

A Sister's Love

*To My Beloved Sister Delores,
If I could have a lifetime wish, a dream that would come true,
I would pray to God with all my heart, for yesterday and you.*

*A thousand words can't bring you back,
I know because I tried,
and neither will a million tears,
I know, because I cried.*

*God has you now,
you were gone before we knew it
and only God knows why.*

Rest in peace, my dear sister.

In Loving Memory, Your Sister,

-Vivian

Acknowledgments

The White-Avery Family would like to acknowledge and give great thanks to the many people who cared for **DELORES MARIE WHITE** and her lifelong friends: Thank you to the Thomas-Patterson Family from day one to her bedside to today and forever; Thank you Dr. Gorny, Dr. Rivera, Dr. Saint-Jacques, Dr. Shimony, Dr. Xia, the staff at Harlem Cardiology, and at the Ryan Center; Calvary Hospital for receiving our mother, and treating her with the respect and dignity that she more than deserved; The Grant Family for long, life-lasting friendship; Thank you to the family at Benta's Funeral Home for handling our mother with care and respect, and Thank you to all of our family and friends who never stopped asking, "How Is Your Mom Doing"? We could not have done this journey without you.

-Gia, Sharron and Timothy

Arrangements Entrusted to:


BENTA'S
Funeral Home, Inc.
630 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, NY 10030
Phone: (212) 281-8850
Fax: (212) 234-3600

Celebrating the Life of



Delores Marie White

SUNRISE: JANUARY 8, 1942 - SUNSET: MARCH 2, 2025

Funeral Service

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND TERRANCE KENNEDY, Officiating

DHAR BRYANT, Minister of Music

Dissolution

Thursday, March 13, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

WOODLAWN CREMATORY

Bronx, New York

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE	“SOON AND VERY SOON”
INVOCATION	REVEREND TERRANCE KENNEDY
SELECTION	“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”
SCRIPTURE READING	
OLD TESTAMENT	PSALM 23
NEW TESTAMENT	JOHN 14: 1-8
PRAYER OF COMFORT	REVEREND TERRANCE KENNEDY
SELECTION	“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”
POEM READING	“I MADE IT HOME” SHIRLEY THOMAS
REFLECTIONS	FAMILY & FRIENDS <i>(Two Minutes Please)</i>
OBITUARY	GIA SHALONDA WHITE - BARBER
SELECTION	“TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD”
EULOGY	“MOMMY AND ME” SHARRON LATOYA WHITE “WORDS FROM MY HEART” TIMOTHY ANDREW WHITE
COMMITTAL	REVEREND TERRANCE KENNEDY
BENEDICTION	REVEREND TERRANCE KENNEDY
FINAL VIEWING	“JESUS IS LOVE”
RECESSIONAL	“HOLD ONTO TO GOD’S UNCHANGING HAND”

Repast

MANNIE WILSON TOWERS

565 Manhattan Avenue • New York, New York 10027
Community Room • Floor 9 Roof Deck @ 3:30pm

Obituary

DELORES MARIE WHITE was graciously gifted by God on January 8, 1942. Delores, the youngest of six children, was born in Pittsburgh, PA to parents Ms. Willie Lou Prophet and Mr. Willie Benjamin White. At the very early age of two years old, both of Delores’ parents passed away suddenly due to Tuberculosis. No longer having the care and guidance of her loving parents she was raised by her paternal grandmother, Ms. Sally Shavers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She attended Fourth Street Elementary School as well as Lee Elementary School. She continued her education at Rufus King High School where she built strong friendships that she maintained into adulthood. As a young, eager to learn scholar, Delores was gutsy and adventurous. Having five older siblings made her independent, resilient and tenacious to overcome the odds of young adulthood life in the 60’s. More importantly she relied on her faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He graced her with the guidance and willingness to seek a new path of endeavors. She courageously said, “so long” to family and friends, and moved onto new beginnings in San Francisco, CA, where she fell in love with its Victorian-style architecture and its rolling hills. She also spent time in Los Angeles, driving up and down the coast and lavishing on its breathtaking beaches. Although, she loved California, she made it very clear that it was the musical hustle and bustle of robust New York City that caught her eye and ear.

Delores loved the energy of New York where she continued her academic studies. She was proudly one of the only two African American women to graduate from the Katherine Gibbs School, in 1964. Shortly thereafter, she became employed at Bloomingdales Department Store as an accounting clerk. While in New York City she met Mr. Lorain Avery Jr. They lovingly built their lives together and raised three children: Gia, Sharron and Timothy. Years later, as a homemaker raising a family, Delores was determined to return to school. She attended evening classes and proudly achieved her GED in 1985. In 1998, she graduated from the Center of Employment Training, where she earned her Medical Assistant certification. She also completed certifications as a P.C.A. and Home Health Aide in 2000.

Some of her fondest memories were spent with nature. She had a very nurturing way about her which showed through her hobby as an avid gardener. She mastered a gentle, “green thumb” and spent time with her favorite great aunt, Ms. Louella Welch, gardening plants and vegetables in the backyard of the Welch family brownstone in Brooklyn, NY.

“Dee”, as she was affectionately known by family and close friends, was the epitome of an African American woman’s strength within an ever changing community. She welcomed you with open arms and blessed you with a prayer. She radiated a positive spirit that was truly always present. Her big, beautiful smile was infectious, her soft voice soothing; with a calm readiness that let you know she cared.

Today, we celebrate this loving companion, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and best friend, as she will be truly missed. We thank you God for her wonderful life and all her gifts that she bestowed upon us. She leaves behind her three children, and four grandchildren: Nahja White, Trinity White, Avery Barber and Tiegen Barber in New York City, NY. She is further survived by her dear sisters, Ms. Vivian Peet and Ms. Barbara Lewis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

May we always remember Delores Marie White who loved her life and who loved her family so much that she planted and cultivated our souls! Rest in peace, mommy.