

## *Our Sincere Gratitude*

*The family is extremely grateful for all acts of kindness displayed during this difficult time. Whether you sent a card or flowers, spoke comforting words, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts. We truly appreciate every act of kindness and it has not gone unnoticed. Special thank you to Capital City Hospice for their care during this difficult time.*

**The Detrica Diane Williams Family**

## *Tribute from James Carter*



*The Bible says that God is Love, and that Love was displayed through DeDe. She showed me what it is to Love someone. Kind hearted and giving. I learned so much from her. She always gave me an encouraging word. She will always be #1 in my heart.*

**Love You Forever,  
Your Booca Baby**

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## A Celebration of the Life of



# *Detrica Diane Williams*

Sunrise: August 2, 1967 Sunset: June 18, 2024

**Tuesday, July 2, 2024**

Visitation: 1:00pm Memorial Service: 2:00pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home  
**The Chapel of Peace East**  
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Elder Brenda Talley, Officiating and Eulogizing Minister

# Reflections of Life

Detrica Diane Williams, beloved mother, fiancé, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2024, at the age of 56. Born on August 2, 1967 to Joseph and Addie Ford in Monroe, Louisiana.

Detrica gave her life to Christ in August of 1976 where she became a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. She graduated from Saginaw High School class of 1985, where she made lifelong friends and excelled academically. Her passion for learning continued at Oakland University where she majored in business.

She was a member of the illustrious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A devoted mother to her son, Joseph Jones, Detrica poured her heart into nurturing and guiding him. Her love and care extended beyond her family to the many children she cared for as the owner of Dee's Tiny Tots University in California. Her daycare was not just a business but a sanctuary where children felt loved and parents felt at ease.

In addition to her daycare, Detrica held other jobs throughout her life including Abbott Labs, Amazon and ACE Hardware. Her strong work ethic and dedication were apparent in every role she took on, leaving a lasting impact on her colleagues and community.

Detrica's life was marked by two marriages, Wyatt Jones & Larry Williams, each bringing unique experiences and growth. Her union with Larry Williams transformed her life into a blended family, adding three cherished daughters: Brittany, Alexis, and Ayanna. In recent years, she found love again and was joyfully engaged to her fiancé, James Carter. Together, they shared dreams of a future filled with happiness, traveling and companionship.

Detrica was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Ford, whose memory she held dear and whose values she strived to uphold in her own life; paternal grandparents, Henry & Jimmie Ford Sr.; maternal grandparents, Jessie & Izola Washington.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Jones; fiancé, James Carter; mother, Addie Ford; sister, Delores (Stanley) Whitmore; and brothers, Jimmy Ford Sr. and Cedric Ford. Detrica was a cherished aunt to her nieces, Erica (Derron) Turner, and Treycie Ford; nephews, Diontae Ford, Jimmy Ford Jr. and Trey (Tasha) Ford. She also played the role of a loving grandmother to Jadyn Erin Jones, who held a special place in her heart. Her life was enriched by the presence of many friends and family but especially by; John Trice, Jafari & Patricia Baker, Tina Trice, Elizabeth Akins, Kisa Carr, Niccole Terry, Marcus Hunter, Siobhan Portis and Sayeah Mayson; special uncles, Henry "Pop" Ford Jr. & Major Washington. Along with a host of family and friends.

Detrica was a beacon of love and kindness in the lives of all who knew her. Rest in peace, Detrica. Your light will continue to shine in the hearts of all who were blessed to know you.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
SCRIPTURE READING .....	DerRon Turner
Old Testament .....	Psalms 23:1-6
New Testament .....	John 4:18
PRAYER .....	Elder Brenda Talley
SELECTION .....	Christian Turner
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....	Tina Trice
REMARKS .....	(2 Minutes Please)..... Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY .....	Tina Trice
SELECTION .....	Christian Turner

## The Eulogy

Elder Brenda Talley

BENEDICTION .....	Elder Brenda Talley
RECESSIONAL .....	Clergy, Family, and Friends
	"Take Me To The King by Tamela Mann



## Family Tributes

A mother's love is like no other, and when God chose to bless me with you, it was a gift beyond measure. The bond we shared was unique, and the joy you brought into my life was unbelievable. I can't believe you are gone. Each day I wake up with a heavy heart. Yet, in the midst of my grief, I find peace in knowing that you are now reunited with your dad. This alone brings me peace and comfort, even during these difficult times. ~**Forever in my heart Mom**

It's a special connection that transcends the time, representing the laughter, sadness, smiles and tears of us the trust that can't be broken, the deep love in our hearts sometimes unspoken, and lifelong friendship built on sharing, hugs and kisses, warmth and caring for each other. We've traveled the world together I know your gone but you will still travel everywhere I go you will be right in my heart. Our hearts will beat as one Love you Always Big Sis KAT. ~**Delores "Kat" Whitmore**

My sister was an angel from God, I can't remember seeing her angry for long or holding a grudge. She was a free spirit who loved peace and made sure everyone was safe and felt loved. She is truly missed & loved! Gone too soon! ~**Jimmy Ford**

Mama Dee thank you for all the advice you have given me and for always being there when I needed you, I am blessed to have had you as a bonus mom I will love you forever. ~**Brittany**

Mama DeDe I am so blessed to have had a Bonus mom like you, You were always the life of the party, and always kept a big smile. You were so strong. Mom I want to Thank you for Always Listening for always caring and given the best advice. You were always there no matter what and I forever cherish all of those moments. I will love you forever Mom. ~**Alexis**

Mom, thank you so much for always being there for me when I needed you the most! I will always hold our special moments close to my heart! Thank you for the memories, laughs, and advice that I will never forget. I love you so much! ~**Ayanna**

Aunt DeDe you were more than just an aunt; you were like a second mother to us. Always there to offer a listening ear, moral support, and encouraging words, we could call you anytime and you'd be there. We love and miss you deeply already, and your comforting presence will forever be cherished in our hearts and memories. Our hearts are heavy with loss, but we are forever grateful for the profound impact you had on us. We love you, Aunt DeDe, and you will always hold a special place in our hearts. ~**Erica & Diantae**

## Tribute from Joseph Jones



In loving memory of a remarkable woman, my beloved mother. Your warmth, wisdom, and unwavering love have left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. Your kindness was boundless, always extending a helping hand and a comforting word to those in need. Your strength and resilience in the face of life's challenges taught me the true meaning of courage. You were the heart of our family, a guiding light whose presence made our house a home. The memories we created together are treasures I will carry with me forever, from the sound of your laughter to the warmth of your embrace. Though you are no longer with us, your spirit lives on in the love and lessons you imparted. I miss you every day, but I find solace in knowing that you are at peace. Your legacy of love, kindness, and strength continues to inspire me, and I strive to honor you in all that I do. Thank you for being the wonderful mother that you were. Your memory will forever be a blessing.

Love Always,  
*Joe*

