



DeVera Foremanye

April 4, 1956 - November 13, 2017

DeVera Lynn Iyabo Foremanye, was born on April 4, 1956 to William I. Foreman, Sr. (deceased) and Edwina Foreman (deceased) and departed this life on November 13, 2017 at the age of 61. “DeDe” as she was known to by family and friends welcomed Christ into her life at an early age. She was baptized at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for several years during her teenage years.

DeDe began her education at the historic Banneker Elementary School through the third grade before integrating Catonsville Elementary School at the beginning of fourth grade. DeDe graduated from Catonsville Senior High School where she was inducted into the National Honor Society and was recognized among the “Who’s Who” list of high school students. After high school she attended Williams College, a small elite college in Williamstown, Massachusetts. While in college she competed in women’s lacrosse at the Varsity level. She graduated with honors in 1978. She earned a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980 in Psychology and began her doctoral studies shortly thereafter at the University of Wisconsin, one of the few graduate programs with more than one African American professor. She later returned to the University of Pennsylvania to continue her doctoral program. During this time, she legally changed her last name to Foremanye to reflect her African roots.

She entered the work world in 1985 working as a clinical psychologist at the world renowned Devereux Foundation in Pennsylvania. After several years at

Devereux, DeDe returned to Maryland to work as a clinical psychologist in a small practice group and to teach at Essex Community College. A few years later, she opened her own solo practice called Foremany Mental Health in York, Pennsylvania specializing in children and adolescents with behavioral and emotional needs.

Although she was not able to complete her doctoral thesis, she remained vigilant in researching and documenting the misdiagnosis of juvenile and adolescent black males by her white counterparts. She endured many obstacles as she attempted to publish her findings and to correct these wrongs.

DeDe was full of energy so much so that her mother called her “Jerry” after the mouse in the cartoon “Tom and Jerry” because like the mouse, she never stayed still. DeDe seemed to always be on the go. She loved spending time with family, especially her nieces and nephews. This included attending the annual Mummers parade in Philadelphia, visiting to the Philadelphia Museums, camping at numerous locations throughout Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania and beach time at Gun Powder State Park, Sandy Point State Park and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Up until the very end of her life, her car was filled with her camping gear. She was the life of the party at numerous family New Year’s Eve events either at her house or at her parent’s house. She even dressed up as a clown complete with rainbow colored hair, oversized shoes and makeup for one of her nephew’s birthday parties. She loved to dance and sing karaoke.

DeDe was an avid collector of African art including ritual masks, statues and paintings. She enjoyed researching her family history, African American history and the Ancient civilizations of Africa.

Previous Events

Wake

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Olivet Methodist Church
813 Edmondson Avenue
Catonsville, MD 21228

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *DeVera Foremanye*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Leon sat DeVera next to me in the 4th grade when she came to our class and we became fast friends. Her playful spirit was shown in one of my earliest memories of a sleep over at Meg Goodwin's house while we were working on a puppet show project for English. We caught fireflies and opened the jars in the bedroom at night after the lights went off and giggled watching them light up all over the room! She was always smiling and had a joyful spirit. So sorry she left so soon....Nancy Douthat*

Nancy Voigt - December 04, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ *I send my condolences to DeVera's family. I remember her smile and kindness to me while we were classmates at Williams. May she Rest In Peace.*

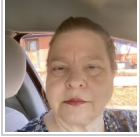
*Anna L. Waring,
Williams College '78*

Anna Waring - December 01, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *I'm sorry so sorry to hear of the passing of my former classmate De De. My deepest condolences to her family. May she RIP.*

Sandy Bishop - November 21, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *My dear friend and classmate of CHS 1874, may blessings surround you, your family, and your friends. Thank you for making my life full, and sharing a moment with me several years ago. It was wonderful to catch up, and share our journeys with one another.*



*Claire Campbell McMillan, AA, BA, MBA
mbaclaire2002@yahoo.com*

Claire McMillan - November 21, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Extending my sincere condolences to family, I just learned this and am at a lost for words. Bunky and Bryan I will be keeping ur family in my prayers .*

Jonathan Hale - November 20, 2017 at 11:01 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 - November 19, 2017 at 11:49 AM