

*Homegoing Celebration
In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of a young Black woman with dark, curly hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a white, fuzzy top and a necklace. The background is a soft, light purple gradient. The entire image is framed by large, stylized purple and white roses.

Joydina Williams

"Dina"

Sunrise: February 22, 1970

Sunset: March 2, 2017

Obituary

What can I say about my daughter? She graduated from George Washington High School and at the age of fourteen she got her first job. I didn't have to tell her to get a job. At the age of eighteen, she had her first apartment. She didn't even ask for a dime. Dina had so much luck in getting brand new apartments. She had three different apartments on 115th Street. Her first apartment was a studio apartment, the second apartment was a one bedroom on the same block, the third apartment was another one bedroom across the street which was her current address.

What can I say about "my daughter", her whole world was her two daughters, Daisha and Diamond. They belonged to a special club for only them, I wasn't even a member of it. In Dina's mind she didn't have friends, she had associates. Last night I asked my granddaughters tell me about Dina's friends, they said, "Grandma, Mommy didn't have friends, we are Mommy's best friends, Mommy had associates." There were times when they came to my house, and I would be in my room or just doing things around the house and I would hear Dina laugh so hard and the girls laugh so hard, like there were three friends having such a good time, talking and laughing.

So I can say, "My" daughter's greatest accomplishment in life were her daughters. She was a terrific, terrific, and I mean terrific mother to her daughters. Daisha and Diamond didn't go lacking for nothing, and she did it all by herself.

To My Daughter "Dina",

I don't know how I can live without you. I would have laid down my life for you. Don't you worry about Daisha and Diamond, God got them. I knew how much pain you were in, so now baby girl just rest in God's hands. Now you, Nanny and Lady are together again. I will always love you. My heart is broken now, but I'm going to keep on trusting my God, and I know me and your babies will see you again.

She leaves behind to mourn: her mother, Mildred Lucas-Norman; two daughters, Daisha Monae Williams and Diamond Rae Williams; her two best friends, Daisha and Diamond; her two aunts, Maybell Garris from Philadelphia and Willisteen Ingram from North Carolina; cousins, Shalonda Harris, Magdalena Harris, Jessica Harris, Melo-D Harris, Jaquan Harris, Torri Lucas, Thomas Lucas, Shulanda Harris, Magdalena Lucas, Towana Harris all from New York, NY; and a host of cousins in North Carolina.

The Family request that no photos/recordings be taken.

Service

Saturday, March 11, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Johnny M. Green, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery • Butler, New Jersey

Repast

*2401 7th Avenue
(Corner of 140th Street)*

*Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey has just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one
Just think of her as 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
As She was loved so much!*

By: E. Brenneman

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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