



Roberta Ray

April 15, 1952 - December 28, 2020

ROBERTA RAY was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 15, 1952 to the late Colon Ray and Ofreda Courts. She departed this life on December 28, 2020.

She was the oldest daughter of three children. She had a special relationship with her sister Tricia, they enjoyed sharing special meals and family gatherings. Tricia stood by her side until the very end.

Roberta graduated from Edmondson High School in 1970 and from there started working for the University of Maryland Hospital as a Dietary Aide for 45 years until her retirement in 2015. Roberta always had a love for people and a genuine heart. Even after her retirement, she volunteered at the University of Maryland Hospital.

In 1981, her daughter, Shamira Nicole Kelch was born. Their mother daughter bond was extremely close. They shared many days full of laughter; Roberta called Shamira 'over a thousand times' to print copies of her favorite memes; their favorite pastimes were multiple trips to Walmart, Dollar Tree and IHOP; their jointly organized Christmas parties were always a joy and a 'hit'. Christmas was one of Roberta's favorite holidays. The two of them enjoyed their signature drinks, Roberta "Martinelli's Sparkling Cider," while Shamira sipped on "her signature cocktails."

On February 10, 2001, Roberta's grandson, Khalil Nicholas Ben, was born.

He was the joy of her life and the apple of her eye! He could not do 'no wrong' in her eyes. She bragged about her Khalil to everyone! Khalil always supported his grandmother, especially when she wanted her cases of water from Sam's and Walmart.

Roberta joined New Christian Memorial Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Walter Bronson Jr. in the early 1980's. She spent many Sundays enjoying worship with her late father, Colon Ray and other family and friends. She was a faithful member of the adult Sunday School class and would often donate personalized baskets for back to school and Christmas.

Roberta had an infectious laugh, a passion for creating and a spirit of giving. On any given day, she would call to tell you she wanted to stop by to share one of her crafts made especially for you and there was always scripture or words of encouragement embedded in every craft. Let us not forget that every gift and card always included one of her favorite sayings, "Peace & Blessings and Hugs & Kisses." That was her way of showing and spreading her love to family and friends. Her other favorite sayings were "Well" and "I'll See You in the Soup."

"Rosie" and "Auntie", as she was affectionately known loved her family. She held a special place in her heart for her two nieces, Malaikah and Maya and her great nieces Nova, Kingsley and Kimaya and great nephew Kelsyn. Auntie always loved giving them gifts and letting them climb all over her.

Her father Colon Ray, Sr. and godchild Aurora Davis preceded her in death. Roberta leaves to cherish in her memory, mother, Ofreda Ray; daughter, Shamira Kelch (Jermaine); sister, Patricia "Tricia" Ray; brother, Colon "Erskin" Ray (Francine); grandson, Khalil Ben; a special cousin, Audrey Cooper; close

friends, Sandra Brown Dennis and Vecera Foster; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

JAN 8. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Roberta Ray, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - January 04, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Roberta Ray*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My heart has been so heavy and I will miss our many conversations after 60+ years along with Roberta jolly sense of humor, her smile, kindness, thoughtfulness and her many words of wisdom. When I lost my mother she sent me a mother/daughter chime that I will always cherish and think of her. My condolences to the family, God Bless and keep you with so many wonderful memories.*



Terra Owens Banton - January 18, 2021 at 12:44 AM

SB

“ *Sheila Barden lit a candle in memory of Roberta Ray*



Sheila Barden - January 13, 2021 at 08:27 PM

SD

“ *My BBF I'm going too truly miss you our laughs,our conversation, our outings .Who am I going to talk to now. Roberta tell my Mommy I said hello I'm not going to say goodbye but see you later. I love you like my sister. R.I.H. my sweet "Angel"*



Sandra Brown Dennis - January 09, 2021 at 10:04 PM

SK

Thank you❤️

shamira kelch - January 10, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Roberta will be missed, she had a wonderful smile and personality. Earths loss is truly Heavens gain. Even in this, we bless God that she suffers no longer. Rest in Heaven and tell Deacon Ray I said hi.*

Rev. Stanley H. Newsome III NCMC

Stanley Newsome - January 08, 2021 at 11:18 AM

SK

Thank you❤️

shamira kelch - January 10, 2021 at 08:34 AM

Marie Daley

“ Sending my condolences to the family and friends of Ms.Roberta.She worked with my mother,Loretta,for many years.As someone else said,Ms.Roberta face was one of the first ones that you saw when you came in.She was ALWAYS so pleasant and nice to me.She would always say,good morning baby😘😘I was so happy for her when I learned that she retired. Hats off to you,Ms.Roberta,for a job well done.You will truly be missed by many.
Sincerely,Marie Daley and the entire Clark family



Marie Daley - January 07, 2021 at 02:48 PM

OJ

“ Odetta James-Harlee lit a candle in memory of Roberta Ray



Odetta James-Harlee - January 07, 2021 at 10:40 AM

GP

“ An Angle on earth has received her wings now to sit on the side of God to continue her work from heaven above. Ro you will truly be missed here on earth but I know the beautiful smile and loved you shared with people will always be remember. My condolences to the family. May God keep you all in his grace and mercy.As Roberta would say peace and blessing ❤️💔Love Gloria Porter friend and co-worker for 40 years

Gloria Porter - January 07, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roberta Ray.*



January 06, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *The Ray Family: Cousins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roberta Ray.*



The Ray Family: Cousins - January 05, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Have a safe trip home Sis*



Robin Hawkins - January 04, 2021 at 07:16 AM



Amen

Sandra Brown Dennis - January 09, 2021 at 10:06 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 - December 30, 2020 at 01:02 PM

GF

My heart is 💔... My sister cousin and Best Friend for 45 years has moved into eternal rest. I miss you sorely, but I will see you again when our Heavenly Father calls me. So, enjoy your rewards, for a life well lived. Thank GOD for JESUS 🙏... you safely made it home💕.

Gwendolyn Fraling - January 04, 2021 at 10:23 AM

GA

For many years, the first smiling face we would see in the cafeteria at University of Maryland Medical Ctr was that sunshining smile of Ms. Roberta - such a sweet, caring lady. She even added "love" to the way she served the many employees, visitors, patients. She was truly an example of above and beyond employee. May her sweet memories live on.

Gloria Alston - January 04, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SK

Thank you💕

shamira kelch - January 10, 2021 at 08:35 AM