



## Deborah V. Williams

November 23, 1954 - September 14, 2021

DEBORAH (DEBBIE) VIOLA WILLIAMS was born on November 23, 1954 to the late James Rollon and Cora Viola (Newby) Williams in Baltimore, Maryland. She was called to rest on Tuesday morning, September 14, 2021. Debbie, the youngest of five children, was preceded in death by two older siblings, Dolores Williams McKoy and James E. Williams.

Debbie was raised in the church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She loved to imitate the voices of famous singers and as an active member of Wayland Baptist Church, Debbie enjoyed singing with the Chancel Ensemble, the Womens' Chorus, the Mass Choir, and recently the Praise and Worship Team. Since she was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice, Debbie was often called upon to perform solos during church service and other special occasions. Jerrod Hinton, a fellow church member, frequently joined her in the performance of duets. She also performed at other local churches.

As a child, Debbie attended Baltimore City Public Schools, and

graduated from Towson University in 1977. During the early 1980s, she moved to Dallas, Texas. However, after a few years, Debbie decided to return home to be near her aging parents.

Many of her working years were spent at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. She retired from Hopkins in 2019 after over 20 years of service. Since Debbie worked very diligently, she was considered an asset to her colleagues.

She was a member of the Alpha Alpha Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated. Debbie was also a member of the Center for Remarkable Women, an organization that aspired to transform women of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances with purpose, confidence, and power. Debbie functioned as one of the program's facilitators for that organization

She loved to go on cruises and looked forward to "sister weekends" to attend craft shows, concerts, and festivals. In her spare time, she was an avid reader who enjoyed making quilts, embroidering, designing and making jewelry, crocheting, making clothes, and painting.

Elegant Designs by Deb, established in August 2016, was a boutique that featured customized embroidery and special fashions all hand-sewn by Debbie. She offered embroidered infant blankets and young children specialty bedding, as well

as wall hangings. Debbie belonged to the Maryland Sewing Guild and attended retreats as a way of enhancing her sewing skills.

With the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic, she immersed herself in making and mailing out multi-layered masks to family, friends, and to all who requested them.

She is survived by: sisters, Brenda McKoy and Joan Williams; brother-in-law, Robert McKoy; aunt, Delma White; niece, Karen McKoy Bracy (Rodney); niece, Kea McKoy; great-nephews, Aaron Bracy and Adam Bracy; as well as a host of cousins and friends

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Wake

SEP 25. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Deborah V. Williams, Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 21, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Deborah V. Williams*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Debbie will be sadly missed and well remembered. I remember the good times we had hanging out, going to church, spending time with her family, brunching and shopping. Although I have not seen her in a while she made a profound impact in my life and I really do appreciate all she taught me. My heart goes out to all of her family and friends.*

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**Keira Kimbrough-Waters PharmD, MBA** - September 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *I always look forward to hearing Deborah singing Sunday morning. Rest in peace.*

*Deborah Manns  
Wayland BC member*

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**Deborah W Manns** - September 25, 2021 at 12:14 PM

HW

“ Deborah was a very dear friend and will be greatly missed. She was very talented and I loved to hear her lovely God given talented voice. Rest in peace, my Dear.

HELEN J. WELLS - September 25, 2021 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ To the life and memory of my dear cousin I will surely miss seeing and talking with you. ❤️ I know you are in the presence of our God and Uncle James, Aunt Cora, Delores & Jimmy. I miss you all but for nor God allows me continue life's journey. I will see all later 🙏🙏. Love cousin Michael Allmond 🧑🏾♂️

Michael Allmond 1st cousin - September 25, 2021 at 05:16 AM

KM

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Kea McKoy - September 24, 2021 at 04:50 PM

QJ

Beautiful Slideshow Love it.

Quentin Johnson - September 27, 2021 at 10:54 AM

VC

“ Valley Brook Community Church purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Deborah V. Williams.



Valley Brook Community Church - September 22, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah V. Williams.



September 22, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah V. Williams.



September 22, 2021 at 10:44 AM

AR

“ Adriane Hill & Cathy Hill Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Deborah V. Williams



Adriane Hill & Cathy Hill Ruffin - September 21, 2021 at 10:41 AM

NP

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to your family during this difficult time. I was saddened to hear of the passing of Deborah. I had the pleasure of working with Deborah for 10 years at Johns Hopkins University at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. I enjoyed talking with Deborah about crafting, and I loved to hear her sing. She truly will be missed!!*

**Natalie Pulliam** - September 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM

NP

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**Natalie Pulliam** - September 20, 2021 at 06:03 PM

NP

*Deborah's voice was amazing! We had the honor of listening to her sing at her Retirement Lunch on December 11, 2019. She is now singing with the heavenly choir.*

**Natalie Pulliam** - September 20, 2021 at 06:09 PM

DM

*Rest In Eternal Peace My Childhood Friend , You Will Be Soirely Missed  
By Our Entire family. We Love You Debbie !!! Neicy, Thelma , Matthew, Ricky, Cookie And Ronald .*

**Denise McNeil** - September 21, 2021 at 06:06 AM

BW

*Deborah loved the Lord through every aspect of her. This was a beautiful day I was humbled and honored to have shared this day with her.*

**Brigid Wallace** - September 23, 2021 at 12:41 PM

BW

*Deborah loved the Lord through every aspect of her life. This was a beautiful day. I was humbled and honored to have shared this with her.*

**Brigid Wallace** - September 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM

JM

*Rest In Peace Deborah, you will be missed. Heaven couldn't wait 😭*

**Jessica Martin** - September 24, 2021 at 10:33 PM

SK

*Oh Lord have mercy because my heart is selfishly burdened. So many days of happiness were shared with the Williams' family at church and in their home. Debbie sang so spiritually at my Chuck's going home service and was supposed to do the same for me. I watched her blossom so wondrously through her ministry in song over the years at weddings, where I played for her and Keith, and with the Chancel Choir of Wayland Baptist Church. She was my first grandchild's (Keira) godmother. Debbie was an integral part of my family and will always remain so. I love you little one. Rest in Jesus name.*

*Shirley C. Bates Kimbrough and Family.*

**SHIRLEY COLLEENE KIMBROUGH** - September 25, 2021 at 10:15 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** - September 20, 2021 at 03:08 PM