



Celebrating the Life of
Deborah Sue Stevens

July 20, 1953 – September 7, 2014

Reflections of Life

Deborah Sue Stevens “Debbie” was born in Paterson, NJ on July 20, 1953 to the late James and Dorothy Stevens.

She attended the Paterson Public Schools and graduated from Eastside High School in 1970. Debbie later enrolled at the Passaic County Vo-Tech School, where she received her nursing education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

After graduation, Debbie was employed by St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, where she worked as a surgical technician in the operating room for over 30 years. Debbie was very passionate about surgical nursing, and was highly respected by surgeons and co-workers for her knowledge and expertise of surgical techniques. Because of her expertise, Debbie was often called upon to mentor new employees as well as students from the local community colleges. In addition to her desire for excellence, she was an avid supporter of a positive work environment for herself and her co-workers. As a leader among her peers, she did not mind voicing her concerns, as she always had a heart for doing what was right. Unfortunately, Debbie’s no nonsense approach on behalf of the staff sometimes landed her in the supervisor’s office.

Another passion of Debbie’s was her true love of fashion. Looking as if she stepped out of Vogue, she personified style and sophistication and would turn heads everywhere she went. Unlike many people, Debbie could wear a potato sack and look absolutely fabulous. Her signature haircut is often imitated but can never, ever be duplicated.

Debbie was energetic, vibrant, fun-loving, and extremely funny. She could tell a story that would have you laughing until your side ached. If you met her one time, you would never forget her, as Debbie’s presence would light up a room. Her favorite past times were eating crabs and sitting at home watching movies. She loved her family and friends very much. She enjoyed spending time with them and would do anything to help them and support them.

Debbie was predeceased in death by her husband, Stanford Poché, Sr.; her parents, James and Dorothy Stevens; her two sisters, Floree Smith and Dolores Harrell; and her three dogs, Missy, Sammy, and Sasha.

Debbie is survived by her brothers James Stevens, Jr. and wife Michelle of Upper Marlboro, MD and Keith Stevens and wife Chelina of Paterson, sister-in-law Rita Mae Richards and brother-in-law Alton Richards of Hammond, Louisiana, a devoted niece Dorothy Smith Carolina of Piscataway, NJ, two devoted friends, Karen Gilbert- Hansford and Bernice Blakley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Friday, September 12, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Kenneth Clayton, Officiating

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

#217 “No, Not One”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Comfort

Guided

The Choral Response

#333 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

The Hymn of Hope and Assurance

#325 “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort

Guided

Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life

Selection

The Message of Comfort

Pastor Clayton

Recessional


#432 “I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey



We little knew that morning
God was to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.
Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Deborah Sue Stevens** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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