

Pallbearers

Hayes Jones
Khalil Allen
Bruce Beasley-Davis
Trent Taylor

Kevin Davis
Brandon Beasley
Terry Gray Jr.
Michael Allender

Honorary Pallbearers

Juan DeGraphenreed
Tony DeGraphenreed Jr.
Michael DeGraphenreed
Terrance Davis
Michael Jones
William Cowherd

James "Tony" DeGraphenreed
Fort DeGraphenreed III
Edward Davis
Ronald Jones
Ralph Cooke
James Pryor

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Great Nieces

Repast

Great Commission Church of God



Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted
To The Final Care Of:



Stuart Mortuary, Inc.

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Going Home

Going home, going home,
I'm just going home.
It's not far, just close by;
Through an open door,
I'm just going home.

Mother's their beckoning me,
Father's waiting too.
Work all done, laid a-side,
Fear and grief no more.
Friends are there waiting now.
He is waiting too.
See His smile, See His hand,
He will lead me through.

Morning Star lights the way,
Restless dream all done,
Shadows gone, break of day,
Life has just begun.
Every tear wiped away,
Pain and sickness gone;
Wide awake their with Him!
Peace goes on and on.
I have just gone home.

Celebrating Her Life

Deandra DeGraphenreed

September 23, 1926 - September 17, 2022



Monday, September 26, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Stuart Mortuary Chapel

2201 North Illinois Street | Indianapolis, Indiana

Obituary

Deandra DeGraphenreed was born on September 23, 1926, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was the third of six children born to Fort DeGraphenreed and Willie Armenta Hollins DeGraphenreed.

Deandra accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and became a longstanding life member of the Church of God for many, many years. She became a member of the Great Commission Church of God in the late 90's. She reminded us that people are the Church, not the building.

Deandra attended the Indianapolis Public School Systems and Crispus Attucks High School. There she learned her trade as a seamstress. She used her trade at DeGraff Cleaners owned by her brother in the late fifties. In her early years she also worked for Methodist Hospital, RCA, Western Electric, 40 Minute Cleaners, and Sparkle Cleaners from which she then retired and enjoyed sewing and doing alterations for others.

Deandra was an adventurer in her day. She used to love to ride motorcycles. She was a competitive bowler and won many tournaments and trophies. She also was a member of the bowling team at the Edna Martin Christian Center. I can see her sashaying after rolling them strikes. Couldn't tell her nothing (smiling), and she also loved to go to the Casinos. She also loved to travel and had lived in several different places: Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina, Arizona and a brief stay in California and Las Vegas then finally returning home in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1995.

Deandra, affectionately known as "**Aunt Dee, Aunt DeeDee, Momma Dee, Mother Dee, & Miss Dee**" was a happy, joyful soul. Always offering encouraging and uplifting words. She loved to share life with others and one of her favorite sayings was "Enjoy life while you can." She loved, loved, loved, young people and always took time to ask about their lives and passing those dollars to them. She enjoyed meeting your partners, spouses, and friends and asked relentlessly if this was your "Sweet Patootie." An amazing lady and bright star, **Deandra** loved spending time with family, especially in her older years and cherished companionship and laughter above all. She was also an avid lover of dogs, "Sam, Mr. Brown and Chloe", all dogs!

Deandra DeGraphenreed was called home to Glory on September 17, 2022, at the age of ninety-five years, 11 months, and 17 days. Both her parents; her son, Hayes Wendall "Skipper" Bransford Jr. and daughter, Lois "Little Sis" Bransford; 2 brothers, James "JB", Fort Jr.; 2 sisters, Dorothy DeGraphenreed Jones and Corrine DeGraphenreed Davis, all preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, William DeGraphenreed of New York, New York; her caregiver, constant companion and devoted niece, Karen Davis Cowherd (William); nieces, Valerie Davis Pryor (James), Belinda Denise Cooke (Ralph), and Donna DeGraphenreed Carter; special nephews, Ralph Cooke and William Cowherd and two very special friends that she called her daughters, Carlene Heeter & Carmen Dodson and host of many, many other beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

"Only an aunt can give hugs like a mother, keep secrets like a sister, and share love like a friend."
We love you very much and will miss you dearly Aunt Dee.

Humbly Submitted.....Your Devoted Family

Order of Worship

Pastor Malachi Walker, Officiating

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Soft Music
OPENING REMARKS.....Pastor Malachi Walker
SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Art Leftridge
PRAYER.....Pastor Harry Morrison
SELECTION.....Great Commission Choir
"I'm Going On/Oh I Want To See Him"
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Pastor Dawn Walker
OBITUARY.....Read Silently.....Soft Music
SELECTION.....Larry Dodson
"Precious Lord"
REMARKS & FAMILY TRIBUTE.....Two (2) minutes, please
SELECTION.....Sis. Dorothy Coleman
"When I've Gone The Last Mile Of The Way".
EULOGY.....Pastor Malachi Walker
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL.....Musical Postlude

Committal Service and Interment

Crown Hill Cemetery | Indianapolis, Indiana

Acknowledgements

The family of **Deandra DeGraphenreed** is grateful for your expressions of love and kindness. We thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and cards, that continue to guide and support us at this time.

May God bless you all.