



## Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III

May 17, 1951 - April 9, 2020

Herbert Allen Dabney, III, 68 of Richmond, Virginia departed this life on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Vibra Hospital to the pearly gates of heaven to continue his musical concert at the highest level ever. He is preceded in death by his father, Herbert Allen Dabney, Jr.; mother, Claudia M. Ingram and grandmother, Thelma A. Dabney.

Herbert affectionately known as "Debo" is one of the areas most dynamic and animated pianist. While playing the ivory keys for the last 45 years, he has played with a full repertoire from Jazz to Gospel, R&B, Swing, Blues and Children's Classics. He was a unique and rare artist whose personality and performances were so charming that his musical brilliance seemed effortless. His touch and approach to the keyboard was joyfully and spiritually known. He was a master virtuoso of his time and will truly be missed, however not forgotten.

Debo was a native of Manakin, Virginia. He graduated from Maggie Walker High School, Class of 1969, and furthered his education at Norfolk State University with a major in music.

Debo also served as a music coordinator for Trinity Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, for 20 years and Sixth Baptist Church for 3 years. A man of spiritual belief, strength and courage that always held his own. His smile

was like a ray of sunshine that would elevate a room into joy. Always sacrificing, optimistic, and truly a class act of musical talent.

Herbert Allen Dabney III is survived by his caring and loving wife of 19 years, Celestine W. Dabney; daughter, Sandra Carey (Lorenzo); sister, Beverly Davis (Tyrone); sister, Pamela Ingram; brother, Frank Ingram; brother André Dabney (Deiree).

Debo's love also spread to his in-laws; starting with a wonderful mother in-law, Teola Culter Washington and father in-law, Joseph Sr. (deceased). Other in-laws: Joseph Jr. (deceased); Lawrence Washington; Deacon Otelia Thomas (Deacon Thermond); Helen W. Jefferson (Purcell Sr. - deceased); Deacon Louis Washington (Rev. Lucy Washington); James Otis Washington (Kim), as well as a host of other relatives and extended church family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Herbert "Debo" Dabney, Please Click the Link below.



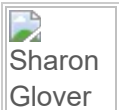
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AD

*Debo we were together during our early music careers, and it was "all good". Now it's time to say good-bye. Until we meet again may you 'Rest In Peace'...*

*Your Friend, Abraham "Sonny Caan" Day*

Abraham Day - April 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM



Sharon  
Glover

*So much love to you, Celeste. Debo is in all of our hearts forever.*

Sharon Glover - April 17, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DF

*Love to my Dabney cousins in the passing of our beloved Cousin Debo. Such a musical talent who blessed those with his artistry. We love you and all of our Dabney Cousins.*

Dr. Colita Nichols Fairfax - April 17, 2020 at 01:48 PM

RC

*Ron Robinson Sr  
A friend and a inspiration to many. Debo and his music will be deeply missed. Peace be with you.*

Ron Robinson Sr. CMC - April 17, 2020 at 02:51 PM

SS

*Rest easy old Friend!*

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**Susan K. Scott** - April 17, 2020 at 03:55 PM

SN

*Debo was such a sweetheart. He always had a kind word and was generous with his time and his talent. It was such a pleasure getting to work with him. God bless Debo and God bless Celestine and the entire family.*

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**Sharon Rae North** - April 19, 2020 at 12:40 AM

PD

*Celestine your husband was a gift from God. He touched so many lives with his music. We pray that God will keep you wrapped in his arms with perfect peace.*

*Pat and Louis Dandridge*

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**Patricia Dandridge** - April 19, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

RT

“ *To the Dabney Family:*

*Unfortunately, I just saw Debo's obituary...to say I was shocked beyond belief is an understatement.*

*I met Debo years ago when my company hired him for a function. His performance was excellent and everyone enjoyed it immensely.*

*I am truly sorry to hear of your loss and extends my heartfelt condolence. May God comfort you and keep you in his loving care.*

*Rose Jones Talley*



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**Rose Jones Talley** - January 10, 2021 at 12:18 PM

RG

“ *Debo was not just a fantastic musician but also a kind, smart, funny, wonderful human being. We loved watching and listening to him play all those Thursday and occasional other nights and, of course, talking with him when he had time before sets or during breaks. We were so lucky to know him and will always remember and miss him. Our love and sincerest condolences to you, Celeste, and the whole family - Chris Wise ("Doc"), Roxie Grossman, Jake Wise, David Wise, and Frank Grossman ("Grandpa")*

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**Roxanne Grossman** - April 29, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DW

“ *Dr. LaPearl Logan Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Dr. LaPearl Logan Winfrey** - April 21, 2020 at 06:16 PM

TR

“ From TySean Randolph: to Mrs. Dabney, i will be praying for you & your family. I can't believe Debo is not here anymore, like seriously. 😞😞 He taught me no only to be a better drummer but he also taught me how to be a real man. Debo had such a beautiful soul & personality. I remember all the great times we had going out on gigs, eating lunch together, rehearsing music together. Such great times. Debo was there for me when i had my very first heart break & he stayed on the phone with me, giving great advice & comfort. He was the father i wish i had.. May I add that Debo was beyond funny, he always kept it real & that, I respected & looked up to in in many ways. What a tremendous guy he was ..Rest In The Kingdom Debo Dabney & save a spot for me.

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**TySean D Randolph** - April 21, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CC

“ Cookie's Shoes LLC C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III.



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**Cookie's Shoes LLC C.** - April 20, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Debo

*You inspired me to be the best I can be in every walk of life, especially singing and performing. You loved when I sung "Neither One of Us" by Gladys Knight and the Pips. I remember after singing that song one night, you asked the audience, something hypothetical about who you think would come hear Joyce Cooke as oppose to Snoop Doggy Dog... meaning good music and singers are obsolete in a world with Rap Music and their Artists being promoted while killing Rhythm and Blues as a genre. You were before your time, there is a special place in the Hall of Heavenly Genius waiting for you, and you will be greatly missed!!!*

*Love you,*

*Joyce Cooke*



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**Joyce Cooke** - April 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM

DJ

“ Deacon And Mrs. Clinton Derricott Jr. lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



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**Deacon and Mrs. Clinton Derricott Jr.** - April 18, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DA

“ *David & Melody Adler lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**David & Melody Adler** - April 17, 2020 at 10:36 PM

KW

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ken Wootton** - April 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

GH

“ Dear Celestine and Andre - There are no words that can truly share with you the emptiness that I have in my heart and thoughts about the passing of my cousin Opso. The world knew him as Debo because of his musical accomplishments and talents (heck I recall visiting at his house back in the day and he was playing a trumpet), but to me he is still affectionately known as "Opie"- heck I never knew his name was Herbert or that he was the "III". I can recall 60 years ago when he and grand mom "Aunt Thelma" came and spent a couple of weeks with my dad and I when my mom was in the hospital and we went to Glen Echo amusement park here in the DC metro area and even then that magical smile he had was etched in my memory. He had a warmth for family that only family can ever know because you could feel that genuineness and joy of his soul in being with you. Missing him does not even come close to what it feels like today. Weeks ago when our cousin Joyce called me on a Monday and told me he was in the hospital I told her I would get to see him in two days and on Wednesday I drove down and spent two hours talking with him and Celestine and though he was confined to the bed, and even having taken a shot to ease his pain, for those two hours his mind was still sharp and we talked over a lifetime of memories between us. He knew about my Air Force time, and the time at Glen Echo and many other times we shared together. He seemed to draw on a reserve of will and strength to keep the conversation going even as his nurse tended to his care. Opie was and will always be family in every sense of the word. I know that God has already made a special place in heaven for him. Opie I look forward to seeing you in heaven and know that even today you are smiling down on us while playing piano. God love you and keep you in peace and comfort. Always and forever. Greg, Romanita, Keenan and GP II, The Harrod Family in Washington DC



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GREGORY HARROD - April 17, 2020 at 03:54 PM

JT

“ *Celeste and Family:*  
*First and foremost, my love to you and your family. I met Debo too many years ago to count. He TRULY had a magical way of playing the piano, as if the music "took him somewhere else!" I would joke with him and ask, "Brother, how many more notes are you going to find on that keyboard?" And, he would laugh! That is the way I choose to remember and honor him. We are all BLESSED to have had him share his immense talent with us.*

*May the Ancestors be pleased as they welcome you HOME. Ase'*

*Janet Brown Taylor*

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**Janet B. Taylor** - April 17, 2020 at 02:55 PM

AH

“ *Rayford and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Debo. We will miss his smile and exuberant personality. We will always remember him playing with Glenroy Bailey's group at events in Charlottesville. He was the consummate pianist and showman. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Amy and Rayford Harris*

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**Amy J Harris** - April 17, 2020 at 02:40 PM

SF

“ *Sierra Fleming lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Sierra Fleming** - April 17, 2020 at 02:26 PM

GJ

“ We cherish the time we spent with Herbert Allen Dabney III (Debo). The Lord bless you, keep you, make His face shine upon you, be gracious unto you, lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cousin Gertrude Morse Johnson and family (Bernadette, Pearl, Mable and William Jr.)

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**Gertrude Morse Johnson** - April 17, 2020 at 02:21 PM

AW

“ Our hearts were saddened with the lost of our friend. Debo meant so much to my husband and I and we are forever grateful for the opportunity to have known him. It gave great joy to see the smile upon his face while playing the piano.

From weddings, birthday parties, piano lessons, Sunday morning worship services, he continually remained the same. Debo would be greatly missed. Celestine, our prayers are with you and your family. Love, Andre and Brenda Williams

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**Andre Williams** - April 17, 2020 at 02:08 PM

JS

“ I will always remember him as Debo Alan Dabney, spirited RVA pianist and master of inserting a musical cliché lick practically anywhere in a song. Just a top flight musician that you were always glad to see on the gig. I am sad this day and I will miss you today and always.

On a lighter note...I knew my time had come when my name appeared on a dinner menu for a jazz gig we played, along with "Debo Dabney Chicken" !! LOL and rest easy Debo until we meet again brother...



Joe Sarver - April 17, 2020 at 01:47 PM

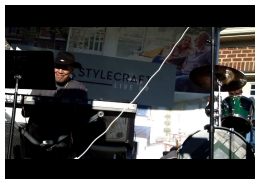
CS

“ from Scotty: God is good. Keep the faith.

Clarence E. Scott - April 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM

MC

“ Brother Bo, your spirit lives on. Thank you for sharing it. I miss you already.



Maroon Corey - April 17, 2020 at 01:12 PM

LB

*You will be remembered in a Joyful way. God is...*

Laveda Brayboy - April 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM

VM

“Wow what can I say about Debo my heart ❤️ is just filled with gratitude and respect 🙌. Debo was my favorite musician that played for me for weddings, funerals, birthday parties etc. He was so easygoing to work with and we really knew each other's style and appreciated each other's gift. Debo I'm going to miss you so much but I love that you lived life doing exactly what you were called to do. Now you're playing in the master's band so I say to you your beautiful wife Celeste and your family may Debo spirit continue to live in each and every one of you. He was truly anointed and his legacy has been left with us all. God Bless you all !!”

Vanice “Nu-Nu” Toler- Mercer - April 17, 2020 at 01:07 PM

BM

“We enjoyed many years of Debo's music and friendship. He will be greatly missed by many people in the Richmond community and beyond. Kay Noel and Bob Mccarthy.”

bob mccarthy - April 17, 2020 at 01:06 PM

AB

“Alvin Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III”



Alvin Brownlee - April 17, 2020 at 12:51 PM

LH

“ *Linda J Hines lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Linda J Hines** - April 17, 2020 at 12:48 PM

LH

“ *Linda J Hinrs lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Linda J Hinrs** - April 17, 2020 at 12:47 PM

CA

“ *Debo was a wonderful person and a mentor to me as a musician. For 10 years I played with him every Thursday night. I feel lucky and blessed to have had this experience with him. I send love to Celeste, as she was often there on Thursdays and brightened my day every time I saw her lovely smile and personality. I will miss my friend Debo, he was a special person.*

*Love to you, Charles Arthur*

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**Charles Arthur** - April 17, 2020 at 12:28 PM

DW

“ Our hearts are deeply saddened with Herbert’s passing. We were neighbors for only a short time but he always had a smile on his face and brought one to ours every time we met. Allison will really miss him and their chats at the fence when she comes over. How she loved to caught him before he went into the house or the garage, lean on the fence and just chat away. May our condolences bring you comfort and may our prayers help ease the pain of your loss.

*Our deepest sympathies,  
Don and Barbara Webb  
Allison Somers*

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**Donald and Barbara Webb** - April 17, 2020 at 12:23 PM

EG

“ Eddie Gray lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



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**Eddie Gray** - April 17, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JJ

“ Jean Jones lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



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**Jean Jones** - April 17, 2020 at 11:54 AM

SJ

“ To the family,

*I thank you for sharing his passion for music that he gave us through his gift of playing his instruments through the years and being so real with his fans. His continued joy will now be heard in heaven. You must be proud. Rest in peace my friend!*

*Vous et Swing! (Ron Jefferson)*

*Sandra Jefferson*

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**sandra jefferson** - April 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM

HP

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my friend and neighbor from "West End". We shared many conversations in school and over the back yard fence on Lady St. in Richmond Va. He was a music genius and he will be missed by many. When ever I look at my wedding pictures and see him playing at my wedding with a full Afro on December 5, 1970, I will have fond memories. My prayers are with the family.

*Hattie Carlton Platt*

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**Hattie Platt** - April 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM

WF

“ Winona Fleming lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



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**Winona Fleming** - April 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

WF

“ My heart is deeply saddened by the passing of Debo Dabney. We ministered together on 3rd Sundays with “The Voices of Unity “. I was amazed at the humility of this famed musician and I am a better person because of his friendship. Love and prayers for my friend Celeste

Winona Fleming - April 17, 2020 at 10:37 AM

PG

“ I shall never forget this talented musician. Debo was so energetic, uplifting, and his smile was contagious! I performed with him, Desiree Roots Centeio, Clarence Seay, etc., when we opened for B.B. King at the Carpenter Center. One performance that the Jazz Ladies did, Debo was in the audience. We were playing " Danny Boy" when he yelled out " Don't hurt me, Pearl." I made a kissing sound with my sax, and he moaned "ooooooo, Pearl!" I also performed with him on other venues. Debo will always be in my heart! Rest in peace, my friend!

Pearl Glenn - April 17, 2020 at 08:55 AM

AC

“ Alma C.Gates lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



Alma C.Gates - April 16, 2020 at 09:24 PM

JC

“ Jackie Cummings lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



Jackie Cummings - April 16, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SO

“ I am saddened to hear of Debo passing but know that he's bringing much joy and spirited sounds to heaven! As the past Rehab social worker on the MCVH Rehab Unit, I had Debo share on many occasions his uplifting, entertaining musical genius and brightness with patients, families, and staff. I also attended many of his performances throughout the city, always pleasantly stirred by his magical piano playing which would lead me to singing out loud or dancing! He will be greatly missed. Thank you, Debo, for lovingly sharing your warm smiles and gifts. Your fellow MLW Alumni '68....  
Stephonia Owolabi



Stephonia Owolabi - April 16, 2020 at 07:02 PM

MF

My Heart Is Saddened By The Loss Of My Friend, A loss To Us Is Heavens Gain, Much Sympathy To The Family, RIP SWEET Spirit 🎵🎹🙏🙏

Mary "Kitty " Fortune - April 16, 2020 at 07:32 PM

SR

Many times I have been blessed by the musical genius of this masterful musician. I will never forget his warm smile. Rest in peace and the heavens are now blessed with your beautiful talent. Blessings to the family.

Sandra L Reed - April 17, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CL

*My heart was saddened to hear of Debo passing. His music brought so much joy to my soul everytime I heard him play. , I've taken many of my friends "young/older to hear him perform. They loved it. He always had a smile - a word of wisdom. He was a very humble man. He will be missed by many. I will always remember him as #The Man With The Magical Keyboard Hands"  
There will be no other. May you R.I.P*

**Crystal Lewis** - April 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM

RB

“ *Robert And Dorothy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



**Robert and Dorothy Brooks** - April 16, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RB

*We loved your music.  
You poured your heart into it.  
We'll never forget you.  
Rest in peace.*  
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**Robert and Dorothy Brooks** - April 16, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ I've had the pleasure to know Debo for the past decade after the Santa Tea's returned to our hotel here in Richmond. Debo would play the piano for these 7-8 shows each December. I would catch him occasionally through the year at another show, but mostly in December. What a wonderful man, pleasant and kind. We'd chat about our two terrible football teams (the Jets and Skins) and life in general. He be missed by many, including his friends here at the Hilton (Former Miller & Rhoads). John C.



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**John Cario** - April 16, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Oh, what a joy it was to know Herbert “Debo” Dabney III. He would put a smile on your face and placed a pep in your step with his music and inspiring personality of love and warmth. He gave it all when he sat down at the organ or piano and talked through every musical note with love and enthusiasm.

*Such a talented and great man, such a blessing in so many ways to so many people. He was one who praised God, loved his family and enjoyed his friends.*

*I recall his performances and a private conversation after an event. I remember saying hit them with a gospel song and he would whisper and say, “I’m going to slip one in.”*

*I remember Debo as a man who never changed, a man whose wisdom knew no bounds. No fire could touch his character no stone could break it. His great gifts of character and friendship, his ever-extending kindness, his spirit will continue to live in us and we are forever grateful.*

*I wish the family peace to bring comfort and the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May our condolences bring you comfort and may our prayers ease the pain of your loss.*

*Regina Payne & Joe Evans*

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**Regina Payne** - April 16, 2020 at 12:32 AM

ED

“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Ed Davis - April 15, 2020 at 11:18 PM

ED

*Debo played at our wedding 33 years ago. We loved his energy when he played. He will be missed.*

*Ed and Ellen Davis.*

Ed Davis - April 15, 2020 at 11:17 PM

LB

“ *Lynette Galloway Branch lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



Lynette Galloway Branch - April 15, 2020 at 11:12 PM

LB

*Debo and I were in the Maggie Walker High School Band together. I remember his magnificent performance with the Allen Dabney Trio. Music was in his DNA and I am glad that we were beneficiaries of his brilliance for many years. I am more than sorry about his passing, Lynette*

Lynette Galloway Branch - April 15, 2020 at 11:17 PM

PG

“ Jamming with Debo back in the day. Featuring Maggie Walker HS schoolmates: Allen “Debo” Dabney on piano, Patricia Perry on bass, Alan Gibbs on drum.  
Allen was a gifted musician, a wonderful person and a man of faith.  
We will truly miss him.



Pat Gordon - April 15, 2020 at 09:05 PM

PG

*I remember the Allen Dabney Trio! I'd never heard them, and it was before I met Debo, however, I was impressed that there was a female on upright bass!*

Pearl Glenn - April 17, 2020 at 08:39 AM

TT

“ *Toya Trueheart lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



Toya Trueheart - April 15, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BJ

“ *Bernard & Lyn Taylor, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



Bernard & Lyn Taylor, Jr. - April 15, 2020 at 07:36 PM

LA

“ *The good times we had at Sam Miller's and the way you would blush and smile. YOU were so talented and it was an honor knowing. GOD BE WITH YOU.*



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**Loretta adkins** - April 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM

GW

“ *To the Herbert Family,  
I would like to Express my Condolences in the loss of your loved one 'Debo'.  
Debo was a friendly and talented person, I have enjoyed listing to him play for many years. He will be missed.*



*God Bless You all.  
Geraldine Winston*

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**Geraldine Winston** - April 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

IB

*We always enjoyed "Debo" and Company whenever He performed!  
The Bweux Twenty Club,  
Petersburg, VA*

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**Iris and Willis Brown** - April 15, 2020 at 10:28 PM

IB

*He performed many times with his Company in the Petersburg, VA area!*

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**Iris and Willis Brown** - April 15, 2020 at 10:30 PM

GJ

*We cherish the time we spent with Herbert Allen Dabney III (Debo). The Lord bless you, keep you, make His face shine upon you, be gracious unto you, lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*Cousin Gertrude Morse Johnson and family (Bernadette, Pearl, Mable and William Jr.)*

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**Gertrude Morse Johnson** - April 16, 2020 at 05:13 PM

AM

“ *Andrea Morgan-Keeles lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Andrea Morgan-Keeles** - April 15, 2020 at 02:35 PM

CM

“ *Constance Morris lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Constance Morris** - April 15, 2020 at 01:43 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Scott lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III*



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**Stephanie Scott** - April 15, 2020 at 01:04 PM

HT

“ Hugo & Gail Thompson lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



Hugo & Gail Thompson - April 15, 2020 at 12:38 PM

HT

“ Hugo And Gail Thompson lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



Hugo and Gail Thompson - April 15, 2020 at 12:36 PM

B.

“ Bill H .Burt lit a candle in memory of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III



Bill H .Burt - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

B.

*My Condolences To The Family of Debo Dabney Rest in Peace .....*

Bill H .Burt - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ Thank you Debo..for giving us your all! Condolences to your Family and huge circle of friends. Bright Moments until we meet again. B. J. Brown and Robert Payne and Your Richmond Jazz Society Family.



BJ Brown - April 15, 2020 at 10:22 AM

WW

Well said my friend.

Wayne Williams - April 15, 2020 at 12:14 PM

KF

“ Debo was our pianist at our wedding. I will never forget our grandmother patting her foot as he played and the heads bopping and people rocking back and forth in their seats. He was someone you could just sit down and talk with for hours. He was such a kind soul with a smile all the time!! Made you feel that things will be just fine. We were blessed to have known him. Condolences to his family. Love Kevin and Stephanie Fleming



kevin and stephanie fleming - April 15, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Allen "Debo" Dabney III.



April 14, 2020 at 10:07 PM

WS

“ Our hearts were saddened when we heard of Debo's passing. To Debo's family, know that God will take care of you and that Debo is resting with our Savior. God rest his soul.

Walt and Carolyn Street  
Chesterfield, VA.

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Walt & Carolyn Street - April 14, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DD

“ Condolences to Celeste, the family & friends on the transition of my brother, Debo. Debo will be "so missed". I will always remember his talented artistry, our bro-sis talks, and all the decades we shared.

Love Ya Debo!

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Deborah T. Dowden - April 14, 2020 at 08:05 PM

VJ

“ To the Dabney family. You have my sincerest sympathies on the passing of your beloved, Debo.

He was a gentle, kind, quiet person, who expressed his emotions through his music.

He played passionately and so sincerely that all who were privileged to hear him, were truly touched by his talent.

There will be no other to imitate what Debo meant to his music on the keyboard. He had his own unique style of improvisation. He will be missed, dearly, by all who knew him/ his music

May God strengthen you and give you peace going forward. Debo left an indelible legacy on this world and was loved by many. May he rest in eternal peace.

Valerie R. Johnson

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Valerie R. Johnson - April 14, 2020 at 03:48 PM

RW

“ Dear Celestine and the entire Dabney family, It is with a heavy heart that I and the Carriage Hill faith community extend our condolences on learning of Debo's untimely passing. For the past 10 years, we have been blessed to experience and enjoy his wonderful musical gifts as part of our Sunday morning worship services. We will cherish forever our memories of his wonderful talents, his kind demeanor, and his humble spirit.

Please know that thoughts of your loss fill our minds and that you are in our prayers. May you find comfort in others and in our Lord, Jesus, and may you be blessed.

(Matthew 5:4)

Sincerely, Rev. Ken Willis, Pastor, Carriage Hill Chapel.

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Rev. Ken Willis - April 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SQ

“ The very first time I met Debo was at first Union when I join the choir and we were friends every since, I will miss you Debo and the great keyboard playing RIP my brother.



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Shirlene Quarles - April 14, 2020 at 09:52 AM

RH

“ The Henderson Family and the P Phi H Fellowship extend our heartfelt love and condolences to the Dabney Family. "Debo" touched the brothers and I in many profound and meaningful ways, we attended NSU during the 70's, and I would see and talk with him at church and his gigs, he was a friend to many and a musical prodigy for the ages. He will be missed. May the comfort and care of God surround his loved ones during this difficult time. Our Love and Prayers are with you always, Robert "Nut" Henderson, Family, and the P Phi H Brothers



Robert Henderson - April 13, 2020 at 04:16 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 - April 13, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CA

"debo" your memories will be remembered, Celestine, I am praying 🙏 for you and your family

Clara Anderson-Williams - April 13, 2020 at 04:51 PM

CB

*To the family of Debo, you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your love one Debo, He was a good friend and an awesome keyboard player. I loved hearing him play at some of his gigs and at Trinity when he were there. We will truly be missed. Rest in Peace my friend, and keep smiling. Prayers gone up for the family*

*Carrie Bryant*

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**Carrie Winfield Bryant** - April 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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*TO CELESTINE AND FAMILY:*

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY! WE HAVE ENJOYED DEBO AND THE BAND , AND YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR OUR FAMILY GATHERINGS AND WEDDING. WE WILL MISS HIS MUSIC. TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS THE CHRIST. THE HARRIS FAMILY*

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**MERVIN HARRIS** - April 16, 2020 at 12:24 AM