



## Mayra Deford

June 7, 1948 - May 27, 2016

Mayra Yolanda DeFord, daughter of the late Cleotilde Julio De Powell and Jose Powell was born on June 6, 1948 in Panama City, Panama at Gorgas Hospital. Mayra was the third of five children and departed this life on May 27, 2016 after a lengthy illness at Levindale Hospital.

Mayra was educated at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church School in Panama City, Panama. In the spring of 1979, Mayra meet Sergeant Larry H. DeFord and it was love at first sight. In July 1980, she married Sergeant Larry H. DeFord while he was stationed at Fort Clayton in the Panama Canal. When leaving Panama for the United States, Mayra was introduced to the DeFord family and greeted with love. While stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington in 1981, she gave birth to their first son, Larry Julio DeFord.

Whenever Sgt. DeFord was home, the family took multiple vacations and road trips exploring the country including Canada. While Sgt. DeFord was stationed in South Korea, Mayra lived with his family in Baltimore, MD. When he returned after a year, they returned to Fort Lewis, Washington and she gave birth to their second son, Jose' George DeFord.

In 1991, the family traveled across the world and lived in Munzenberg, Germany for two years. In 1993, the family moved back into the U.S and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. For five years, Mayra

worked at the Military Exchange. Sgt. DeFord decided to retire from the U.S Army and started Graduate School in Kentucky. In the spring of 1998, the family moved to Baltimore, MD.

Mayra was a loving mother and wife for the next eighteen years until her health began to deteriorate. She remained strong for her family until May 27, 2016. Mayra is survived by: her husband, Sgt. DeFord; her sons, Larry and Jose; two brothers, Victor and Jose; sister, Sandra; cousin, Ester Julio and Cecile; aunt, Alicia; nephews and nieces, Devin, Derek, Travia and Omar; brothers-in-law, Dennis (Darlene), George (Lila), Terry; sister-in-law, Dianna; the Hayes Family and Valentines. Mayra will always be remembered for her smile and jokes.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 14. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

JUN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

JUN 15. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center  
5616 Old Court Rd.  
Randallstown, MD

## Service

JUN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mayra Deford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Carolyn Goode lit a candle in memory of  
Mayra Deford*



**Carolyn Goode** - June 08, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ *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** - June 01, 2016 at 08:31 AM