



*Celebrating the Life  
Of*

*Deborah Charlene Wray*



**Sunrise**  
October 8, 1951

**Sunset**  
February 29, 2016

**Service**  
Monday, March 7, 2016 ~ 12:00 Noon

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street  
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

*Rev. Barbara L. Reid, Officiating*

## *Life Reflections*

**Deborah Charlene Wray** was born on October 8, 1951 in New York, New York, the third of six children to the late Donald Ford Wray, Sr. and Helen Lee Wray. She excelled as a Point Guard/Forward in basketball during her junior and high school years. A former resident of New York, Deborah came to Roselle, New Jersey in 1989.

Deborah was employed as a Police Administrative Aide at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct in Bronx, New York for 6 years.

Deborah honored God daily in every aspect of her life. She was a faithful member of Epworth Methodist Church in New York where she sang in the Youth Choir. They would practice every Friday at the church.

Deborah was a “DEVOTED” mother, sister, aunt, and cousin. She was the primary caretaker and provider to her son Duane. Deborah was the most unselfish person you could ever meet. She was playful and lighthearted. Her main loves were her son, fiancé, family and friends. She was an excellent pool player and an avid sports fan.

On Monday, February 29, 2016, Deborah Charlene Wray received her angel wings and departed this earthly life at Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, New Jersey at the age of sixty-four.

Her brother, Donald Wray, Jr., preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her loving son, Duane T. Wray, whom she was devoted to; fiancé, Curtis Cox; 4 sisters: Sandra Wray, Ronda Wray, Helene Wray and Evette David; nieces, nephews, best friend, Denise Giddings; and a host of dear relatives and best friends.

### **Mom**

*You can only have one mother patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world, will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you, to mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness, she asks nothing in return.  
As we look upon her picture, sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine, and a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message, to our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her, and give her all our love.*

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Janet Hollins

Processional

Parting View

Selection.....“We Come This Far By Faith”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament: Revelation 21:2-7

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn.....“Hold To Gods Unchanging Hands”

Words of Comfort

Tribute.....Aniya Hollins

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary.....Rev. Barbara L. Reid

Selection.....“Lean On Me” .....Mia and Aniya Hollins  
*great-nieces*

Eulogy.....Rev. Barbara L. Reid, Elder (Retired)  
South Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church

Recessional

**Cremation**  
Rosehill Crematory, Linden, New Jersey

*Family and Friends are invited to a Repast after the Committal service.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Deborah Charlene Wray**

### *To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled alone.  
So grieve for me is grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
So if you need me call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you, soft and clear.  
And then when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Deborah Charlene Wray** wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to our loved ones and friends during our time of bereavement.

We thank you for the many prayers, messages of comfort and all other expressions of kindness.  
May God continue to richly bless you.

