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

To leave the family personal messages of condolence please visit Paulette's online guestbook webpage at www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements Entrusted To: Terry Family Funeral Home

In Loving Memory

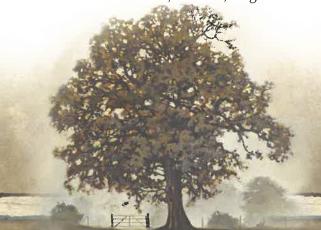


Paulette Diane Washington

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



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

Jayme 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

