

*In Loving Memory
of*



Deborah Ann Jordan

September 2, 1954 – March 23, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Celebration of Life: 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

3385 Metropolitan Church Road, Indian Head, MD 20640

Order of Service

MUSIC PRELUDE

GREETINGS

Reverend Darryl K. Mason Sr.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“One Day at A Time Sweet Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 30:5

Tiffany Jordan

NEW TESTAMENT: John 14: 1-7

Sierra Laws

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor Cleophas L. Jordan

MUSICAL SELECTION

Melvina Myers

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CARDS

JaNaye Jordan

Tyler Johnson

REFLECTIONS

WORDS OF COMFORT VISITING CLERGY

POETRY READING

Carol Reid

OBITUARY READING

Shawan Johnson

GUEST SPEAKER

Bill Simpkins

U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield (via video)

EULOGY

Reverend Darryl K. Mason Sr.

RECESSIONAL

“Precious Lord”

Mahalia Jackson

Interment

12:30 p.m.

Metropolitan United Methodist Church Cemetery
3385 Metropolitan Church Road, Indian Head, MD 20640

Obituary

On March 23, 2024 Deborah Ann Jordan (peacefully) quietly transitioned to her heavenly home, to be with the Father and all those who preceded her. Deborah, affectionately known as Grammy by her grandkids and by Deborah Ann to her brothers and sisters, was born on September 2, 1954 in Baltimore City to the late Dorothy Mae Dunton (Smith) and Curtis Henry (Willie) Smith. She was educated in the Baltimore Public School system graduating from Western High School.

During Deborah's childhood, she was the captain of the Afro clean block on Fulton Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. She made sure the streets, sidewalks and the white marble steps were swept and scrubbed and cleaned, along with her siblings and other children in the neighborhood. Deborah was baptized and raised in the Pentecostal Holiness Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Mother Ruth Neal on Gilmore Street in Baltimore, MD. She sang in the Young People's choir and attended Sunday school with her siblings. She really enjoyed sewing and participated in the March of Dimes 20-mile Walk-a-thon.

Deborah spent seven years working at the Financial Aid Office at then Coppin State College in Baltimore Maryland. In 1979 she worked at Yoton Paint factory at Sparrows Point in Baltimore City in account receivable.

On April 23, 1983, she was united in marriage to Earl Darnell Jordan (40 + years) and from that union raised three children.

In 1983 Deborah worked for the American Psychological Association in Washington D. C. as a secretary. In 1991 Deborah began a long and distinguished career with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as an administrative assistant, retiring after 25 years of service. Deborah got the rare opportunity to live and work overseas, first at the American Embassy in Lima, Peru (1989-1991) and then the American Embassy Islamabad, Pakistan (1996-1999).

A lifetime parishioner (Member) of Metropolitan United Methodist Church, she served in numerous positions to include a member of the Methodist Women, the Usher Board (former President for over ten years) Finance Committee, Church Steward, Church Council, volunteer with the Community Food Pantry, managed the Back-Pak program, which provided food bags for six schools in Charles County and stepped up where needed. For her efforts she was honored as Mother of The Year in 2023

Deborah was a devoted wife, loving mom and grandmother. She looked forward to preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to be enjoyed by family and friends. She loved to travel to visit family and friends and go on cruises. She was an avid fan of the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, Let's Make A Deal and various television shows.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents Dorothy and Curtis Smith, Brothers Michael, Curtis, James Edward and by her beloved Persian cat Snowflake. She is survived by her husband of 40+ years, Earl "Darnell". Children William (fiancé Lauren), Krystle (Tony), Michael (Carlethia "Lee Lee"), Brothers Larry (Carmen), Melvin, Gregory (Michelle "Shelly"), Kenneth, Gary (Deneen), Sisters Dorothy "Peaches" (Harold, decd.), Belinda (Terence), and Regina "Michelle" (Johnny). Seven grandchildren, Bryce, Mason, Amaya, Wesley, Korey, Maverick, and Maddox. One great grandchild, Caleb and a host of in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Father, we thank you for the cherished memories of our beloved Deborah and the love she poured into our lives. We are grateful for the time we had with her and we will always cherish the moments we shared. As we mourn her passing, we pray that we may honor her by living our lives in a way that would make her proud.



I Miss You

Sometimes when I first awake
I think that you're still here,
And for a fleeting moment
The clouds all disappear.

You brought endless sunshine to my life
but now you've gone away.
How I miss you desperately
Each moment of the day.

You would not like to see me sad
So this is what I'll try to do
Is live a bright and happy life
In memory of you.

For though I'll always miss you.
And it's dreadful being apart.
I haven't really lost you
You're right here in my heart.

Love You Always, Earl





Pallbearers

Earl D. Jordan Antonio Dorsey
William Allen Curtis Gary Smith
Michael D. Jordan Terence Fitzhugh

Honorary Pallbearers

Larry Tyrone Smith Melvin Tyree
Gregory Smith Kenneth Smith

Acknowledgment

The Family wishes to convey our deepest gratitude for every prayer, every thought and every act of kindness expressed during our time of bereavement. We especially would like to thank MedStar Georgetown University Hospital doctors, nurses and techs for their excellent and loving care of Deborah. She could not have been in better hands.

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you and whispered,
“Come to Me”

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us He
He only takes the best!

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