



Dedra
Elaine Geran

DECEMBER 14, 1953 - MARCH 14, 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Memorial Service: 10:00 A.M.

Giddens Memorial Chapel
Family Life Center

2610 N. Martin Luther King Blvd
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

The Life Story of

Dedra
Elaine Geran

Dedra Elaine Geran was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada to the parents of Johnus Geran and Hazel Wilburn. While attending Bishop Gorman High School, in addition to her Precisionaire performances at the games, she had a short stint in politics. In 1969, she was appointed as a delegate for the State of Nevada at the Republican National Convention, a position that earned her historical recognition as the first Black to be seated on the platform, and an accomplishment that would later catch the attention of Jet magazine. She attended Arizona State University to pursue a degree in social studies, and in 1975, was initiated into the Iota Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a decision she would always cherish. She received a bachelor's degree at ASU, and a few years later, she received a master's degree in her field from the University of Phoenix.

After a few years of living in Phoenix, she relocated to Inglewood, California, where she worked in administration for Imperial Bank. And because she lived a few blocks from the Kia Forum (aka The Forum) she became a die-hard Lakers fan. She enjoyed the social clubs, the night life, and the live concerts in Southern California to the fullest, but after ten years, she decided to return home to Las Vegas. Dedra worked as a contract administrator for Nevada Power. She became actively involved with the Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, the Red Hat Society, Clark County School District, Raider Nation, and the Western Region of the National Brotherhood of Snowsports. As a member of NBS since 2009, she would later serve as the secretary and then as the membership chair, a position she continued to perform even after her health started to decline.

Dedra was preceded in death by her parents, Johnus and Hazel, and brothers, Frederick and Franklyn. She leaves behind her brother John and sister Trish, goddaughter Brittany and her three children, a host of relatives whom she enjoyed as much as she could especially during the holidays, and some of the truest friends one could ever imagine. She would always gain a sense of pride when recalling stories about her long-time friends: Lionel Hollins, her "cousin" and his loving family, and her "sisters" of 50 plus years, Sandra, Ella, Pat, Barbara, Terry, and Verdella. They proved to be faithful until the end. The one wish she had for them was to continue fulfilling their lives with the belief that a "journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Order of Celebration for

Dedra
Elaine Geran

Omega Omega Service.....	Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Greetings & Opening Prayer.....	Father Binoy
Scripture Reading.....	Pastor Willie Jacobs, Jr.
Solo “Standing In The Safety Zone”.....	Willie Greene
Reading of Reflections of Life.....	Sandra Chase Thomas
Words of Expressions (2 Min.).....	Family & Friends
Eulogy.....	Father Binoy
Committal/Recessional.....	Pastor Willie Jacobs, Jr.



*Master told me one day
I'd find peace in every way,
but in search for the clue
wrong things I was bound to do
Keep my head to the sky
for the clouds to tell me why
As I grew with strength
Master kept me as I repent*

*Keep your head to the sky
Keep your head to the sky
He gave me the will to be free
purpose to live his reality
And I found myself never alone
Jesus come to make me strong*

*“Keep Your Head to the Sky”
Earth, Wind & Fire*



Acknowledgements

The Family of Dedra Elaine Geran would like to express their sincere appreciation, gratitude for all of the prayers and acts of kindness they have received during this very difficult time. Your support and presence has meant the world to them.

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