

HER JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.
Just think of her resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much.

I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU "DEB" R.I.P
YOUR DEAR FREIND(S) ANGELA, WILL, & THE WEARING
FAMILY

Acknowledgements

The family of **Debra Ann Graves** wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the love you bestowed upon us at the loss of our loved one. Please know that our time of sorrow and the challenge that lies ahead has been lessened because of your calls, cards, visits, prayers and other acts of kindness. We thank God for you.

The Debra Ann Graves Family

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A Celebration of Life

Debra Ann Graves

Sunrise
December 2, 1951

Sunset
March 28, 2013

Service

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 - 11:00a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey
Min. Michael Graves, Officiating
Min. Steve Hill, Psalmist

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Minister Steve Hill - Psalmist

Bible Inspiration

Leon Godbold

Minister, Newark Church of Christ

Prayer

Michael Graves

Minister, Newark Church of Christ

Reading of the Obituary

Tracey Boston

Tribute

Mikki Taylor

Eulogy

Minister Michael Graves

Reflections

Philip Taylor II

Angie Wearing

Charlene Wilson

Benediction

Cremation

Rosedale Cemetery/Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Debra Ann Graves

Debra Ann Graves was born to the late Charles Graves and Carrie Hardrick on December 2, 1951, in Newark, New Jersey. She came of age in the City of Newark and was a student of the Newark Public School system, finishing her education at Essex County College.

She began her career in retail at Bamberger's Department Store, the retail giant in the heart of downtown Newark. She later worked for the YMCA and at her father's nightclub. In her quest to assist those affected by renal failure -- after having experienced kidney disease herself -- she went on to obtain a certificate to practice as a Dialysis Technician. In 2009, she was blessed with a kidney.

Debra loved children and saw them as the hope of the future and thus she was always surrounded by them and their gifts of light, love and laughter. She had a larger-than-life personality and loved connecting with people and encouraging them to be their best. She loved music of all genres, fine cuisine, travel, fashion and beauty -- especially weekly salon visits with her daughter! Above all, she adored treasured times in the company of her family.

Debra entered into eternal rest on March 28, 2013. She leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved, Baaqee Ali; daughters Sha'Ron Graves and Aquila Williams (Allen); son, Samid Graves; Brother, Michael Graves (Vandetta), Sisters Mikki Taylor (Philip), Charlene Williams (Ezra) and Candace McCown (Kenneth); Aunts, Rosa and Ella; Grandchildren, Samir, Clinique and Shontay; God-children Tashona, Nyah, Makkiyah, Azi'ah, Andre; Sister-friends Angie Wearing and Deborah Evans and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Reggie Moore and sister/friend Shelly James.

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