

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgements*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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## *Celebration Of Life for*



# *Jan Marie Richardson*

**Sunrise**

January 6, 1975

**Sunset**

September 10, 2013

### *Funeral Service*

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

### **Laurel Land Funeral Home**

6000 South R. L. Thornton Freeway  
Dallas, Texas 75232

**Pastor N. Jordon Mkwanazi, Officiating**

# Order of Service

- Processional
- Organ Prelude.....Evelyn Hamilton
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Xi Omega Chapter
- National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa , Incorporated Alpha Rho Chapter
- Prayer..... Rev. N. Jordon Mkwanzazi, Senior Pastor  
Metropolitan AME Episcopal Church, Austin Texas
- Musical Selection.....Evelyn Hamilton
- Reading of the Scriptures..... Rev. Mittie C. Muse, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Old Testament.....Bethel AME Church Dallas, Texas  
New Testament
- Poem
- Reading of the Obituary..... Read silently
- Musical Selection.....Evelyn Hamilton
- Eulogy..... Rev. N. Jordon Mkwanzazi
- Benediction

### Active Pall Bearers

Steven Laham            Kelly Newlin  
 Gary Richardson        Glenn Richardson  
 Brandon Richardson    Justin Richardson

### Honorary Pallbearers

D.L.S.D. Forrester Stadium Staff

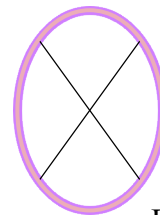
**Entombment**  
 Laurel Land Mausoleum  
 Dallas, Texas

# Obituary



**Jan Marie Richardson**, was born on January 6, 1975 to the proud parents John & Patsy Richardson. At an early age Jan attended Dallas Public Schools. Jan's activities included the Drama Club and most of all, she enjoyed cheerleading at Skyline High School, where she graduated in 1993. After high school Jan attended Tarlton State University in Stevensville, Texas. After two years at Tarlton State, Jan had to return to Dallas because of her illness... She continued her education at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, and received her BA degree in English & History. After Paul Quinn, and because of her passion to become a Principal, Jan continued her education and received her Master's Degree in School Administration from Prairie View A & M University. Jan taught High School in the Dallas Independent School District for ten years. Jan was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Alpha XI Omega Chapter, and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa.

Jan got married in 2003 and to this union four children were born. Her children were her life. She made sure that they were active in bowling, cheerleading, soccer, ice skating, roller-skating, etc. Jan would always make their **Annual Birthday Party** an event to be remembered! She will be truly missed by them. Jan always had a smile that would light a room up when she walked in. She would go out of her way to make sure everyone in her presence had a good time and felt welcomed. She was so creative and spent many hours decorating and designing keepsakes for parties and other events. If the family was getting together for an event, it was usually something Jan had planned or organized. Her penetrating smile, outgoing personality and her zest for life will be missed by all who have known and loved her.



Jan Marie leaves to mourn and cherish her memories: her two beautiful daughters, Brooklyn Marie & Bailee Olivia Dixon and her other twins, Gavin & Grayson Dixon who preceded her in death. Her loving parents, John David and Patsy Richardson of Desoto Texas, her brother, David Earl Richardson of Grand Prairie, Texas, her grandmother, Mrs. Ester Marie Richardson, of Dallas, Texas, three nieces, two nephews and host of other relatives, her sorority sisters, and many great friends.

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