



## PHAEDRA WARD

July 24, 1963 - August 29, 2019

Phaedra Deidra Ward was born to Theola Smith and Jerome Ward on July 24, 1963 in Baltimore, MD .She was a graduate of Patterson High School and completed several hours at a local community college. At 21 years old, she gave birth to her daughter, Kentra Diana Tillman.

But that's the stuff everyone already knows. There's much more to her story than that. Phaedra battled addiction for most of her life. And she spent a great deal of time outwardly communicating the challenges of this human experience and living with multiple diseases inclusive of addiction. She advocated for anyone and everyone that needed advocating for. She was silly and goofy, sweet and generous, and full of ideas that manifested into creative outlets, such as a book of poetry entitled Recoveroetry

Phaedra loved to write, talk, laugh, dance, travel, cook, and engage in the cathartic process of cleaning without their permission. She was known for walking into someone's home and cleaning without their permission. Some may view this as lack of boundaries (and in many ways, it is ), however, if your place of rest was dirty, when Phaedra entered, she wanted to contribute by making it more comfortable and cleaner. She believed that boundary was worth crossing if it meant changing a space to reflect godliness. She was a lover of children, animals, the Animal Planet and Discovery channels, and has friends of all ages. Like her mother, Phaedra always kept books and toys in

her home to accommodate younger friends.

She valued the art of writing and spent a great deal of time communicating her love to friends and family (both chosen and biological) by writing cards, letters, and poetry. Phaedra made a point to convey her pride, joy and gratitude to her daughter using written word. She welcomed any opportunity to sit with peers to engage in conversation about celebratory or troubling as she believed in the therapeutic process and advocated for mental health. Despite her hurdles and discouragement, Phaedra believed herself to be a work in progress like the rest of us.

When Phaedra liked or loved something, she'd say, "ahh huh!" or "and how!" Although Phaedra grew up in the Baptist Church and was baptized, she was not a religious person. She identified as a spiritual being that understood the value in exploring and finding the meaning within everyone's religion. Phaedra valued spirituality over the confines of religious practice and understood what it meant to seek Heaven on Earth. She did her best to evolve with people and not technology. She often felt discouraged by the ways we as humans disconnect from each other only to look at screens.

Phaedra saw people for who they were/are. Sometimes she struggled with what she saw but even in the midst of that struggle, she never stopped showing love. To a fault, Phaedra loved others more than she loved herself. There are so many people she will be missed by. Our hope is that you will continue to celebrate her life because that's what she would want more than anything. And in doing so, you celebrate your own and actively engage in the process of making yourself a better individual with each moment that you're able to breathe.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Wake

SEP 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

### Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *PHAEDRA WARD*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My prayers go out to the Ward family  
Phaedra was truly an inspiration in my life and she will never be forgotten  
God has called you home because there is work to be done  
Love you  
Regina W*

Regina W - September 07, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Regina W lit a candle in memory of  
PHAEDRA WARD*



Regina W - September 07, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family, God is only one prayer away!*



Faith Demby - September 07, 2019 at 03:58 AM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to the angel Phaedra and family. I thank God for one of His best angels Phaedra her love her smile and doing the Fathers work, what a lost to everyone she touched I'm still numb with a heavy heart truly missed never forgotten . Peace and Blessings.

Janet M.

Janet Matthews - September 06, 2019 at 11:07 PM

DC

My deepest sympathies to the family of ms. Phradra ward prayers are being sent to all of you family & friends she will truly be missed. Praying for you Ray.

Diane Cherry - September 23, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of PHAEDRA WARD.



September 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of PHAEDRA WARD.



September 06, 2019 at 03:07 PM

TA

“ I only thank God for Ms Phaedra Ward, and her good works for the recovering addict, such as myself.....until we meet again.

Troi A - September 06, 2019 at 03:01 PM

LA

“ Hearing Your Story & Seeing You Strength & Struggle Was Very Heartfelt May You Sleep In Peace Phaedra💔😇 My Condolences To The Family

Laronda - September 06, 2019 at 02:25 PM

TY

My Dear God Sister Phaedrea I Will Never Forget How You Safe My Life. Two Weeks Before You Pass. Three Days Later I Went To Treatment. When I Heard The News About You Passing My Heart Drop. Thank You So Much For Safeing My Life. I Love You. We Had Some Joyful Time. And Some Not Joyful Time. I Have Been Clean Every Since They. I Have Almost 7 Months Clean. And I Owe It All To You. Love Your God Sister Tonya Young

Tonya Young - February 26, 2020 at 05:58 PM

RW

“ Thank you for being my big sister. I can still hear you say that's my handsome brother Rodney Ward. Take your rest Baby please know I love you.

Rodney Ward - September 06, 2019 at 12:18 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of PHAEDRA WARD.



September 05, 2019 at 04:53 PM

LP

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF PHAEDRA WARD, SHE HAS TOUCHED SO MANY NEAR AND FAR. PHAEDRA I LOVED YOU IN LIFE AND I LOVE YOU IN DEATH . REST IN PEACE MY SISTA.

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**lisa powell** - September 05, 2019 at 02:08 PM

PP

“ Thank you for the Love you showed to us. You will be missed. Rest in Peace, dear friend....  
*Patricia & Kevin*

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**Patricia Preston** - September 05, 2019 at 07:14 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2019 at 07:04 PM

JE

R.I.P Phaedra 🌸 You touched a lot of people's lives in the most profound way 🙏 Thank you 🌹 Jessica H. & Family

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**Jessica** - September 04, 2019 at 08:22 PM



Rest in peace my Sister. Our loss is heaven's gain.

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**Shalome Kim Felder** - September 05, 2019 at 05:26 PM