Debra Ann Bissant

July 27, 2018

Debra Ann Bissant passed away peacefully on Friday, July 27, 2018 at the age of 66. She was born on December 3, 1951 in New Orleans, LA to the late Gilbert Darby and Dorothy Silas. Debra is survived by her husband, Lawrence Bissant; 3 children, Dawn Smith (Clive Sr.), Derrick Walker (Sheryl), and Brittney Bissant; 2 step children, Lance Bissant (Kimberly) and Latriese Neveaux; 3 siblings, Gilbert Darby, Augustine Smith (Frantz), and Herman Darby; 8 grandchildren, Jasmine, Cion, Clive Jr., Chaz, Ireian, Daria, Cashmere, and London; 4 great grandchildren, Oliver, Clive III, Jamar, Imarii, and one on the way. Debra is also survived by her nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, and friends. Debra loved attending church, loved dancing, and loved being around her family. She started her career at Dillard University in the registrar's office for 20+ years. Then ended it at Xavier University in the registrar's office as a Transcript Analyst for 12 years. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at D.W. Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave. on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Interment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **4**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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I will always remember Debra as a kind, gentle and caring individual who made everyone that she encountered feel special. She had a vibrant spirit that resonated immensely with others and always went above and beyond for her Dillard and Xavier University students. I witnessed her compassion firsthand during my tenure at Dillard University. I will miss her dearly. Rest well my friend.

Derek D. Bardell - August 05, 2018 at 01:07 AM

WM

Deborah was a very sweet cousin of mine I remember being a young boy visiting her parents house for a many years Deborah was loving and caring a very very sweet lady and she truly would be missed rest in peace cousin

Wayne Murry - August 04, 2018 at 08:24 AM

SG

To all Debra's family, Debra myself Carol and Linda we were always very close as cousins, I remember coming to New Orleans during the summer staying with Debra's mother Dorthy. We would have so much fun upstairs looking out the window at night. Then as we got old enough to go out alone we would hang out in the French quarters and on the lakefront, she and I worked together for a short time at the Radio Center. I will always remember the good times we had together. She will always have a special place in my heart. I can tell so many stories about the family good times that we had and I hope that in the near future I can share some of those thing with family. Love you all and praying for you.

Sandra Travis Gore - August 02, 2018 at 03:03 PM

PL

If I can help somebody as I travel this land, then my living shall not be in vain. Thank you Debra for the courage and strength displayed during your illness. Someone so special, will never be forgotten. Family, praying you peace to bring comfort and courage to face the days ahead.

Patrice B. Lee-Fleming - August 02, 2018 at 09:38 AM