



Yvonne D. Fentress

December 10, 1951 - September 26, 2021

YVONNE DELORES FENTRESS was born on December 10, 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Melvin R. and Eddie Mae (Scott) Fentress.

She departed this life on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at her home.

Yvonne was a 1969 graduate of Western High School. She majored in Elementary Education and received her Baccalaureate degree from Morgan State University in 1973.

She taught in the Baltimore City Public School System for a short period. She then worked as a food stamp worker in the Income Maintenance Division, Baltimore City Department of Social Services, until her retirement.

Yvonne was a tenacious learner during her years of formal education and she strived for excellence with no desire for recognition of her successes. As a young girl, she enjoyed drawing. She grew up among a small cadre of very close friends: Terrina, Claudia, Alice, Carolyn—who took dance classes and were brownie scouts and girl scouts together. Always adept in her skills and attributes, she touted and praised the accomplishments of others above her own. She was content to take the shadow spot in the corner, away from center stage.

Only her family and closest friends knew Yvonne as an ever-curious soul and a hungry observer of life, of people, of many things. She was the person of

record, the memory bank of familial occurrences: birthdays, graduation years, weddings.

Her view of the world was wide-eyed and cumulative through a remote lens that was vicarious and innocent.

In spite of her reclusive nature, she was a tireless and passionate advocate for her father to whom she was devoted and for her younger brother. In her father's last years, she was his conversation partner, the courier of his meals from her mother's kitchen when he was ill, his griot to whom told stories shared only with her. For her brother, she was his administrative manager, his unwitting moral compass, and loyal mediator in any venue or circumstance of need.

A devout Catholic and deeply religious person, Yvonne was a lifelong member of the Church of St. Ann. She received every sacrament of her life within these walls of her Mother Church. She was also an occasional volunteer at the parish office.

Yvonne and her sister Debbie shared their childhood home for much of their adult lives. In Yvonne's years of declining health, her sister was devoted to her physical care and emotional wellbeing. Through every challenge, Debbie was her rock, her protectress, her loving champion and beloved friend.

Gone to their rest before her were her parents, Melvin and Eddie, her sister Elaine, and her brother Melvin.

Yvonne leaves to cherish her memory: two sisters, Deborah Fentress and Theresa Fentress Bryant; brother-in-law, Max Bryant; a niece, Gemma Bryant and nephew, Brian Cousin; and a grandnephew, Alexander Brown; two nieces-in-law, Julie Conason and Kyonna Cousin; two faithful and supportive friends, Elizabeth Lutz and Sr. Jeanne Barasha, SSND; a score of foster

sisters and brothers, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. She will be sorely missed by all.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

viewing

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
528 E. 22nd St.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Yvonne D. Fentress

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lamentations 3:22-23*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. Great is Thine faithfulness.

Yvonne and I first met in our kindergarten class at Oliver Cromwell School # 74. Yvonne was one of the sweetest people I knew. It was my honor to attend Yvonne's Loving Memory Service. Whenever I saw Yvonne, she would always embrace me with a warm, loving hug and a smile. I felt that same warmth as we embraced this morning, Debbie.

May our God of faithfulness control to bring comfort to all of you!

Lovingly Submitted

Ethel Johnson

Ethel Johnson - October 04, 2021 at 05:29 PM

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“ Yvonne was always kind. When I would come to visit her, she always greeted me with a smile. I could talk to her about anything. She was not judgmental, but positive. A person who listened not only with her ears and mind, but with her heart. She would put money in a card, send it to my sons, Isaac and Jacob, at Christmas or their birthdays and sign it "from your pretend Aunt". She also surprised me with unexpected gifts. Yvonne, though she didn't know it, was refreshing like shade on a hot day. Yvonne was kind, but also a true friend and will be sorely missed.

For those strong sisters left behind, Deborah and Theresa, remember the happy times and smile. It would be what she wanted. God bless and keep you always, Terrina (Stokes) Nuss

Terrina Nuss - October 03, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yvonne D. Fentress.



October 01, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Debbie and Theresa, my heart breaks as I realize my special cousin, Yvonne, has left us. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, most sensitive and most thoughtful people I have ever known. She always showed genuine interest in what was going on and in how everyone was doing. Hers was always one of the first cards received for any occasion with her neat perfect lettering. Yvonne always helped anyone she could at any time. She was devoted to her church and dedicated many hours and her heart to completing many tasks at St. Ann. She didn't want to be paid for her work. She gave her time and talents freely. Yvonne loved her family dearly. Now she is reunited with Auntie Eddie, her dad, and so many others. I will miss her and our special visits. I pray especially for you, Theresa and Debbie. Take comfort in knowing you gave her love and the best of care that you could. Also be comforted to know Yvonne has no more struggles. She is resting in Heaven and you all will be reunited one day. Wrap yourselves in God's Love, Comfort, and Peace that only He can give....love, Peggy Sterling*

Peggy Sterling - October 01, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yvonne D. Fentress.*



October 01, 2021 at 11:05 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 - September 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM

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The Fentress family has always been dear to me and my family. We grew up together and shared so much of our young lives together. I spent many days at the Fentress home and have many, many fond memories of Elaine, Theresa, Yvonne and Debbie. Yvonne always asked about how my family was doing and seemed to remember details about my family members the rest of us forgot!! There was always a lot of sharing stories and laughter when we were together. I will really miss her smiling face. Rest In Peace.

Janet Robinson Bryan - October 01, 2021 at 07:03 PM