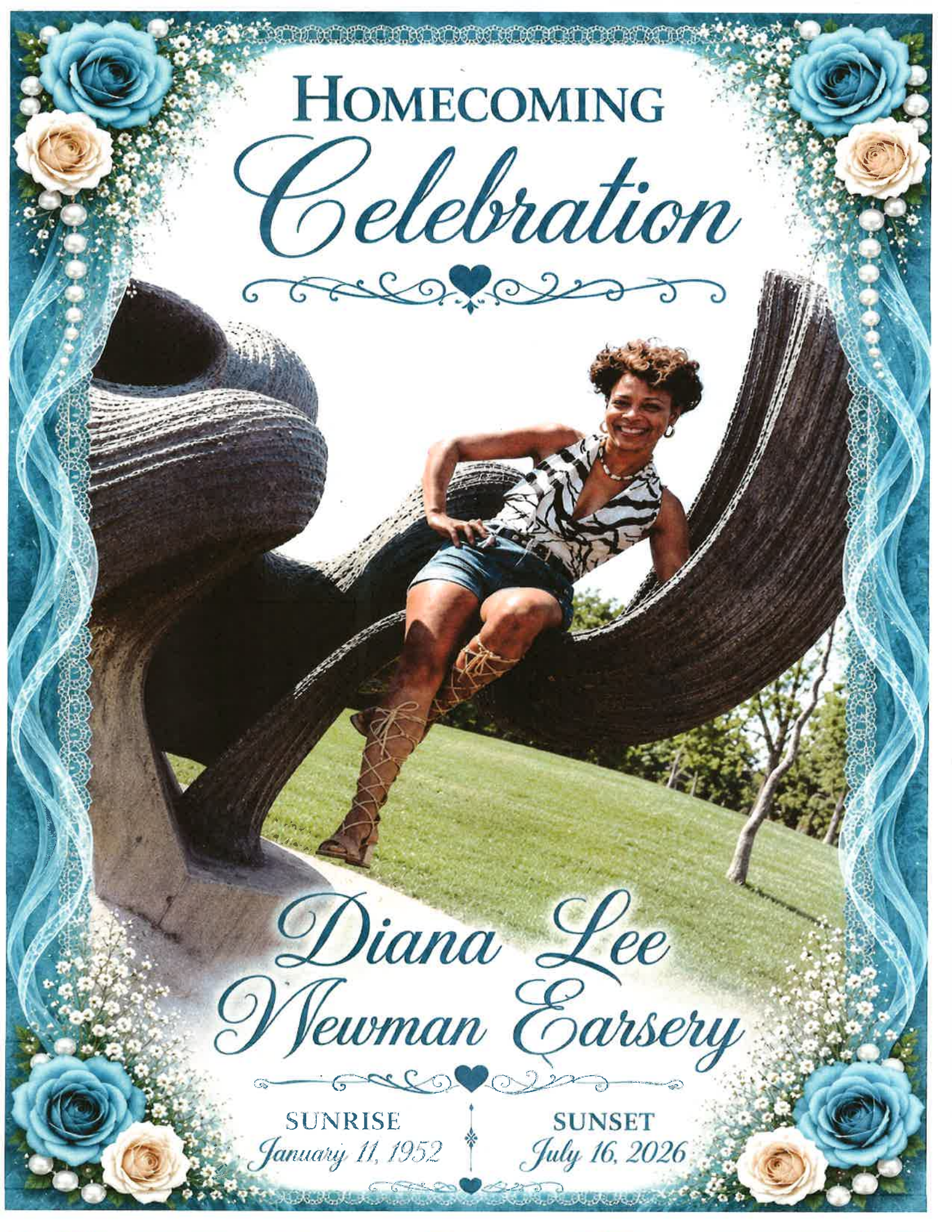




HOMECOMING *Celebration*

*Diana Lee
Newman Earsery*

SUNRISE
January 11, 1952

SUNSET
July 16, 2026

Memorial Service

Friday, July 31, 2026 10:00 AM
Saint Mark United Methodist Church
1525 N Lorraine Ave, Wichita, KS 67214

Officiant, Associate Pastor *Marsha Haney*
Eulogist, Associate Pastor, *Deontae Hayden*

Order of Service

- ✧ Processional..... *Be encouraged* William Bection Recording
- ✧ Words of grace.....Pulpit
- ✧ Greeting.....Pulpit
- ✧ Invocation.....Pastor *Marsha Haney*
- ✧ Old Testament scripture..... *Psalms 23:1-4*.....Minister Pierre Wilkens
- ✧ New Testament scripture, *revelations 21:3-4*.....Rev Nancy McCullough
- ✧ Musical selection..... *Kim McLaurin*
- ✧ Acknowledgment/obituary.....Linda Collins
- ✧ Time of remembrance..... (Limit 2 minutes)
- ✧ Video tribute..... *One Sweet Day..* Mariah Carey
- ✧ Musical selection..... *Kim McLaurin*
- ✧ The Eulogy..... Pastor *Deontae Hayden*
- ✧ The recessional..... *well done* Deitrick Haddon Recording

Repass immediately following service in **Preston Hall**.

Diana Lee Newman Earsery

Diana Lee Newman Earsery was born on January 11, 1952, to Thomas Ezekiel Newman and Lillie Littlejohn Newman at Wesley Medical Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. She was the fourth of ten children.

Diana attended Isely Elementary School, Mathewson Junior High School, and Heights High School in Wichita, Kansas. She also attended summer special education classes while working toward a degree in Special Education. She earned a degree in Interior Decorating from the Professional Career Development Institute (PCDI) and was listed with the International Interior Decorators Association (IIDA).

Diana married her high school sweetheart, John D. Earsery Jr., on December 23, 1972. From this union, they were blessed with three beautiful children: Shannan, Shontelle, and John D. Earsery III ("Jon Jon").

Diana began her career as a teacher's aide during the summers while she was in junior high and high school. After graduating, she worked as a nurse's aide and later as a paraprofessional in Special Education for USD 259 Wichita Public Schools. She taught Head Start and Title I students and managed the daycare center at Colvin Elementary School for two years.

She was later recruited into the Special Education Department because of her experience in the field, where she served for eight years. In 1985, she joined the staff at Southeast High School in the Special Education Department and faithfully served there for 28 years before retiring due to health concerns.

Diana was also hired by the City of Wichita as an Art Instructor. She taught one of the largest art programs in the city, instructing 300 to 500 children each week. She taught Art for Tots, Beginning Sewing, Advanced Sewing, Interior Decorating, Chinese Cooking, Wedding Decorations, Flower Arranging, Wedding Program Design, Church Decorations, Ceramics, and Quilting.

She also worked as a Recreation Supervisor for children ages 6 to 18 for more than 25 years at Colvin, Evergreen, Linwood, Lynette Woodard, and McAdams Recreation Centers.

Diana enjoyed cleaning and rearranging her friends' homes and businesses, especially during the holidays. She loved giving everyone a "champagne look on a Kool-Aid budget." It brought her great joy to serve and bless others through her creativity.

Diana was a multi-talented artist with an unlimited gift for decorating. She painted numerous murals in homes throughout Wichita and in two dance academies/studios in St. Louis. She was also an advocate and speaker for victims of domestic violence and battered women, working with various safe houses, the police department, and Catholic Charities.

Diana accepted Christ after the loss of her father in 1969. She and all of her siblings made it a family affair by joining the church together. Although she was raised in church as a young girl, she loved serving the Lord, worshipping, and seeking the Holy Spirit.

She fellowshiped at St. Mary's Baptist Church under the guidance of Reverend J.C. Douglass, later attended St. Andrew's Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor David Chaney, and eventually became a faithful member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church under the leadership of Reverend Janius B. Dotson, Senior Pastor.

In 2007, Diana became active in the Production Department and the Eula Pryor Circle, where she helped produce church cookbooks featuring three of her favorite recipes: Chicken Spaghetti, Mexican Cornbread, and Oatmeal Cake.

She also joined the St. Mark's Women's Choir. She loved singing praises to the Lord, and music was an important part of her worship. Diana also loved to travel and dreamed of seeing as much of the world as possible. It was one of the many goals she hoped to accomplish.

Diana was preceded in death by her father; her grandparents; three uncles; one aunt; one brother-in-law; her mother-in-law; her brothers, Thomas E. Newman and Daniel J. Newman; and her granddaughters, Jakale Earsery. Also preceding her in death are her brother, Tommy Jr., and her nephew, Reverend Daniel.

Diana leaves to cherish her memory her children, Shannan Denise, Shontelle Lavon, and John David Earsery III; her stepchildren, Iman Earsery Johnson (Elijah and Deuce), Jamaal Earsery Sr. (Jamaal and Jade), and Kareem Earsery (Kyson); her five sisters, Gail, Patricia, Phyllis, Regina, and Marlene; her two brothers, Warren and Steven; her 21 grandchildren, Shonaci, Olajuwaun, Jakale, Brenasia, Aariona, Jacea, Shakeel, Breiona, Trevon, Christian, Robin, Vladimir, Jamiya, Kiara, John IV, Jaden, Precious, Darius, Johnnessa, My'Alyssa, Jamina, and Elijah; 23 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, in-laws, and countless friends who will forever cherish her memory and miss her dearly, including Jamaal Earsery Sr.

A Message to Our Angel

Moma,

I know you're resting now and the pain is gone for you but it's just beginning for me. I'm going to have to figure this sewing thing out..make my own banana pudding and find somebody else to talk to all night!! Until we meet again
I Love You

Shannan

To Grandma DD,

As your sixth granddaughter among your many grandchildren through your baby boy, I'm so blessed to have had you in my life.

One of my favorite memories is spending a summer at the camp where you taught a crafts class. I remember how excited I was to go because it meant I got to spend time with you. You taught me how to make earrings. It's a memory I'll always treasure because it wasn't just about making earrings—it was about the time we shared together.

Those summers at camp will never be forgotten. The memories we made have stayed with me throughout my life, and today I find myself recreating those same special moments with my nieces. What may have seemed like a simple craft to others became a lifelong memory and a reminder of the love and time you poured into me.

Thank you for your kindness, your patience, and for giving me memories that I will cherish forever. Your love and the impact you had on our family will never be forgotten.

Rest peacefully, Grandma DD. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Love always,

Your sixth granddaughter,

Grandma,

Heyyyyy girllllll, I miss you more than I could ever put into words. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about you, and I carry your spirit with me everywhere I go.

Thank you for always believing in me, encouraging me, and reminding me of the woman I could become. I'm going to miss the laughs, the late night crime show watches and talking about outfits i begged you to make!

I promise to keep becoming the woman you always knew I could be. I'll continue to make you proud and carry your love, kindness, and strength with me every step of the way.

I love you so much, Girl and I miss you tremendously. I hope you know how grateful I am for every moment we shared. You'll always be in my heart.

Love always,

Nasia

*Dear Aunt,
Dee Dee,*

It is so hard to say goodbye to someone who meant so much to me. Thank you for loving me like one of your own and for showing me what God's love looks like. You didn't just take me to church—you helped plant the seeds of faith that will stay with me forever.

I will always remember your feisty spirit, your contagious laughter, your unwavering love for the Lord, and the way you embraced life with joy. You taught me that faith isn't just something we speak about—it's something we live.

Though my heart aches because you're no longer here, I find comfort knowing you are home with Jesus, the one you loved so deeply. Until we meet again, I will carry your love, your strength, and your faith with me every day.

Thank you for being my aunt, and one of God's greatest blessings in my life.

I love you always, and I will miss you forever.

With all my love
Your niece,

Kimberly







Pallbearers

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| ❖ Olajuwaiun Earsery | ❖ Vladimir Cochran Jr. |
| ❖ Shakeel Medcafe | ❖ John Earsery IV |
| ❖ Christian Robinson | ❖ Darius Earsery |

Honorary Pallbearers

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| ❖ Treyvon Earsery | ❖ John Earsery III |
| ❖ Jamaal Earsery Sr. | ❖ Arlandes Thomas |

Flower Bearers

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| ❖ Shonaci Earsery | ❖ Breiona Scott |
| ❖ Brenasia Hopson | ❖ Jacey Earsery |
| ❖ Aariona Scott | ❖ Jamiya Earsery |

Honorary Flower Bearers

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| ❖ Kiara Salter | ❖ Jonessa Earsery |
| ❖ Precious Earsery | ❖ My'Alyssa Earsery |
| ❖ Robin Earsery | |

Acknowledgments

The family of Diana Lee Newman Earsery wishes to express our deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers, and support shown to us during this time.

Your thoughtfulness and compassion have brought us comfort and strength. We are truly grateful.

May God bless each of you abundantly.



*peace be with you
always beep boop a doop*