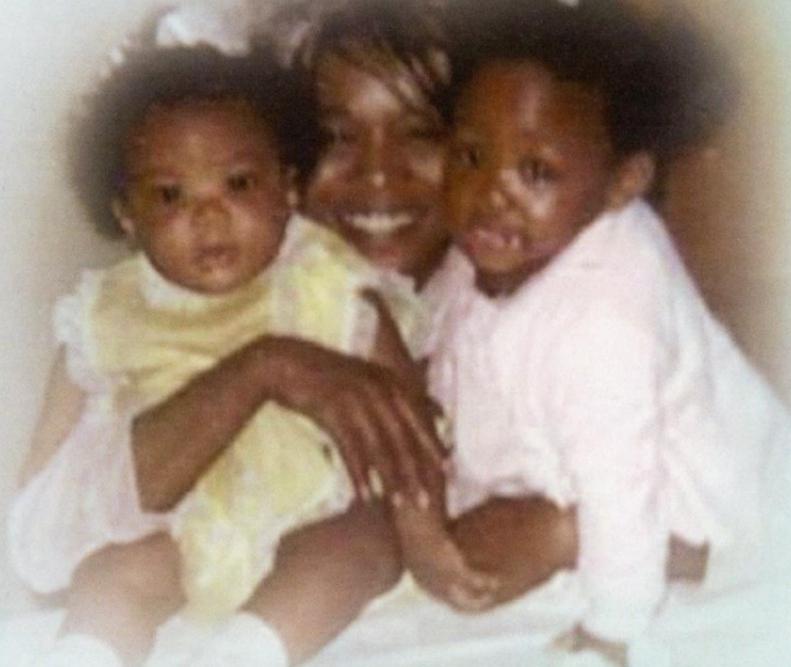


Dianne Cecilia Bryant

November 19, 1942 – September 12, 2024





Obituary

Dianne Cecilia Bryant, 81, of Coatesville, PA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Born and raised in Coatesville, she was the daughter of the late John William Valentine, Sr. and Mabel Brunson Valentine.

Dianne was a proud 1960 graduate of Bishop Shanahan High School and went on to further her education, earning an associate degree. A dedicated professional, Dianne spent many years serving the State of Pennsylvania, first as Manager of the Unemployment Office in both Philadelphia and Pottstown



and later in Safety and Compliance at Drexel University for Sodexo. Her unwavering commitment to her work earned her the respect and admiration of many.

Her vibrant and outgoing personality made her the life of any gathering. Dianne loved to entertain, often hosting family and friends in her home, where her warmth and joy were contagious. Outside of work, she channeled her creativity into crafts, making beautiful wreaths and decorating her home with flair.

Known for her impetuous personality, Dianne had a unique ability to make people laugh—even after making them mad! She and her beloved german shepherd, Kash, shared a playful bond, often squabbling over who was really in charge of the household.



A passionate fan of Philadelphia sports, Dianne cheered enthusiastically for the Eagles, Sixers, and Phillies. In the kitchen, she was known for her exceptional cooking, with her potato salad, smothered pork chops, succotash, and candied yams becoming family staples. She also had a special fondness for coffee, donuts, and Werther's candy, often indulging in trips to Wawa to satisfy her cravings.

Dianne's love of adventure took her across the globe, with memorable travels to the Caribbean, Europe, and Istanbul. She would regale family and friends with stories of her journeys, filled with wonder and excitement. Music was another of her passions, especially the soulful voice of Aretha Franklin, the rhythms of Bruno Mars, and



the timeless classic "Before I Let Go" by Frankie Beverly and Maze, which never failed to get her dancing.

Dianne was also deeply engaged with her community, serving as a proud member of the NAACP and an outspoken political activist.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and dedication. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, April Samantha Bryant.

Dianne is survived by her son, Wister T. "Chipper" Bryant (Shirea) of Coatesville; her brother, John William Valentine, Jr. (Marie) of Boothwyn, PA; two grandchildren, Gabrielle and Elijah; her nephew, John Valentine III;

her aunt, Mildred Brunson; her godchildren, Jay Ray of Coatesville and Dana Ray of Richmond, VA; as well as a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





The Order of Service

Processional	<i>Clergy & Family</i>
Officiating Clergy	<i>Rev. Garnell C. Brunson</i>
Prelude	<i>Min. Irvin Taylor</i>
Scripture Readings	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>John 14:1-6</i>
Prayer of Comfort	
Music Selection	
Reading of Cards, Condolences & the Obituary	<i>Pamela Depte</i>
Family Reflections	<i>(2 minutes)</i>
Music Selection	<i>Min. Mitchell Floyd</i>
Eulogy	<i>Rev. James C. Kennedy</i>
Recessional Directives	<i>Ventnor T. Wright</i>
Recessional	<i>Clergy and Family</i>

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.*

*It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.*

*When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."*

*Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday".*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM

Saturday, September 28, 2024

SERVICE LOCATION

Hutchinson Memorial UAME Church
825 East Chestnut Street | Coatesville, Pennsylvania
Rev. Jeffrey A. Miller, Sr., Pastor

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your love, prayers and support. May God bless you.

Sincerely, The Family



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