



Dianne Washington Turks

September 22, 2025

Dianne Washington Turks departed this life to join her Savior in Glory at the age of 72, on September 22, 2025 at her home surrounded by her family. She was a life long resident of Gretna, Louisiana (Jonestown).

She was the youngest of ten children born to the late Henderson Washington and Augustine Jones Washington, on October 17, 1952.

Dianne attended L. W. Higgins High School and was in its first graduating class in 1970. She continued her studies at Meadows Draughon Business College in New Orleans, Louisiana in Accounting. Dianne began her career working at Dowell Division of Dowell Chemicals as a Regional Secretary and later as an Office Supervisor. She joined the Jefferson Parish School System in 1992 as a Teacher Assistant at Lincoln Elementary School. For many years she has worked with Jefferson Community School as a Secretary/Account Clerk. The School, now named Douglass Community School, recently relocated to the site of the Elementary School Dianne attended, Frederick Douglass Elementary School.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 35 years, Larry Turks. She was a devoted mother to her daughter Tyra Washington; step-children; Tameka (David) Brown, Hyacinth (Jason) Watkins, Yenda Turks; grandmother to Gerald Wayne Bailey, III and Faith Ayana Washington.

She is survived by her siblings Alcenia Robinson, Herbert (Yvonne) Washington, Idella Washington (the late Lawrence Washington, Sr.), Marguerite Washington Avery (the late Earl Avery, Jr.), three brothers-in-law,

Joseph Davis, Burnie Moss, Jr. and Daniel Lee Simmons, Sr.; five sisters-in-law; Beverly Allen, Mary (Lester, Sr.) Beauvia, Dysine Bowman, Jean (James) Casmere, Linda (James) Tate; and a godson James Chapman, Jr. She is joining her brothers and sisters in glory, Alvin Washington, Arthur Washington, Sr., Ethel Mae Washington Simmons, Leonard Washington, and Marcell Washington Moss; her brother-in-law Clarence Allen, and two sisters-in-law Ethlia Davis and Aletha Washington. She also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, family, and dear friends.

Family, friends, and members of the Jefferson Parish School System are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at Living Word Ministry Training Center, 201 Robert Street, Gretna, Louisiana 70056, officiated by Pastor Linda Roussell, on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

1225 Whitney Ave.
Gretna, LA 70056

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Ministry Training Center
201 Robert Street
Gretna, LA 70056

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Ministry Training Center
201 Robert Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so deeply saddened to learn that God chose you at a time, before I could see you again. I remember the words you spoke to me the last time I saw you. The importance of them weigh so heavy on me. I will do my absolute best to listen and adhere to someone who knew what she was talking about. I extend my heart to Tyra and all who hurt from this life changing event, and what she/they may be dealing with. However, I rejoice in the fact that I know my Aunt Dianne was a devout Christian and woman of pure faith. I know for a fact that a spot was already ready for her spirit in paradise, and the place where she is, is a place where any sane person would love to be. A place of eternal bliss, peace, joy, and enrichment, enjoying the fruits of her labor with all who have gone before her that we currently love and miss so very dearly.

Rodney Guy Washington, II - October 30, 2025 at 06:23 AM

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“ I'm Sharing my Feelings With My Family here in Southern California because of Health Reasons however, Auntie Diane, Your Battles is Over and Your Victory has been Satisfied with God Christ Jesus and Your Soul is In Heaven, Have a Good Time Up There !!! ❤️🙏
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Kevin Robinson - September 25, 2025 at 02:36 PM

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“ Hey Moma☐, I will always continue to do what you asked of me. Love u miss u and Im gonna miss your “Happy Fathers Day” text message and holiday messages. You will forever be missed. Although It was time for you to finally leave us and go home. I will continue to keep your memory in my heart🙏.....BIG “G.B”

Gerald Bailey Jr - September 24, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ *I will miss her dearly I used to bring her flowers to work when I can she was always helping me get my time together at school I looked at her like my grandma she will truly be missed* ”

Laquania Nickerson - September 24, 2025 at 03:22 PM