



## Donna Rene Knight

December 21, 1962 - October 8, 2017

Donna Rene (Lowry) Knight peacefully departed this life for eternal rest on Sunday, October 8, 2017 while in her Father's House of worship. At the appointed time, the Father saw that she was ready, and sent His angels to bring her home.

Donna was born in Baltimore, Maryland on December 21, 1962, the oldest of four children to the blessed union of Magnolia Cannon Lowry (deceased) and Donald Lowry, Jr.

She attended Baltimore City Public Schools, including Western High School where she received a diploma in 1980. She went on to graduate from Towson University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

In May 1981, Donna gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Ava' Roberts. She was very proud of Ava's academic and career accomplishments. Following in her mother's footsteps, Ava' graduated from Western High School, and is now a senior microbiologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

For nearly 21 years, Donna worked at the United States Geological Survey (USGS), starting in the student program but eventually advancing and becoming part of the organization's Publications Unit. She was a valued employee at USGS, winning several awards acclaiming her hard work and

dedication. Oftentimes, Donna served as a mentor for newer colleagues, teaching them how to excel in and navigate within the organization.

In 2007, she moved to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Attorney's Office where she worked as a legal assistant. She was well-loved and respected by her colleagues at DOJ. They will miss seeing her walking the corridors, greeting every person along the way.

Donna was passionate about workplace diversity. At both USGS and DOJ she actively engaged in committees with the goal of increasing opportunities and access to all workers. She was also a lifelong participant in the Federally Employed Women's group, gaining recognition throughout the years and winning scholarships to participate in conferences. She was also actively involved in the Blacks in Government group.

On August 5, 1992, Donna met the love of her life, Gerald, during their blind date. The two were introduced by Gerald's co-worker and Donna's friend, and spent the three months prior to their first date talking on the phone. From their very first date, Gerald knew that Donna would be his wife. He popped the question while they were looking at rings in a jewelry store. On the third anniversary of that first date, August 5, 1995, their union was made official before God, family and close friends.

Donna had unwavering faith in God, and strongly believed in Christian teachings. She was a dedicated member at Timothy Baptist Church and Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she was active on many different committees. Later she joined and worshipped with Friendship Baptist Church, where she participated in plays and coordinated mentoring and scholarship programs for youth. She was also a member of the Baltimore area Red Hat Society, where she enjoyed dressing up and wearing flashy hats to the group's events.

Donna's memory will be forever cherished by her husband, Gerald Knight; daughter Ava' Roberts; father Donald Lowry, Jr.; grandmother Margaret Lowry; sister Danita Hampton; brother Donald Lowry, III; brother DaWayne Lowry; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of other family and beloved friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Of Faith

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

OCT 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
6000 Loch Raven Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21239

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Rene Knight*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The members of the Municipal Post Office would like to send Donald Lowry and the Knight family our sincere condolences. We are praying that God comfort, bless and provide for you during your time of sorrow. Continue to hold to Gods unchanging hand.*

**Perin Tinsley** - October 24, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Ms. Knight's passing. I am a court reporter that works occasionally at the DOJ, and she always met me with a huge smile and such warm, kind words. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family.*

**Michele Lambie** - October 20, 2017 at 09:11 AM



“ *Donna would always be the first one out of her seat on Sundays at Friendship Baptist Church when the choir started singing. She was always smiling and giving hugs, I didn't know her very well but she just had a positive aura about her. Donna will be missed.*

**Cynthia Brown** - October 16, 2017 at 10:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Donna will be greatly missed. She always had a smile on her face and a sweet story to share. I will be forever grateful to have worked with her and to have know her.*

**Amanda Reinken** - October 16, 2017 at 09:34 PM

SN

“ May heart is sadden by the passing of Donna Knight. She was a faithful servant of the Lord. It wasn't nothing that she wouldn't do to help young people who wanted to go to college. She helped several youth with the scholarship program at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church. She will truly be missed. To Ava', your mom was a great mom who cared about so many people. Gerald, your wife was loved by many. Stay strong in the Lord. God Bless Your Family!

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**Serita Nichols** - October 16, 2017 at 02:51 PM

EP

“ Sending sympathy and prayers to the family.

*E. Patton*  
*Department of Recreation & Parks Senior*  
*Citizens Division*



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**Ettice U Patton** - October 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM

MS

“ Melissa Smith lit a candle in memory of Donna Rene Knight



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**Melissa Smith** - October 15, 2017 at 10:57 PM

MS

*Shocked and sad to hear of Donna's passing. She was a lovely person and will be missed.*

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**Melissa Smith** - October 15, 2017 at 11:00 PM

SM

“ As the former President of (MTC) I would like to say to the family and friends Donna is going to be missed. She was an extremely caring individual. In 2015 I suffered a sudden stroke and was hospitalized at Good Samaritan. I live in Harford County so my family had a distance to travel to see me. Thank God for people like Donna who took time out of her busy schedule to come see me and checked via telephone every day I was hospitalized. During her first visit I was in the exercise class. I invited her to come and she took a photo with me so we could produce an article for our next newsletter. She did not hesitate to do so. She also brought me a women's daily bible reader in which I currently keep on my bed and read daily and think often of how I received it and how it encourages me in my daily walk with God. To the family may you be comforted in knowing she is in a better place and may God provide you with the grace and mercy you need to prevail further. Peace, joy, happiness and many blessings in all things. By: Sheryl L. Coleman, former President of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW)

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**Sheryl FEW Member** - October 15, 2017 at 10:04 PM

MF

“ *In Memory of Donna Knight.*

*Hello on behalf of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter (MTC) of Federally Employed Women (FEW) of which Donna Knight was a member since 2004. We send our love, condolences, and prayers to the family and friends of Donna Knight. Donna was an outstanding member of the organization. Our Chapter had a quarterly newsletter which Donna always contributed pictures and articles. At our last annual anniversary and Scholarship Breakfast fundraiser Donna did a phenomenal job in providing our members and guest of the history of FEW and the Maryland Tri-County (MTC). She created a display board with the significant members of FEW at the three levels (National, Regional and Chapter) and provided everyone with the history behind the board. Donna was the recipient of one of FEW National Training Program scholarships which afforded her the opportunity to attend one of FEW's annual five day training programs. She was our hidden figure, our hidden treasure, she could not make all of the meetings in Aberdeen or near Aberdeen Proving Ground, but she was there in spirit and always reaching out to help us with whatever we needed. Donna was one of those best friends that you could always count on. She had the biggest heart and was always reaching out to help where ever she could. I will miss my dedicated, loyal, true friend and my FEW sister. Thank you Donna and May God blessed her family as we continue to hold you all in our thoughts and prayers. Donna will always be remembered for her smile and her ability to let you know right from wrong without insulting you. By: Linda Patrick, Chapter President and her FEW sisters and members of Maryland Tri-County Chapter of FEW, Aberdeen Maryland.*



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**Members of Maryland Tri-County of FEW - October 15, 2017 at 09:29 PM**



“ Donna will be truly missed. She was a very good friend and I still can't believe she is gone.



Linda Jones-Brown - October 15, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ Donna trained me in 2012. She was patient, kind and supportive. I love her for her positive light and angelic way. Even after we no longer worked together, as we met on the street for the last time earlier this year she told me (as she always did), "...Don't forget to let your light shine." Thank you Donna. You ARE an angel. May God comfort her family always. Sincerely, Wendy Young

wendy young - October 15, 2017 at 07:22 AM



“ My condolences to the family, Donna was such a sweet person. She loved the choir at Friendship and would always be on her feet singing, clapping and praising God, she will surely be missed. Rest in Paradise



Dannette Hardy

Dannette Hardy - October 15, 2017 at 05:14 AM

LB

“ *Linda & Marissa Brown purchased the Blushing Lilies for the family of Donna Rene Knight.*



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**Linda & Marissa Brown** - October 14, 2017 at 06:12 PM

CF

“ *Charlene Smith and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donna Rene Knight.*



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**Charlene Smith and Family** - October 14, 2017 at 06:44 AM

CS

“ *Donna was one of the most dedicated and loyal person that I have ever known. She will be missed. May God blessed*

*Charlene Smith*

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**Charlene Smith** - October 14, 2017 at 06:29 AM

DW

“ *May Donna's light always shine bright. Jimmy & Denise Wagner*



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**Denise Wagner** - October 13, 2017 at 11:31 PM

YT

“ *Your friends at ATI Physical Therapy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Donna Rene Knight.*



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**Your friends at ATI Physical Therapy** - October 13, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Rene Knight.*



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October 13, 2017 at 02:08 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Rene Knight.*



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October 13, 2017 at 10:53 AM

IA

“ *Donna was the most driven, tenacious person I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. The word "no" wasn't in her vocabulary and obstacles gave her a chance to devise a plan to work around them. Take your rest my sister. We will meet again in the light of understanding.*

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**Iris Adams** - October 12, 2017 at 08:46 PM

LB

“ Sorry for your lost may God keep you and comfort you in time of your need.



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**Lisa Cook Bryant** - October 12, 2017 at 01:54 PM

YM

“ Yvette Marcus lit a candle in memory of Donna Rene Knight



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**Yvette marcus** - October 12, 2017 at 07:35 AM

DS

“ With Loving thoughts and prayers, sorry to here about the loss of your mother..Love Donna D. Suggs (Timothy Baptist Church)..



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**Donna D. Suggs** - October 11, 2017 at 04:14 PM

PL

“ I am sorry to read about the passing of your loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May the family find comfort and support in the Holy Scriptures knowing that GOD is aware of your distress during this time of grief- Isaiah 66:13. GOD loves us and HE knows the pain that death causes those left behind.

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**Peggy Land** - October 10, 2017 at 01:58 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 09, 2017 at 06:49 PM