

*To Those Whom I Love  
& Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

- Anonymous

*In Loving Memory*



*Paulette Diane Washington*

Sunrise  
November 28, 1942

Sunset  
June 22, 2022

*Homegoing Celebration*

Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
Lincoln Memorial Park & Funeral Home  
11801 SE Mt. Scott Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97086



To leave the family personal messages of condolence please visit Paulette's  
online guestbook webpage at [www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com)  
Arrangements Entrusted To: Terry Family Funeral Home

*Paulette Diane Washington, known as Diane, was born on November 28, 1942 in Kankakee, Illinois. She was the only girl of three children born to the late Henry George Sykes Sr. and Pauline Sykes.*

*Diane moved to Portland, Oregon after graduating from high school. She attended Portland State University. Her first job was with Pacific Northwest Bell as a telephone operator, before moving on to work for the US Postal Service. Diane married Thomas Washington in 1961 and they had two sons, Michael and Damon, before later separating in 1966. She retired from Purdy Brush Company and became a caregiver to her son, Damon.*

*Diane enjoyed the Oregon casinos during her many road trips. She really enjoyed taking off on a long drive as often as she could. There wasn't a state too far for her to jump in the car and ride! She especially loved travelling around the country with her two sons, Michael and Damon. During these travels she would seek out popular restaurants featured on one of her favorite TV shows - Drive-Ins & Dives with Guy Fieri. Most of all, she enjoyed watching Jeopardy among many other special TV shows with her sons. Diane also enjoyed reading a good book or watching a good movie with her favorite glass of wine. Diane loved sports, especially football and basketball, and just spending time with loved ones.*

*On June 22, 2022, Diane departed this earth. Preceding her in death was her father, Henry George Sykes Sr; mother, Pauline Sykes; husband, Thomas Washington; brothers, Earl Sykes Sr. and Henry George Sykes Jr.*

*She leaves us cherishing so many special memories and conversations. Diane's memory and love will live on in her two sons, Michael Washington and Damon Washington (both of Portland Oregon); two grandchildren, Jayme Causey and Sydne Washington (both of Portland, Oregon); as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.*

*She will be dearly missed.*



## *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer		Pastor Carland D. Allen
Special Word		James Busby
Musical Selection	"I Won't Complain"	Tamara Hopkins
Obituary Reading		Jayne Causey
Poem Reading		Alycin
Tribute Video		Ricky Pettiford
Musical Selection	"I Shall Wear A Crown"	Tamara Hopkins
Eulogy		Pastor Carland D. Allen

*Entombment to immediately follow the service*

*Lincoln Memorial Park*

