



Ms CONSTANCE DIANNE BRYANT

March 2, 1945 - September 19, 2024

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 8:38-39

On March 2, 1945, God gifted Ira Thomas and Lillian Holden Bryant with their beloved daughter, Constance Dianne Bryant. Born as the third of three children, Dianne was raised in the warm and nurturing environment of Smithfield, North Carolina, surrounded by family.

From a young age, Dianne's faith was an integral part of her life. She was an active member of First Missionary Baptist Church, where she was baptized and served her church community. Dianne's commitment to both her education and her faith was evident throughout her life. After graduating from Johnston County Training School (later Johnston Central High School) in 1963, she pursued higher education at North Carolina Central University in Durham, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968. Always eager to learn and grow, she continued her academic journey at George Washington University in Washington, DC, where she received her Master of Arts degree in 1972.

Dianne's professional journey began in Johnston County, where she spent two years teaching, before relocating to Maryland. She soon took on a position as an elementary school teacher in Washington, DC, where she dedicated over three decades of her life to shaping the minds of young students. Her commitment to education spanned over 40 years, and even after her retirement, Dianne continued to share her knowledge as a substitute and specialty reading teacher. Her love for her students and her passion for teaching left an indelible mark on the many lives she touched.

In Maryland, Dianne became an active and devoted member of Contee A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington, DC. There, she faithfully served in multiple capacities-Superintendent of Sunday School, member of the Missionary Society, President of the Senior Choir, and Director of Vacation Bible School. Her faith journey later led her to Kettering Baptist Church in Maryland, where she found another spiritual home and continued to grow. At Kettering, Dianne served as a dedicated member of the Scholarship Ministry and the teaching staff for Vacation Bible School, in addition to her participation in other church ministries.

Dianne had a deep love for her family and cherished the time she spent with them. She loved planning family reunions, traveling with loved ones, and staying connected with the people who meant the most to her. Her vibrant spirit and warmth made her a beloved friend and confidante to many.

Dianne was preceded in death by her sister, Betty J. Cheseman, and her brother, Thomas Lawrence Bryant. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion in the hearts of her surviving family members: two devoted nephews, Gregory D. Cheseman (Lisa) and Bryan P. Cheseman; her devoted niece, Michelle Bryant; great-nephews Hasani and Joshua Cheseman; her sister-in-law, Bettie Bryant; and her devoted cousin, Robin L. Williams. She also leaves behind her loving Goddaughter, Sanya Smith, along with a host of cousins,

adopted nieces, nephews, and friends who will forever remember her kindness, wisdom, and faith.

Her life was a testament to love, faith, and service. Though she is no longer with us, her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Cemetery Details

**SELMA MEMORIAL GARDEN CEMETERY, SELMA NORTH
CAROLINA**

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Kettering Bapt. Church 6909 Crain Hwy.

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Kettering Bapt. Church 6909 Crain Hwy.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Rest in Peace my Dearest Friend of 55 years where we met at NCCU!!! Joyce Townes

Joyce Townes - October 14, 2024 at 07:19 PM

MG

“ I was one of Diane's church members at Contee AME Zion in Washington, DC. Diane and I worked for hours on her JCTS 50th Class Reunion slide show. Although we made some DVDs, I don't have a copy still..but I do have the original files with 100 scanned pictures of Diane as an elementary school girl through her adult years, her high school yearbook and pictures from previous class reunions.

Mike Gantt, Contee AME Zion Church, Washington, DC

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Mike Gantt - September 30, 2024 at 02:16 AM

BM

“ Our hearts are saddened in the passing of our cousin Diane. Our grandmothers were sisters, Rosetta Dublin and Lizzie Dublin Bryant. Diane was a person who lived by her beliefs. There was no doubt about how she felt about things. She was dedicated to making anything she was involved with better. She loved her family, friends, churches, and Johnston Central High School Alumni. May God comfort and give you peace about what He has already decided.

Barbara Liles Monk - September 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM

GW

“ Sending my prayers to the family, church family and friends. I will miss seeing and talking with her she came home(Smithfield NC). Prayerfully Submitted, A Dear Classmate and Friend: Gwendolyn Carolyn Solomon Walker

Gwendolyn Carolyn Solomon Walker - September 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MG

Diane and I worked quite a few hours together to create a 50th JCTS/Central High School reunion slide show. I don't have any of the DVDs that we made then but I do have the original file of 100 photos. They include Diane in elementary school, other class reunions through the years, and a lot of her high school yearbook.

Mike Gantt, Contee AME Zion Church, Wash DC

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Mike Gantt - September 30, 2024 at 10:38 AM

HT

Sending our prayers to the family. We were heart broken when we heard that Dianne passed away. Not only was she our neighbor for 30 years; she was our dear friend. Dianne will truly be missed. We will miss our outings together. A beautiful flower has been added to God's garden.

Howard and Shirley Terry - October 02, 2024 at 09:24 PM