

In Loving Memory of



Delana Howard

Sunrise
April 14, 1950

Sunset
October 11, 2013

Service

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

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Obituary

Delana Howard was born in New York City on April 14, 1950 to Dorothy Winkfield and the late Benjamin Whyce. She was called to rest on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Hospice of the Chesapeake in Linthicum, Maryland. Delana was the oldest and only girl of three children.

Delana was educated in the New York City Public School System. As a young woman she attended Union Baptist Church and later became an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

In January 1967, she married George E. Howard. From this union two children were born, George E. Howard Jr. and Tonia Delana Howard. Delana was later divorced and had her third child, Shaneka A. Roberts in July of 1980.

Delana worked at various Department Stores and in the neighborhood variety store. But her love for people and caring spirit led her to become a Certified Health Care Aide. She worked for Salem Home Care from 1986 until her retirement in 2000.

Delana loved to be in the company of family and friends. She shared a special bond with her mother, Dorothy, who she affectionately nicked named “Butter”. In 1999 her pride and joy was born, her grandson, Anthony Devone. Soon after retirement she moved to Hyattsville, Maryland and dedicated her time to her family.

Delana’s hobbies included crossword puzzles, shopping, reading, going to the casino, listening to gospel music and hanging with those close to her. It was at family functions where she demonstrated her excellent culinary skills, known best for making her famous “Peas and Rice”.

In April 2012, Delana became ill. But despite her disease she never complained and maintained a great sense of humor. She was always willing to help anyone who needed assistance. Whether she was offering advice or a listening ear, she would always be there. Her spirit never wavered; she inspired and touched everyone she encountered, whether it was a friend, family member or stranger in the street. Delana *ONLY* chose life, chose to move forward and not to bow down to her disease. She was a firm believer that the joy of the Lord shall be her strength.

Delana was predeceased by both her brothers, Kent Winkfield and Mitchell Sanderson. She leaves to cherish her memories her loving mother, Dorothy Winkfield; her daughters, Tonia Howard and Shaneka Roberts; her son, George Howard; one grandson, Anthony Devone; one niece, two nephews, cousins, and a host of family and friends. Special thanks to Janet Colds, Dominique Colds, and Brenda for the surprise visits; Pauline and Ruth who always called to check in.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection
“Precious Lord”

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection
“I Won’t Complain”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey

Delana's Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for waking me up this morning and sending me on my way. I thank you for the stranger that bless my heart with kindness, I thank you for my family and friends near and far. I thank you for the staff at Georgetown University Hospital for working so diligently, but I know in the end it's your call - O' Hallelujah I praise your name. I glorify your name. I thank you for yesterday, I thank you for today and I thank you for tomorrow - I sorted out the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from my fears - I pray that tomorrow is better than today . . . Amen

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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