



## Rev. Dr. Sylvia Anne Houser

March 3, 1954 - July 3, 2019

SYLVIA ANNE HOUSER, the daughter of the late Nathaniel Coleman and Kaponia Coleman, was born on March 3, 1954 in Baltimore, Maryland. She transitioned on July 3, 2019 subject to sickness. Sylvia Anne Houser, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was the oldest of three daughters. She was nurtured in a home environment where the Spirit of God was manifested through the lifestyle of her mother. At the tender age of five years old, she gave her life to Christ. Sylvia was baptized and became a member of the Union Temple Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Charles Henry Churn, Sr. During this early part of her life she was as faithful to the work of the Lord as she was in later life. She was a Sunday school member and sang on the Rose Bud Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs. She was consecrated as a Deaconess at a young age.

Sylvia was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, and was a graduate of Edmondson Senior High School where she was on the Student Government Committee. She matriculated her education at the University of Maryland Catonsville where her general education requirements were obtained. She earned the B.S. Degree in Special Education with minor in Psychology from Coppin State University and a Master of Science in Education Administration from Morgan State University. Sylvia was the recipient of many higher education certificates to include: the Advanced Professional Certificate in Special Educator, grades kindergarten to 12th and

Administration 1. She was a Special Educator in the Baltimore City Public School System for over 40 years and served in that capacity at Patterson Senior High School, exemplifying a positive role model to her students and colleagues. She retired from Baltimore City Public Schools in 2015.

God ordered Sylvia's steps as she reached new spiritual heights in her Christian journey. She was a graduate of the Family Bible Institute and Seminary Worldwide Ministries; held Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling from the Family Bible Institute Counselors Association; a certified member of Sarasota Academy College of Christian Counseling; a clinical member and a Certified Temperament Counselor of the National Christian Counselor Association and a Doctorate of Nursing. Sylvia has always been a hard worker for the Lord and has presented herself a living sacrifice.

In 2001 Sylvia preached her initial sermon at Union Temple Congregation. In 2003, Sylvia was ordained to the Gospel ministry. In 2008, Dr. Houser with her son Pastor Delvon Houser launched Streams of Mercy Baptist Church and she became the assistant pastor. January 2016, Dr. Houser returned back to Union Temple Congregation to further carry out ministry along with Rev. Churn Jr. Through her missionary/outreach work, she visited homes, hospitals and nursing homes giving a helping hand and being a source of encouragement always striving to do God's will so that she could be a blessing to others.

Sylvia held membership in the following organizations: The Baltimore Association for Black School Educators; Baltimore Teachers Union; Maryland Coalition for inclusive Education; Flying Eagles Prayer and Outreach Ministry; Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and The Ministers Day Conference of Maryland. Dr. Houser volunteered at Roberta's House of Maryland and the Baltimore City/County/Anne Arundel Correctional Centers.

Sylvia enjoyed baking her famous Jewish Apple Cake, cooking, cleaning, yard work, spending time with family and friends, shopping, collecting porcelain dolls and beanie babies, and traveling.

She leaves to mourn: her husband of 41 years, Deacon Willie Houser; three children, Tavon (Labriyia), Delvon (Lynette), and Shavon Houser; her grandson, Jaywan Houser; her mother, Deacon Kaponia Coleman, two sisters, Delphine Coleman and Felicia Coleman; two brothers-in-law, Robert Houser and Michael Houser (deceased) (EASTER Houser); four nieces, Shaakira Anderson, Ameena Ruffin, Ashley Walker, Edesha Blake; one nephew, Michael Houser Jr.; one great-niece, Sanora Gaines; a long time friend of 50 years, Mrs. Dorothy Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends

# 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

JUL 10. 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

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Wake

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JUL 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Sylvia Anne Houser*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Norma Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Sylvia Anne Houser*



**Norma Bailey** - August 05, 2019 at 09:10 AM



*May you rest in God arm my sister. and may your family find peace. Love the Gelston Dr family. we did not known we would have been there.*

**Norma Bailey** - August 05, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Sylvia Anne Houser.*



July 08, 2019 at 05:34 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 08, 2019 at 01:36 PM