



Diane R. Downs

February 24, 1949 - October 22, 2014

DIANE REGINA CONNER FORD DOWNS was born on February 24, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the eldest of five children. Diane was the beloved daughter of Calvin Martin and Mary Elizabeth Conner. Her earthly education was in Severn, Maryland. She graduated from Arundel High School in Gambrills, Maryland. She attended Morgan State College with a major in interior design.

Diane was baptized as a baby at Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church. She was taught music by the well-renowned music teacher, Mrs. Alma Caswell. She began her music career at Payne Memorial Sunday School at six years old. She continued to play for the Children's Choir, Junior Choir, Gospel Choir, Men's Choir, and Senior Choir. Her dedication to music enabled her to play for numerous churches throughout the Baltimore area. She became the Minister of Music at Rising Sun Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Re. Dr. Emmett C. Burns Jr. Diane played there for several years until she retired.

Throughout her life, she remained focused on being a servant of God, great community mother to the "Gwynn Oak Neighborhood Kids", and served as an excellent music teacher. Diane held membership in the Milford-Hampshire Neighborhood Association, the Montford Point Marine Association Ladies Auxiliary, and the El Casino Dinero Pequeno Social Club.

Lady Di was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed the simple things in life, like shopping at the Dollar Store, going for long car rides, and hanging out with her family. Diane was also very creative. She loved to decorate rooms, make door wreaths and table centerpieces.

Diane leaves to hold dear her memory: her loving husband, Walter Eugene Downs, Sr.; two daughters, Andria Ford and Danna Ford; three sons, Ricardo (Scooter) Ford, Devin Ford, and Sean Downs; three step-children, Erwin Downs, Sr., Anthony Downs Sr., and Gwendolyn Downs; eleven grandchildren; a devoted and supportive sister, Cornelia (Pinky) Glascoe; three aunts; one uncle; nine sisters-in-law; seven brothers-in-law; several daughters-in-law; her loving Nana – Clustie Ford, and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Payne Memorial A.M.E.
1716 Madison Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Diane R. Downs*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Downs. Death of a loved one can difficult to deal with. Many good memories not doubt fill your heart with joy. We can find joy and comfort in knowing that one day soon death will be eradicated. Jehovah the God of all comfort makes this promise. Isaiah 61:2 "To proclaim the year of Jehovah's goodwill..... To comfort all who mourn." May you find encouragement from this inspired word.*

K. Smith - October 23, 2014 at 05:11 AM



*That is very important to me it feels sad to lose a love one but God is taking care of her.
Love,*

Conner

CSF - February 17, 2016 at 05:26 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 - October 22, 2014 at 03:48 PM