment and perseverance led her to a

well-earned retirement in 2022.

Cora met her loving husband, Delmar Cato, and on May 27, 1998, they were united in holy matrimony and shared 27 beautiful years of marriage, grounded in love, faith and devotion. Though she bore no biological children, Cora's heart knew no limits. She lovingly embraced Marie as her daughter from the age of seven, cherished her goddaughter Chanel from birth, and poured love into her sons Demetrius and Dion, grandsons Demetrius Jr, Demarcus, Demarius and Dion Jr, whom she adored deeply.

Cora's spiritual journey began at Holy Family Catholic Grammar School, where she first learned of Christ and was baptized. Her love for God continued to grow throughout her life. As an adult, she faithfully attended Abraham Faith Temple where she was an ordained Trustee under the leadership of the late Pastor Doris Bracey. In her later years, she served devotedly as an Evangelist at The Righteous Way of Living Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Sylvester T. Samuels, Sr., boldly sharing God's word and living out her faith with grace and conviction.

Cora leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted husband Delmar; son Dion; her grandsons; daughter Marie; goddaughter Chanel; sisters Debra (Clyde) and Equilla "Penny"; brothers Duane "Mickey" and Gerald (Marilyn); Heart sibling Wanda Ozier; brothers-in-law Ernest and Gerald (Jane); sisters-in-law Joyce and Janice (Saleem); and a loving host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, friends, and all whose lives were blessed by her presence.

Those who knew Cora best can still hear her joyful voice and see her warm smile as she greeted everyone she encountered with her signature words, "Hey there, hi there, ho there how are you, where are you?" It was more than a greeting; it was her way of letting you know you were seen, welcomed, and loved. And almost as quickly as the greeting came her faithful declaration, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord," a reflection of a heart anchored in gratitude and unwavering faith. These words, so uniquely hers, will forever echo in the hearts of those who were blessed by her presence.

Evangelist Cora L. Cato lived a life of faith, service, love and purpose. Her legacy will continue to shine through every soul she touched and every heart she uplifted. Though she has transitioned from this earthly life, her spirit remains forever present-guiding, comforting, and inspiring us all.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel
7030 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Memorial Service

DEC **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ We express our deepest condolences to the entire family of Cora L. Cato for your loss. We, the Jones Family, go waaay back to childhood as we grew up neighbors. How we remember Penny and Cookie (Cora) Crockett! The entire family was just a joy and blessing to us, always so helpful and neighborly, welcoming us over whenever they cooked a special meal treat. I remember Cookie's personality as always enthusiastic, considerate and thoughtful. This really stood out to me of her. Though life may take one in different directions, the impressions left by them was never forgotten. May God strengthen you with His grace, peace and comfort. With loving and fond memory,
Jennifer Boyd/Iris Hill and Jones Family

Jennifer Boyd - December 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KS

“ I love you Auntie Cookie words will never explain the hurt inside you will be truly missed 😭 although I won't be attending 😭 my spirit is there love always Nana!!!

Kevin A Sims - December 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM

EE

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Cora Cato. Cora and I met many years ago at Illinois State University. We were walking across the street from the dorm we stayed in, to go skating. Our friendship continued over the years. She was a very vibrant, loving person and a true friend. I last saw her a few years ago at Stroger Hospital and remember our conversation was mainly about the Lord. It is good to die in him. May you rest in peace. Love always, Emma Edwards

Emma Edwards - December 25, 2025 at 07:56 PM

EG

“ Sis. Equilla,
My sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your dear sister Cora. I am praying for you and your family. Much love! Evangelist Geneva Gore

Evangelist Geneva Gore - December 25, 2025 at 01:23 AM

JS

“ I was there during and spending many times with my sister in-law during her illness. Had her laughing at times, and praying for her. Helping to take care of her, and just showing the love. ❤️❤️



Joyce Sullivan - December 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

AJ

“ Dear Equilla for we know the word of God
Rev 21:4
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death. neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away. Rest in Love Cora Aundra Jackson and the ACOG Medical Ministry,



Aundra Jackson - December 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Auntie Cookie you are truly missed! I will miss your laugh, you praying for me, and the check ins (praise the Lord praise the Lord)! You continue to rest love always your TiTi Mama 💕💕

TaNisha Anderson - December 22, 2025 at 12:09 AM

TW

“ To My Loving Auntie Cookie,

"May You Forever REST PEACEFULLY!"

LOVE U MORE.....

*Your Oldest Niece,
Tanya*

Tanya M Walker - December 21, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Cora L. Cato.



December 20, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RW

“ Robert & Josiphine Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cora L. Cato.

Robert & Josiphine Wilson - December 20, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CP

“ I have known Cora for over thirty five years.. She has always been a cheerful and positive person.. I have never heard her say anything Negative about anyone... She was a peacemaker and a very rare person..... We are honored to have known her....

Clyde I Poe - December 18, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CD

“ Dear Equilla,
I am sending my deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your sister Cora. May you and your family find peace in knowing that our Heavenly Father is surrounding you with His love. He has you in the palm of His hand because He cares so much for you. He is the only one that truly knows the depth of what each of you are going through right now. So, hold on to His unchanging hand because there is strength in His hand.



Love,
sister Carolyn Durden-Turner

Carolyn Durden-Turner - December 15, 2025 at 01:03 PM