



Dana Monique Coles

January 11, 1973 - March 11, 2011

Dana Monique Coles, of Falls Church, Virginia, and formally of East Orange, New Jersey, departed this life on March 11, 2011. She was preceded in death by her mother, Bessie Campbell Coles.

Dana spent her formative years attending Immaculate Conception Catholic School. She graduated from Immaculate Conception in 1991. Dana matriculated at Lincoln University in Lancaster Pennsylvania receiving her Bachelors of Science Degree in 1995.

She began her dancing career at the age of two. Dana loved dancing and posing for the camera. She was always a bright shining star and beauty queen. She was also a cheerleader. Her passions were her family, traveling, and shopping. With her warm personality, smile, and gift of talking, Dana made friends wherever she went.

While residing in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1995, she was recruited into the Managers Trainee Program at Fulton Bank. She held several positions while working her way up the corporate chain. She worked part-time as an Internal Auditor for the Keller Avenue-Days Inn & Suites, and was a wedding consultant with DD Catering & Event Planning.

Dana was also employed with Jay Group-Marketing and Fulfillment Company

in Ronks, Lancaster County as an Account Manager/Trainee. Among her clients were Tiffany, Reebok, and Taylor Made.

While in Lancaster, Dana was involved in many activities. She served on the Board of Directors of Crispus Attucks Community Center, Bright Side Baptist Church, Rites of Passage Program, and the Southeast Area Positive Image Action Group.

Dana joined the Queen of Sheba Temple #137 of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elk of the World in 1999 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She held many offices and leadership positions in the local temple as well as the Pennsylvania State Daughters of Elks Association, where she was crowned Queen of the Pennsylvania Association in 2000.

Dana was a dancer with the Imani-Edu Tainers African Dance Company, and a great cheerleading coach for many years with several Lancaster organizations. She loved working with young inner-city girls, teaching them cheering and dance.

In 2008, Dana relocated to Falls Church, Virginia to be closer to her Virginia family. She was employed with Prudential Financial, where she was also loved. Dana was also a cheerleading coach in Falls Church. Dana continued her passion of giving and community service. Dana's love was contagious; she passed it on daily. She was always known as the "life of the party".

Left to cherish loving memories are her father, Morris "Johnny" S. Coles, Jr. (Helena); sister, Shawn Barnes (Lateef); brother, Sanford Rhodes (Jennifer); four aunts, Willa Brown, Margaret Garcia (Saturnino); LaVerne Coles Lucas, Janet Coles James (Ronald), two uncles, Lawrence Coles, Sr. (Nora) and Ernest Campbell, godparents, Mr & Mrs. Michael Young, devoted friends, Bennett Callahan and Petra Simms; a host of cousins and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph St.
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dana Monique Coles*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



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Kira Ruth - March 18, 2011 at 01:52 PM



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Kira Ruth - March 18, 2011 at 01:51 PM



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Kira Ruth - March 18, 2011 at 01:50 PM

HB

“ DC,

I can not believe your gone, You are the most high spirited, full of life person I know. I just can't wrap my head around this. To not be able to hear your voice again or to laugh till it hurts about some off the wall thing we got ourselves into or to hear you tell a story from your life in the most unique and animated way that had everyone in tears will be very hard to get past. But, it is with those memories that I will remember you and all the great times we had. The last message you sent me was " happy birthday hun, enjoy your day love ya" funny how those little messages mean the most. I could go on and on about the times we've shared. Bust rest assured that you will not be forgotten and I know you will always be with us , your friends and family always.



We all - Cory, Corinne & Corissa will miss you so much, I love you DC!!!

Heidi

Heidi Brown - March 18, 2011 at 11:05 AM

DS

“ Dana,

Words can't begin to express how much it sadden me that a great childhood friend of mine has gone to be with the Lord.. Dana as I am saddened by your passing but I know that you are in heaven with your mother.

Although we were best friend growing up at the age of 2yrs old starting your life together you had a tremendous impact on my life these last few years we were not in touch. My heart is so so heavy right now to know that we lived not too far from each other.

I wish I could speak with you, and tell you how much I value what we shared – your friendship & all the wonderful fun times together.

But we have our shared memories and those will never be erased.

My condolences go out to your Dad, Aunt Willa and family and friends

Prayers for the comfort Aunt Willia, your Dad, family & friends

May her memory be eternal!

Until we meet again my friend

Love always

DeSheila Johnson-Sherman

DeSheila Y Johnson - Sherman - March 18, 2011 at 08:42 AM

RS

“ Dear Dana,

You were such a beautiful person - inside and outside. As a parent and good friends of your mother, Bessie, we had a lot of good time - during high schools years and college.

Bessie was such an amazing person and it transcend into her daughter. I know Bessie

was waiting with open arms. Rest you beautiful tulip as I remember Bessie would refer to you as.

with Love

Rutha Smith (Tamara's mom)

Rutha Smith - March 18, 2011 at 08:40 AM



AC

“ To my Angel Sister...you will be missed. Your laughter, your smile, your charisma, just you. You will be missed. Until we see each other again!!! Be Blessed

Ania Charles - March 17, 2011 at 07:15 PM



JJ

“ To Our Beloved Alpha Angel,

Peace and blessings to you little sister. Rest In Peace.

*The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, Nu Chapter
Lincoln University of PA*

John C. Johnston - March 17, 2011 at 06:29 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Keith Rivera - March 17, 2011 at 05:58 PM

PK

“ Dear Dana,

One of my greatest achievements was making you laugh. I will always remember the day that I told you something funny that made you laugh. Your laugh was so funny that it made me laugh so hard my face started to hurt. Then all through that day at work when I passed by your desk we found it hard looking each other in the eyes because we would burst out laughing. Your laugh was so contagious; it started out with a snort followed by the sounds of someone when they can't breath and then you hit this high pitched squeal –

Dana we are all saddened by your passing but I know that you are in heaven with your mom and enjoying every minute of it.

My condolences go out to your Aunt Willa, your dad and your siblings; all whom I've never met but your love for them transcended in your voice when you talked about them.

Love you always,

Paulette Kogo

Paulette Kogo - March 16, 2011 at 09:06 PM

DJ

“ *Donna Jagoe lit a candle in memory of Dana Monique Coles*



Donna Jagoe - March 16, 2011 at 08:18 PM

TS

“ *Dana,*

Words can't begin to express how much I will miss you!!! And this wall wouldn't allow space for the amount of memories I have; the high school memories, the college memories, the time we spent while you were preparing to be my maid-of-honor, our weekend outing in Philly - and the list goes on.....

You had become more than a friend -you were my sister! My heart is so so heavy right now... But as much as I know I love you, I also know God loves you more! Enjoy your Mansion, Robe, and Crown!

Tamara Smith

Tamara Smith - March 16, 2011 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ Dana,

My fondest memory of you was when we met each other for the first time on our retreat in Delaware. We had lots of fun talking, laughing, showing pictures old and new, spa day, eating, & shopping. It seemed as if we all knew each other already. We have grown very close since then and I love the relationship we had. You were never a sister-in-law to me, but you have always been a sister. I will always hear your lovely voice in ears, and see your beautiful face in my eyes. Until we meet again, your memories will remain in my heart. I love you Dana!

Jennifer Rhodes

Jennifer Rhodes - March 16, 2011 at 10:05 AM

HR

“ Dana-Dane,

The last time we spoke was at the end of February when you wished me a Happy Birthday and joked about my age (smile). We talked about hanging out in Atlantic City and plans for the next get-together in Jersey. I just want you to know that the boys and I are going to really miss you.



Hope C. Rhodes - March 16, 2011 at 09:07 AM



“ 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 - March 15, 2011 at 02:58 PM

HB

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Heidi Brown - March 18, 2011 at 10:25 AM