



The Chain

We knew little that morning,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again.  
Ron Tranmer



Sunrise: November 12, 1957

Sunset: July 5, 2025



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to  
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:*  
*for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23



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In Loving Memory of  
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Ms. Deborah A. Hollis was born on November 12, 1957, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Pate Hollis Sr. and Gradie Robinson-Hollis. Our Beloved Sister, Mother, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Cousin, and Friend, Deborah Hollis, transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, July 5, 2025, at Select Specialty Hospital; age 67 years.

Deborah was a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Michigan. She attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a graduate of Buena Vista High School, C/O 75. Deborah earned an associate in business degree from Delta College. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the South 17th Street Church of Christ under the leadership of Pastor Robert Wiggins.

Deborah was employed by various law firms in Saginaw and Bay City, Saginaw County Circuit Court, Thompson Saginaw, and the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.

Deborah loved listening to music, reading, DIY projects, the stock market, cooking, and exercising.

Deborah is recognized and celebrated as a virtuous woman for her hard work and contributions to her household and community. Her selfless nature, kindness, love, and nurturing heart made her a caring individual who touched countless lives.

Deborah is survived by one daughter, Katrina Vales Mims-Hollis; three sisters: Nora Hollis and Barbara Hollis-Lawson of Saginaw, Michigan, and Elaine Hollis of Los Angeles, California; one brother, Robert (Mary) McCray of Bridgeport, Michigan; ten nieces: Yondina Laury, Qiana Laury, Kenisha Lawson, Gwendolyn Buchanan, Taquanna and Eboni Hollis, all of Saginaw, Michigan, Ded'rea Owens-Carter, Detroit, Michigan, Taryn Owens, Lansing, Michigan, and Brittani Crimes of Los Angeles, California; eight nephews: Derrick Hatter, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Tony McCray, Aurora, Colorado, Anthony (Gwendolyn) Turner, Iowa, Pate Hollis III, Saginaw, Michigan, Torre Lawson, Las Vegas, Nevada, Kenneth Lawson, Saginaw, Michigan, Brandon Lawson, Rowlett, Texas, Ramon Lawrence, Texas; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends that all held a special place in her heart; Deborah also leaves three sisters-in-law, Mary McCray, Bridgeport, Michigan, Ida Mae Hill, Smyrna, Georgia, and Sally Terry of Saginaw, Michigan; many other relatives and friends; special friends, Valerie Hill, Cora Macon, Kathy Dixon (Charles), Sheila Morris-Stephens, Kevin Bradley, James and Kela Agnew, Carl Gaunt, and Earl "Moe" Moten.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Pate Sr. and Gradie Hollis; sister, Dora McCray; brothers: Jerry McCray, James "Jimmy" Hollis-McCray, Donald Hollis, Pate Hollis II, Jimmie McCray II, and two brothers-in-law, John Crimes and Rex Laury.

## Order of Service

Prelude  
 Musician

Processional  
 Family

Scripture Reading  
 Old & New Testament  
 Pastor Richard Dawkins

Prayer  
 Pastor Richard Dawkins

Selection  
 Precious Lord  
 by Mahalia Jackson

Acknowledgements & Obituary  
 Evangelist Pamela Dottery

Expressions  
 (Please Limit to 2 Minutes)  
 Minister Chris Carter

Selection  
 There's a Bright Side Somewhere  
 by Olive Branch Church Choir

Eulogy  
 Bishop Dempsey Allen  
 Jacob's Ladder Ministries

Committal Benediction Recessional

### Acknowledgement

We are most grateful for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration to face this hour. The family would like to express special thanks to the Dawkins family, Bishop Dempsey Allen, and the Staff at Select Specialty Hospital. May God continue to bless each of you.

"The Family"

Celebration of Life  
 1:30 PM - Friday, July 25, 2025

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Bishop Dempsey Allen, Officiating

