



Diane Fowlkes

November 21, 1945 - December 10, 2021

Therefore you too have grief, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice and no one will take away your joy. John 16:22

God's grace and mercy was strongly bestowed upon Diane Fowlkes in the evening of December 10, 2021 at 5:27 pm. She departed this life in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family and friends.

Diane Elizabeth Fowlkes was born in Philadelphia to the late John D. Harrell and Lillian McMillan on November 21, 1945. She later moved to St. Paul, North Carolina where she attended the school district of St. Paul. She later moved back to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she finished out the rest of her education at Ben Franklin High School.

Diane worked for many years in the early 70's at an upholstery company. She attended Watterson School of Business and Technology where she received her certification for nursing in the early 80's.

In 1986, she moved back to Richmond, Virginia. There she met Frank Fowlkes, the love of her life in 1988. On May 30, 1992 they were married and began a life that both always cherish.

Diane loved to shop! She would watch the QVC Shopping Network Channel and order so much stuff that she would have to hide it from her husband. You would of thought she was Chinese, because if you ever visited her home you were greeted by Chinese dolls, pictures and Buddha. Diane loved to dress especially when going to church with all sorts of handbags and shoes. She enjoyed eating seafood and soul food. She would often travel to New Jersey to visit her sister Jean and brother-in-law Jack and the rest of the family. Diane's daughter, Kim who lived in Philadelphia which she was very proud of along with her grandchildren MarKeith and Londyn. She also was very fond of Roy whom she referred to as her son-in-law.

She had a special relationship with her nephew, Ronald which she would call her son. Diane also spent a lot of time with her baby sister, Sandy who would drive her everywhere, especially Macy's. She also enjoyed having long conversations with her daughter, Punkee. She always asked her to bring her all kinds of food when she came to visit. She loved when her nieces Sharon, Jackie, Sandra, Meji, Nikki and Trinia would call her on the phone. She loved all her nieces and they loved her as well. Diane had a special relationship with her two nephews, Brent and Tony who would make sure she had grocery and personal stuff.

Diane attended Gospel Baptist Church which she became a member in the early 90's and was baptized in 2008. She became a usher of the Elizabeth Turner Usher Board.

Diane was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2021. With a strong support system the battle begun with her family. The family was there from the beginning of her journey, step-by-step from doctor appointment to hospital stays. She always had someone by her side, especially her daughter and sisters Sandy and Dorothy.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Fowlkes. Our beloved Diane leaves to cherish her two daughters, Kim Harrell and Chawan Jones; four grandchildren, MarKeith, Jim, Cam and Nya; one great-granddaughter, Londyn; five sisters, Dorothy, Sandy, Carolyn, Shirley, and Barbara Ann; five brothers, John, Alfonso, Charlie, David and one that preceded her in death, Theodore; one sister-in-law, Judy; one brother-in-law, Jack; godson, Jamar; a host of aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews and cousins; along with two dear friends, Mr. & Mrs. Ballard; and her children that she called her own, Sherry, Iris and John.

Diane will be greatly missed by all.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and friend.

She will be remembered by her gentle spirit, kind-hearted and glowing smile.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **17**. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

DEC **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Diane Fowlkes, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - December 17, 2021 at 09:57 AM

GS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Diane Fowlkes! My sincerest sympathies to her family and friends! She was beautiful. sweet and kind lady and she will truly be missed.*



Gail Singleton - December 18, 2021 at 09:54 AM

JA

“ *Those we Love, Don't go Away, They walk Bedside us Everyday Unseen, Unheard But Always Near, Still Loved, Still Missed, and Very Dear. Rest in Heaven My Dear Sweet Friend Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family. Joann Allen Phila, PA*

Joann J Allen - December 18, 2021 at 09:09 AM

TA

“ *OUR CONDOLENCES TO KIM & FAMILY FROM YOUR FAYETTE STREET FAMILY (TAW)*

TAW - December 18, 2021 at 07:05 AM

ST

Kim you have my condolences. Ms. Diane was a sweetheart..
Stacy (Fayette St)

stacy - December 18, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Fowlkes.



December 17, 2021 at 07:32 AM

RR

“ You may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. We are truly gonna miss you Aunt Diane. Love you forever.....Tae, Briana, Tiarra & Michaela



Rataga Reed - December 14, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 14, 2021 at 04:08 PM