



Deborah Ann Roane

July 28, 1957 - December 6, 2025

Life's Legacy

Some lives are marked not by how loudly they are lived, but by how deeply they are felt. Deborah Ann Roane lived a life that radiated strength, truth, and love. She carried herself with quiet authority, loved with sincerity, and left an imprint that will endure for generations. Deborah's life was rooted in love, service, faith, and family, and every chapter of her story reflects a woman who stood firmly in who she was and gave fully to those she loved.

From her earliest years, Deborah possessed a strength of spirit that was evident to those around her. She was observant, inquisitive, and keenly aware of the world unfolding before her. Even in childhood, she demonstrated a sense of responsibility and resilience that would shape the woman she became. Deborah was raised with strong values and deep family bonds, which instilled in her an understanding of loyalty, perseverance, and the importance of standing in truth.

Deborah was a proud graduate of Armstrong High School and a product of the Richmond Public School System. Education mattered to her because it represented independence, self-determination, and growth. She continued her studies at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia, carrying forward the discipline and determination that defined her character.

Answering a call to service, Deborah proudly served her country as a faithful member of the United States Army Reserves from 1978 until her discharge in 1996. Her military service shaped her profoundly. It strengthened her discipline, sharpened her sense of responsibility, and reinforced her belief in accountability and structure. These values extended far beyond her years of service and influenced every role she held throughout her life.

Professionally, Deborah worked as a Data Entry Specialist with the City of Richmond and later served as an Intake Specialist for several physician offices throughout the City of Richmond. In every position, she was known for her reliability, precision, and attention to detail. Deborah approached her work with integrity and care, believing that excellence was demonstrated through consistency and effort rather than recognition.

Faith was a steady anchor throughout Deborah's life. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age and remained grounded in her faith through every season. Deborah was a devoted member of God's Miracle Church, where her faith guided her actions, strengthened her resolve, and sustained her through life's challenges. Her spirituality was evident not only in words but in how she lived, loved, and endured.

Deborah found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She enjoyed coloring, watching classic Disney movies, and playing Jim Rummy. She was inquisitive and genuinely funny, with a sharp wit and a personality that could not be ignored. Deborah was direct and honest, often stern, but she loved harder than most. Her care was protective, her generosity sincere, and her willingness to help others unwavering. She gave freely of herself, often quietly and without expectation of acknowledgment.

Deborah was preceded in death by her mother, Rita M. Winston; her father,

Forrest J. Dowden Jr.; her brother, William H. Winston Sr.; and her nephew, William H. Winston Jr. Their memory remained close to her heart and continued to shape her strength and compassion throughout her life.

Deborah's greatest devotion was her family. She is survived by her loving children, her daughter ReShonda Jones (Michael), her son Floyd Johnson, and Ashadia. She was a devoted mother whose love was fierce, steadfast, and enduring.

Deborah leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Michael Jones Jr., Mikenzie Jones, and Kalayli Johnson, whom she was eagerly awaiting to meet, along with her bonus grandchildren, Karma Clarke and Michael Walton Jr. Her love for her grandchildren was filled with hope, tenderness, and anticipation for the lives they would lead.

She is also survived by her seven siblings, Darryl Winston and wife Demetria, Taras Winston, Randy Dowden, Forrest Dowden III, Forrell Dowden, Freisha Robinson and husband Kenneth, and Rauiesha Lewis and husband Marcus. Deborah shared deep and lasting bonds with her siblings, rooted in shared history, loyalty, and family connection.

Deborah leaves behind fifteen nieces and nephews, a host of great nieces and great nephews, her devoted aunts, Virginia T. Roane and Rosalie Robinson, and two especially cherished nephews, Andrew Morton and Jerel Morton (Kristen), who held a deeply meaningful place in her life. Deborah was a guide, a protector, and a steady source of wisdom and strength.

Deborah Ann Roane was strong, real, loving, inquisitive, and undeniably funny. She loved deeply, spoke honestly, and lived authentically. Her life was a reflection of faith, resilience, discipline, and unwavering devotion to family.

Though she is no longer physically present, Deborah's spirit lives on through the lives she shaped, the lessons she taught, and the love she leaves behind.

Deborah Ann Roane was deeply loved, profoundly missed, and will forever be remembered.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Deborah Ann Roane*



March Funeral Homes - December 09, 2025 at 04:27 PM

AJ

“ *Thank you for being such a real person! No matter what I knew the love you had for me and my babygirl Karma!❤️ I got your son forever. I'm so happy God brought you to be my mother in love👤👤 Until we meet again! Now we wait for Kokobean to arrive..I love you ma🙏*

Ashadia Johnson - January 01 at 08:47 PM



“ *SENDING MY LOVE TO RESHONDA ,MJ MIKENZIE BIG MIKE & EXTENDED FAMILY ! Deborah you are loved you will be missed !!*

Keisha Keisha - December 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LT

“ *My deepest condolences..... Such a strong and honorable woman. Sending comfort ,love and continued strength to the entire family!*

Lashell taylor - December 29, 2025 at 06:00 AM

SA

“ To the family of Deborah Roane You have my deepest sympathy



Sharon Arnette - December 28, 2025 at 08:42 AM

EB

“ I first met Deborah when she and I attended J. Sargeant Reynolds back in the mid 1970s and then later we ended up working together for the City of Richmond. Deborah truly had a beautiful heart and soul. Rest in Paradise Deborah until we meet again. I'll never forget you and all the things we did together when our children were little.

Eva Bonaparte - December 27, 2025 at 09:45 AM

SS

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of our friend. It was always great to see her and talk to her on the phone. Deborah always kept it real about how she felt. I loved that about her. We will miss her.

The Suttons

Sis F Sutton - December 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

VE

“ Thank God we had a long talk and laughs before this shocking news. I will miss our talks and watching Mervin dancing his Christmas dance. Thank you for being there for me. Now I really have to toughened up. Thank God for putting you in my life. And telling me and showing me a new way to look at our Savior and loving Him more seeing how He had blessed you over and over again. Yes, He love you and brought you closer to Him to love you even more. I will miss my special friend, who could make me laugh and cry and get mad all at the same time. Love you Deborah enjoy. I can see that smile now in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Vanessa Eubanks - December 13, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CE

“ Loving funny easy to talk to love her was there when you needed her Rip my dear friend

Constance eberhardt - December 12, 2025 at 10:21 AM

SB

“ Although we will miss the donuts, her smile and the laughter she brought to our Thursday Morning Bible Study Group, we know that Deb had accepted Jesus as her Lord & Savior - And that's all that matters, at this point.

- With Much Love and Sincere Condolences, God's Miracle Church



Sharon B. - December 11, 2025 at 03:52 PM

RA

“ While we may never be able to express in person how much we miss them, we hold a continual conversation in our thoughts with those who have departed. A certain phrase or inflection makes us conscious of their presence still lingering in our lives. In Deepest Sympathy



Rose Austin - December 10, 2025 at 08:36 PM

AH

“ Lit a candle in memory of my 1200 block Denny St childhood friend and AHS classmate of 1975.



Alexis Johnson Harris - December 09, 2025 at 05:36 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 09, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JJ

"Hey Mane" It is hard to believe that I will no longer hear that greeting from you. You always delivered the very best of HELLOs. Rest in Peace, Cuz!

Johnny Roane, Jr. - December 11, 2025 at 03:53 PM