

“A Fallen Limb”

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, “Grieve not for me.”
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

Acknowledgments

Words cannot express the true meaning of your presence during the passing of our loved one in this time of bereavement especially during a pandemic. Every kind word and work, gesture, prayer, phone call and expression of sympathy and comfort has touched our hearts and helps heal our sorrow. We pray God's bountiful blessings upon each of you.

The Samuels Family

We, the staff of Nelson-Haile Funeral Home, sincerely hope that our service has been a source of comfort to each of you. Our goal, for the past five generations, has been and continues to be to provide excellent services to those families we are privileged to serve.

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Moments of Meditation

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A Service of Praise In Loving Memory of Mrs. Deborah P. Samuels



Sunrise
April 8, 1951

Sunset
August 20, 2020

Camden Cedar Cemetery
701 Campbell Street
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Saturday, August 29, 2020
11:30 A. M.

Reverend Dr. Freddie Thomas, Presiding

The Obituary

Ms. Deborah Patricia Samuels was born April 8, 1951 at Eglin Airforce Base, Florida to the late Robert and Julia L. Rawlinson Samuels. She departed this earthly life un-expectantly on August 20, 2020 in Rembert, South Carolina. “Debbie” as she was affectionately known, was the oldest of five siblings. She was baptized at an early age at First Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

Deborah (a gifted student) attended the public schools of Richland County where she not only maintained an “A” average, but was an instrument used before desegregation, sent to attend an all-white high school where even the teachers opted to refer to her by the N-word. That chapter in her life that she clung to, was her strength in times of lost and hopelessness and so (many) chapters of her life are now ours to tell (her story).

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, both paternal and maternal grandparents, sister Gwendolyn Denise Samuels-Williams and brother Michael R. Samuels and special cousins Thelma Griffin-Brown and Rosa (Babe) Griffin-Thomas.

Deborah loved life and lived it fully and freely; she was a gifted artist, exceptional student and achiever, very family oriented and loved family functions where she would make everyone laugh, dance and sing. She never met a stranger either, as everyone was “my friend”. Our memories will be of her fun-filled spirit, her loving concerns for everyone needs, her family happiness and as the person who spoke her mind in her very own “frank and stood her ground” manner, which made her an awesome daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and best friend. Left to cherish precious memories are: Her devoted husband for 22 years, LeVan Chatman, daughters Shirelle Jones and Lauren Bridget (nee) Jones, brother Roderick Samuels, sister Adrain (Clarence) Samuels-Brooks, niece Erika N. Brooks, nephews Kenric, T. Brooks, Clarence Brooks, Jr., Samuel A. Williams, Benjamin T. Williams, great nieces Cydney M. Brooks, Averie Brooks, great nephews Joshua T. Brooks, Nathaniel Brooks, great grandnephew Coty Brooks, special cousins, James Samuels Jr., Barbara Hysten, Jacqueline Griffin, Robert Griffin, Wanda Griffin, brothers-in-laws Clarence Williams and John Chatman, sister-in-law Millie Rice, step-sons LeVan Tender and Jason Canty and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Freddie Thomas, Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....Minister, Family & Friends

SOLO.....Ms. Valisha Adams

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT.....Psalm 27:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT.....St. John 10:27-29

PRAYER.....Minister

SONG.....Ricky Dillard

“You Are The Lifter”

REFLECTIONS.....Adrain Brooks, Sister
Gregory Griffin

SOLO.....Ms. Valisha Adams

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Reverend Dr. Freddie Thomas

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

INTERMENT

RECESSIONAL.....Minister, Family & Friends

POSTLUDE