

Debbie Lawrence James

JANUARY 31, 1959 - DECEMBER 18, 2023



In Loving Memory



Order Of Service

Processional/Final Viewing

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Elder Robert Fugett
New Life COGIC, Bonham, TX

New Testament.....Dr. Terry M. Turner
Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church

Prayer.....Dr. Terry M. Turner

Musical Selection....."All I Need"

Resolution.....Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church
(Other resolutions should be passed on to the family)

Musical Selection....."Every Praise"

Remarks.....Ronald James

Video Tribute

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Caleb M. Turner
Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church

Prayer for Family

Recessional



Debbie *Her Story*

Debbie Laverne James was born on January 31, 1959 to Henry James, Jr. and Joyce Fugett Ricks in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Debbie and her family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where she attended and graduated from Clark High School. Among the activities Debbie participated in she was most notable one of the first black-cheer leader at that school. Debbie also accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age.

Later in life she moved to Seattle Washington, Dallas and finally settled in her present home of Mesquite TX. There she became a member of Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church and as an active member she taught Sunday School and was a member of W.O.W - Women of Worth. Debbie earned an Associate of Science degree in Cyber Security from Strayer University.

Debbie was known as the BOSS of the family, passionate about what she put her mind to and hands on, but most importantly she strived to keep all her family tied together. She was a respectable lady who loved her family unconditionally, especially her pride and joy, her only son Darius Marley Woodson and granddaughter Maliah Danielle Woodson.

A beloved daughter, sister, mother, Meme, Aunt, niece, cousin and friend Debbie leaves to cherish her memories: her father, Henry James, mother, Joyce Ricks, son, Darius Woodson, granddaughter, Maliah Woodson, brother, Ronald James, (Shay), nieces, Laquisha Joyce Green, Kristi Akin, nephews, Jason Jackson, Lee Jackson, Jaquan Hawley, George Hawley, great nieces, Jaycion Jackson, DoMonique Sanford, and Delilah Sanford as well as a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



TRIBUTE

Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter
We've shared throughout the years.
Now I am contended,
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way,
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street,
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps,
Only a half step behind.
So please don't be unhappy,
Just because I am out of sight,
Remember that I am with you,
Each morning, noon and night.

-Anonymous

Scripture

From where does my help come?

3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right
hand.

7 The LORD will keep you from all
evil; he will keep your life.

Psalm 121



GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

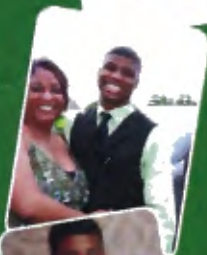
I'm There Inside Your Heart



Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.



I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright
I'm there to share the sunsets, too
I'm with you every night.



I'm with you when the times are good
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall
I'll still be there for you.



And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me,
Forever in my heart.



BALANCE

Brian Crawford Greg Crawford
Cecil Douglas Norman Laurence
Kenneth Phelps Alfred Richardson

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. The love you have shown and the prayers you prayed has given us great comfort during this difficult time. Ebony, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, you went above and beyond providing exceptional care for Debbie. Also, thanks to the staff of Vitas Healthcare.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered by
The Family of

Debbie James

SERVICE HELD

Saturday, December 23, 2023
11AM

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church
680 E. Highway 80
Mesquite, TX 75149

Revered Caleb M. Turner, Senior Pastor

INTERMITTENT

Laurel Oaks Funeral Home & Memorial Park
12649 Lake June Road
Mesquite, TX 75180

REPAST

Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church

FINAL AND MOST SACRED ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

Cravens Funeral Home
700 North Crockett Street
Sherman, TX 75090
Patrick Craven, Owner