



Harvadene M. Gustus

August 24, 1944 - September 3, 2016

Harvadene Marion Gustus, daughter of the late Howard Williams and Mary Susie Ross (Bumbry), was born on August 24, 1944 and was granted her angel wings on Saturday, September 03, 2016.

Harvadene, a.k.a. Deanie, was the eldest of two children and big sister to Shirley Jackson. She graduated from Forest Park High School in 1962 and went on to acquire a degree in Early Childhood Education from Morgan State University in 1966. Deanie put herself through college by working at the A&P Grocery store and after graduation, she taught 3rd grade students for one year then realized that she would rather work at Rosewood Hospital (a State Mental Institution) than be "locked in a room with all of those kids all day."

In 1967, Deanie married her high school sweetheart Roy Edwards and they had a daughter Camille Suzanne. They later divorced and Deanie would subsequently meet her second husband Rudolph Gustus in a doctor's office.

Deanie and Rudy tied the knot in 1970 and their union produced Angela Ivy. Now with two young girls to raise, she retired from Rosewood and focused on raising her girls and supporting Rudy by investing in G&M Oil.

During the remainder of the 70's and 80's. Deanie and Rudy became the king and queen of the ball. G&M Oil became one of the highest grossing black

owned oil companies in the country. Deanie was a board member and shareholder of Harbor Bank of Maryland. She participated in supporting political campaigns as well as fundraising for many programs throughout the city and on the east coast such as The House of Ruth and the American Red Cross.

In 1994, Deanie and Rudy decided to go their separate ways and eventually divorced. Deanie returned to the work force in August of that year and became a social worker for the Baltimore City Housing and Urban Development. She loved the seniors that she worked with at the Rosemont Senior Towers and particularly enjoyed leading the weekly current events group.

Harvadene is survived by her sister Shirley Jackson, former husband Leroy Edwards, daughters Camille Gustus and Angela Gustus, Cathy Mays, grandson James Gustus-Dunson, step grandsons Cristiano and Fernando Quijano, nephew Charles Jackson, niece Tanya Creek as well as a host of cousins, great nieces and nephews and many 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

viewing

SEP **9**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

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

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harvadene M. Gustus*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *May the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials (2Cor.1:3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need. You have my deepest condolences.*

D. Barnes - September 09, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ *May God's love and peace surround you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

-The Martin Family

Joanna Martin - September 09, 2016 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sendy & The Prologue Board of Directors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harvadene M. Gustus.*



Sendy & The Prologue Board of Directors - September 07, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time .(2Cor.1:3,4)*

T. Parker - September 07, 2016 at 05:48 AM

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“ *HSP Leadership and Staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harvadene M. Gustus.*



HSP Leadership and Staff - September 06, 2016 at 01:59 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 - September 06, 2016 at 10:13 AM