



Evelyn Player

April 25, 1952 - November 16, 2021

Evelyn Player, affectionately known as "Dump" by her family and friends, was the daughter of the late Susie Mae Wright and Thomas Sanders. Evelyn was born April 25, 1952 in Martin County, North Carolina. However, Evelyn's family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland when she was five-years-old.

Evelyn's life thrived in Baltimore, Maryland! While there, she attended and graduated from the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1970. Of course, Evelyn was involved in sport in high school - she was a proud member of the Girls Basketball team, and in her unique way, she would boast about her skills on the basketball court. (Can't you hear her trash talking)

Not only did Evelyn experience academic success in Baltimore, she also met and married the love of her life, Thomas Lee Player. They joined together in holy matrimony on February 20, 1971, and from this union, they gave birth to their "baby girl" Alethea.

After graduating, she worked as a Telephone Operator at Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company (C & P Telephone) for five years. In 1975, Evelyn progressed in her career and began working at Waverly Press as a Bindery Trainer. She loved to learn new skills and held several positions within the company. She retired from Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (formerly, Waverly, Inc.) after 28 years of faithful service.

After retirement, she sought out different ways to stimulate her mind and take on new challenges. As such, Evelyn enrolled in All State Career to study medical billing and coding. In 2011, she graduated as valedictorian of her class! Evelyn earned her certification as National Certified Insurance & Coding Specialist and was employed as a Coding Specialist at Chase Brexton Health Care. Evelyn eventually resigned from the company to take care of her ill mother.

Evelyn was raised in Southern Baptist Church where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Evelyn loved her church family! Her love for her church family was evidenced through her service and the relationships she built. She enjoyed traveling with her church family and attending plays at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA. She also enjoyed studying God's word and was a proud graduate of Southern Baptist Church's discipleship class. Her favorite scripture was Philippians 3:14, "I pressed toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Evelyn truly epitomized the meaning of servanthood and service! She served on the Early Morning Choir, Media Ministry, Hospitality Committee, and Pastor's Aide, to name a few. She also served and worked at the church (Southern Baptist Church) as a sexton. Similarly, Evelyn faithfully volunteered with Angels Helping Angels (AHA) to help serve and distribute food to those in need. Serving the community on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's and during the holiday season truly brought a smile to her face. She also volunteered with Thomasine's Legacy for over 10 years. Evelyn served the Lord with gladness and was a bold witness of His love and grace. She was a faithful, relentless, and dedicated servant!

Evelyn always called to check on those dear to her heart and was willing to do whatever she could to help others. If you knew Evelyn, she had a kind smile

and heart of gold, but she was not a pushover. She was certainly a force! The hard exterior that you saw was nothing like the sweet lady you grew to love! She was very protective of those in her circle. Her daughter and grandson meant the world to her. Kenneth was the love of her life and Alethea was her BFF. The most precious moments were spent with them. Their home was filled with love, laughter, and good times.

If you could group the characteristics of compassionate, dedicated, strong, straightforward, loving, and fun together, it would simply be defined as Evelyn. She loved people and in turn she was loved.

The Lord called our beloved Evelyn to her eternal home on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. She leaves to cherish her fond memories: her daughter, Alethea L. Finch; grandson, Kenneth T. Melton, Jr.; two brothers; Edward Clarke and Lee Curtis Clarke, Sr. (Angela); James Clarke (preceded her in death); four nieces Monicka Boyd, Nikeshia Clarke, Alicia Clarke, and Kim Fogg; one nephew, Lee Curtis Clarke, Jr. (Jennifer); four great-nieces, and eight great-nephews; and adopted parents: Lucille Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester and Nettie Biggs; adopted son; Bernard Tyler-Laguer (Andie); sister/best friend; Reverend Molene Martin (Tommy); dear friends: Arnold Anthony, Cherita James, Karen Hazelton, Mary Nelson, Joyce Wilkins, Lucy Simon, Toni Mallory, and Vanessa Bizzelle; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

DEC 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Huber Memorial Church
5700 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn Player

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Wendi Anderson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player



Wendi Anderson - December 16, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ Lakea lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player



Lakea - December 07, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Denice Jones - December 02, 2021 at 08:23 PM

RO

Poet Forever We Love you my sister 🙏🏻🏀🙏🏻🏀

Rochelle - December 04, 2021 at 01:02 AM

RN

😞😞😞😞😞😞 *HEART SICK OVER THIS!!!!*

Ruth Nelson - December 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

RJ

“ *RUTH Jackson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



RUTH Jackson - December 02, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *G lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



G - December 02, 2021 at 06:16 AM

GD

“ *You were there when it mattered...my childhood and helped me until it was time to let go and let God! Never will I forget you! Until we meet again! Gary (Mann)Davis!*



Gary Davis - December 01, 2021 at 11:13 PM

LH

“ To the Family of Mrs. Player, I'd like to express my sincere Condolences, and may she rest in peace. I hope there are consequences, for the person or person(s) responsible for this beautiful Woman's Life. It is really sad, may God Bless.

Linda Harris - December 01, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TW

“ Taurrainee A Watkins lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player



Taurrainee A Watkins - December 01, 2021 at 10:29 AM

TW

I remember Evelyn from Dunbar R.I. P. POET

Taurrainee A Watkins - December 01, 2021 at 10:39 AM

RN

I'm just seeing this article and became SICK after reading about this senseless death.....my heartfelt sympathy extended to this family.

Ruth Nelson - December 08, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KA

“ Kareemah Abdullah lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player



Kareemah Abdullah - December 01, 2021 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ *Such a beautiful sweet soul!!! My mom and I loved her tons and we are praying for the family!!! We love you!!!* ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Jeanae Samuel - November 30, 2021 at 11:28 PM

AD

“ *Adrienne lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Adrienne - November 30, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ *My deepest condolences to Ms. Evelyn Player Family*



Joann Hill - November 30, 2021 at 06:12 PM

DE

“ *Our Condolences to the Family, may God comfort you and give you peace.*

Dorothy Evans - November 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM

MC

“ Evelyn was my sister in law; I have known her since she was in high school. Pinkie as she was called by her big brother will be missed by all who knew and loved her.
My heartfelt condolences and prayers to my family as you go through this bereavement.
I love you 🙏🙏🙏
Mary Stallings Clarke- Augusta, Ga



Mary Clarke - November 30, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ Drucilla Hollie lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player



Drucilla Hollie - November 30, 2021 at 09:48 AM

GO

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Evelyn Player 🙏🙏🙏

Gloria Owens - November 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM

TF

“ The Bruce Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn Player.



The Bruce Family - November 29, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JS

“ Joyce Smith Harford County SBC lit a candle
in memory of Evelyn Player



Joyce Smith Harford County SBC - November 29, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Evelyn Player.



November 29, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Evelyn Player.



November 29, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Evelyn Player.



November 28, 2021 at 09:29 PM

NS

“ *Rest in Peace Sister Player*



Norma Salmon - November 28, 2021 at 09:08 AM

NE

“ *Needra lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Needra - November 24, 2021 at 10:26 PM

EW

“ *Praise God for the blessed life of Sister Evelyn Player who truly will be missed. God never makes a mistakes and His promises are forever true. He will avenge His saints with His righteous justice. Be encouraged family your love one has fought a good fight and kept the faith. It's been over 40 odd years since I had seen Sister Evelyn who was greatly known at Dunbar Senior high school as a strong girls team basketball player. I can remember her small statute shooting those hoop baskets and running like a swift fox up and down the courts. Thanks be to God's grace and mercy she's taking a joyous running court play in heaven eternity in peace, comfort and joy.*

God is still able to do exceedingly abundantly

May God comfort you all.

Evangelist Watson

Evangelist Watson - November 23, 2021 at 08:52 PM

MG

“ *Ms Lee Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Player*



Ms Lee Gray - November 23, 2021 at 05:55 PM

MI

“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Michael - November 23, 2021 at 11:28 AM

LD

“ *Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Linda Davis - November 22, 2021 at 06:06 PM

LD

May Ms. Player Rest in Eternal Peace!

Linda Davis - November 22, 2021 at 06:08 PM

RJ

“ *The Johnson Family Sends our deepest condolences for the Player family! May you find peace in knowing she is with our Lord Now.*



Renee Johnson - November 22, 2021 at 05:41 PM

RH

“ *Our prayers and condolences to Evelyn's entire family. May God comfort and strengthen all of you. We will forever remember her smile, laughter and hugs.*



Wardell and Rachel Henderson

Rachel Henderson - November 22, 2021 at 02:42 PM

EB

“ *Praying for strength, comfort, and healing for the family. We would tease each other about being short. It was an honor knowing her.*
Ella Bacoat

Ella Bacoat - November 22, 2021 at 02:05 PM

CL

“ *My heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to Evelyn's entire family. I hope you will find some form of comfort in knowing others care and share your grief. Evelyn was truly loved and will be dearly missed!*



Cindy Lee - November 22, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DH

“ *Drucilla Hollie lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Drucilla Hollie - November 22, 2021 at 11:23 AM

VT

“ *VICTOR E. THORNTON lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



VICTOR E. THORNTON - November 22, 2021 at 08:33 AM

RB

“ *Reginald V. Burley lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Reginald V. Burley - November 22, 2021 at 06:17 AM

RB

Sis. Evelyn, rest yourself in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reginald V. Burley - November 22, 2021 at 06:19 AM

LB

To Alethea and Kenny. May God continue to wrap his arms around you and give you strength to carry on. Ms. Evelyn was one of the sweetest people on this earth. Just know that she is resting in the arms of God and will truly be missed.

*Lisa Brown
Southern Baptist Church*

Lisa Brown - November 22, 2021 at 02:55 PM

GC

“ *Glen and Kimberly Carr*



Glen Carr - November 21, 2021 at 11:22 PM

PA

“ *Patricia And Archie Alston lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Patricia and Archie Alston - November 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PA

So sorry for your loss. I will truly miss her hugs when ever we would meet.

Patricia and Archie Alston - November 21, 2021 at 04:06 PM

KJ

“ *Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Player*



Kim Johnson - November 21, 2021 at 03:13 PM

KJ

Sending deepest sympathy to the entire family. May God strengthen you during this difficult time 🙏

Kim Johnson - November 21, 2021 at 03:16 PM

AC

“ *Isabelle our prayers go out to you and the entire Player/Shanks family. God is still in charge.*
Alice Brown Coleman and family





Alice Brown Coleman - November 21, 2021 at 02:18 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 20, 2021 at 02:35 PM

DH

Ms. Evelyn was wonderful!!!, Sweet Loving Spirit, Kind, Thoughtful, She is an Angel that will be missed so much!!!!!! Rest In Heaven Angel  



Denise Harrison - November 30, 2021 at 06:26 PM