

*In Loving Memory of*



*Darnella Dickson*

October 4, 1953 - February 3, 2021

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 - 12:00 PM**

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**

198 Chadwick Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

**Pastor Vincent Rouse, Officiating**

## *Obituary*

On October 4, 1953 the late Richard & Lydia Dickson both of Newark, NJ gave birth to their youngest happy healthy baby girl **Darnella**. Wednesday, February 3 at the young age 68 she received her wings and gain access to a peaceful eternal rest. Darnella also known as Dee-Dee to those that loved and adored her, completed her education within the Newark Public School system. Darnella will always be remembered for her warm and welcoming eyes and bright beautiful smile; let's not forget her love for red lipsticks.

After birthing two beautiful children Darnella furthered her career by becoming a Home Health Aide in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Darnella was a devoted member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, where she served on various other ministries within the church. In Dee-Dee's spare time, she enjoyed traveling, spending time with loved ones, cooking and reading a variety of things especially "The Word". Dee-Dee also played an active role within the associated living communities.

Darnella leaves to cherish her loving memories two children Lydia C. Gilmore (Douglas Gilmore husband) Theodore W. Byers both of East Orange, NJ, one sister Novella Leverett of Douglasville, GA, one brother Olufemi Shangobunnie of Gates, NC. Four beautiful granddaughters Alyssia Boyd (Jerome Boyd husband) of Newark, NJ Salerno I. Byers of Irvington, NJ, Delisa W. Gilmore and Makayla M. Byers both of East Orange, NJ. Three great granddaughters Zoé L. & Kallie R. Boyd of Newark, NJ, SaRayya M. Jones Irvington, NJ, sister-in-law Gwendolyn Dickson of Kissimmee, FL and Uncle Edward Dickson of Ohio.

Darnella was welcomed into eternal peace by both of her parents and step father Richard Dickson, Lydia and Walter Everhardt, and her three devoted brothers Ricardo, Leroy, and Quinton. Darnella also leaves nieces, nephews, family and friends behind that will cherish every tear, laughter, smile, and joyful godly spirit.

# *Order of Ceremony*

**Musical Prelude**  
Organist

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Old Testament**  
Franchea Duncan

**New Testament**  
Franchea Duncan

**Musical Selection**  
Organist

**Reflection**  
2 minute limit please

**Obituary**  
Alexis Battle

**Musical Selection**

**Eulogy**  
Reverend Vincent M. Rouse Sr.

*Interment*  
Fairmount Cemetery & Crematory  
620 Central Avenue Newark New Jersey



# *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

# *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Darnella Dickson** extends sincere thanks for your prayers, words of comfort, acts of love and all form of kindness shown during our bereavement.*

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