

Active Pallbearers

Romeo Presha · Richard Benson, Jr. · Aubrey Shaw
Douglas Washington, Jr. · Anthony Brown, Sr. · LaRance Shaw

Honorary Pallbearers

Larry Hatter · Robert Jones · Michael Smith, Jr.

My Dear Children's

I thought the time was right. I've said goodbye to pain filled days and long, restless nights. I've lived my life and did my best. An example I've tried to be. So I took that step beyond my sight and set my spirit free. I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might. But something seemed to draw me to that warm and tender night. I know you're sad and afraid, because I see your tears, but don't worry I will never be far. I promise and hope you'll always know that my spirit will be close, wherever you may go. So thank you for loving me. You know I loved you too, that's why it was hard to say goodbye and for all times. And let me hear you say because you cared so much for, you'll let me go today.

She Shall Rest

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

— for —

Aubrey Dean Irvin DeGrate



SUNRISE
May 14, 1949

SUNSET
April 1, 2021

LIFE REFLECTIONS

— of —

Aubrey Dean Irvin DeGrate

Aubrey Dean Irvin DeGrate was born on May 14, 1949 to Mr. Aubrey Irvin and Mrs. Lillie Bell Benson in Waco, Texas.

She married Larry Gene DeGrate Sr., her childhood sweetheart and to this union four children were born. She went to Moore High School. She graduated from and went to Prairie View A&M to run track. She worked for Marathon Battery for 21 years and Hillcrest Hospital, Quality Care before she retired in 2011.

Aubrey Dean brought love and joy to everyone's life. She was known as Dean, Granny, Winnie. Not only was she a mother to her children, but also to their friends. She loved her sisters, brother, and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed cooking for her family and entertaining & dancing.

She leaves to cherish her memory: son, Larry DeGrate Jr.(Verletta); daughter, Nicole Gibson(Umoja Gibson Sr); son, Roshard DeGrate; six brothers, Curtis Riptoe(Jacklyn) Joe Benson Jr., Travis Benson, Richard Benson, Micahel Benson Sr. All of Waco, and Rev. Edward Donell Plump of Los Angeles California; two sisters, Shirley Shaw and Gloria Presha of Waco; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law, Eve Jones (Sam), Pam DeGrate of Dallas, Patricia Moore (Charles) and Sharon Washington of Waco; and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Lillie Bell Benson; father, Aubrey Irvin; stepfather, Joe Benson Sr.; her husband, Larry DeGrate Sr.; sister, Mae Helen Alston; son, Bronshae; one great-granddaughter, Jaleah Thompson; and brother, Tommie Joe Washington.



Service

Saturday, April 10, 2021 · 11:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TABERNACLE

1925 East Loop 340 · Waco, Texas 76705

Pastor Judy Hatter — Officiant and Eulogist

Order of Celebration

PROCESSIONAL *Nobody Greater*

MUSICAL SELECTION *Precious Lord*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament *Appointee*

New Testament *Appointee*

PRAYER

RESOLUTION

MUSICAL SELECTION *Do Not Pass Me By*

REMARKS *Limit two minutes, please*

MUSICAL SELECTION *I Won't Complain*

WORDS OF COMFORT *Pastor Judy Hatter*

FINAL REFLECTION 'TIL RESURRECTION

Serenity Life Celebrations

RECESSIONAL *I'll Fly Away*