



Sonjia J Dean

August 29, 1948 - January 16, 2020

SONJIA TRAVERS-DEAN, daughter of the late Oliver Travers and Thelma Johnson, was born on August 29, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on January 16, 2020, after a lengthy illness.

She received her education at Edmondson High School in Baltimore, and started her career at First National Bank at the age of 18. She married Gregory Dean on April 25, 1970. From that union, two children were born, Loren and Alex. As president of the Cylburn Community Association, Sonjia fiercely advocated for those around her, fighting for the safety and wellness of her neighborhood; she was an accomplished writer and often penned letters to government officials when she had a concern or complaint. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Church for many years, and last worshipped at the City Bible Church. She retired after a 25-year tenure at the Independent Dialysis Foundation.

Sonjia truly loved spending time with her large, extended family; she often played a major role in planning family reunions and holiday gatherings. She was a lover of the arts, attending many plays, concerts, and other cultural events around Baltimore. She enjoyed thrifting and shopping for antiques; her finds were affectionately coined "Nantiques" by her granddaughter, Jade. She always looked forward to her family's yearly vacation in Wildwood, New Jersey. Sonjia's presence could light up a room and she will be greatly

missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Loren Dean-Brown and Alex Dean, and their father, Gregory Dean; two grandchildren, Kyle and Jade; two great-grandchildren, Zalaya and Kali, and their mother, Nautica; two sisters, Jan and Gail; four brothers-in-law, Michael Percy, Victor, and Frankie; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn and Tammy, and a host of other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Thelma Johnson and Oliver Travers; mother-in-law, Catherine; siblings, Ruby, Stanley, Minnie, Pamela and Jerry; brothers-in-law, Harry and Mark; and son-in-law, Tyrone.

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

JAN 23. 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 & Friends Hour

JAN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sonjia J Dean*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sonjia J Dean.*



January 22, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonjia J Dean.*



January 21, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sonjia J Dean.*



January 20, 2020 at 08:12 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 - January 17, 2020 at 05:10 PM