



Debora J Bonner

February 23, 1953 - February 21, 2020

Our Queen, Mrs. Debora J. Bonner was born on February 23, 1953 to the late Clyde Russell Stevens and Jennie Mae Stevens in Johnson City, TN. Debora departed to eternal life on February 21, 2020.

Debora attended and graduated from Science Hill High School in 1971. She went on to obtain her Cosmetology License and was the owner and operator of Debora's Hair Salon for many, many years. Debora retired from the hair business and later received her B.A. in Sociology at East Tennessee State University in 2007 and worked as a Social Worker at Asbury Place. Later in life, Debora also took care of Mrs. Rowena for several years, whom she loved dearly.

On August 2, 1998, she married Kenneth L. Bonner. The relationship between Debora and Kenneth was more than just husband and wife; it was a joyous advantage of love, growth, and inspiration.

Debora deeply loved and cherished her children (Jeri Lyn, Tamara, Phillip & Lindsay) and grandchildren (Austin, Patrick, Jahmar, William, Aaron, Zayden, Ryan & Kai) and there was nothing she wouldn't do for any of them. She was such a loving, caring, selfless mother and grandmother and was the definition of a virtuous woman.

Debora had so much love for her family. She would cook for birthdays, holidays and just because and it filled her heart when family would come together. She always encouraged family love.

Debora loved to sing, laugh, read inspirational and uplifting books. meditate and travel. She was an inspiration to many and treated people with kindness, decency and respect. Debora always said, kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world no matter what you look like. Her smile would light up a room and if she was your friend, you had a friend for life.

Debora was preceded in death by her father, Clyde R. Stevens, mother, Jennie Mae Stevens, sisters, Arletha Adams, Pamela McKinney, Frankie Coleman, brothers, William Melvin Stevens, Jerry Lynn Stevens, and Michael Fields. Debora leaves to cherish her loving family: Husband, Kenneth L. Bonner, Three daughters; Jeri Lyn (Thomas) Harrington, Virginia Beach, VA, Tamara M. Stevens, Johnson City, TN, and Lindsay E. Bassham, Johnson City, TN One Son: Phillip R. Stevens.

Eight Grandchildren: Austin and Patrick Harrington, Virginia Beach, VA. Jahmar, William, and Aaron Adams, Johnson City, TN, Zayden and Ryan Stevens, Johnson City, TN and Kai Bassham, Johnson, City, TN.

Six Sisters; Carrie B. Johnson, Kay Love, Janice Spurgeon, Renee Robinson, Jessica Bradley, and Paula Stevens, Johnson City, TN.

Two Brothers; Freddie Fields (Jackie), Murfreesboro, TN and Joe buck Adams, Johnson City, TN. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday March 1, 2020 at Grace Temple Church in Johnson City. The family will receive friends from 2:00pm until 3:00pm at the church prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

Tribute Wall



“ *Debora J Bonner*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Pate Rhea lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Pate Rhea - March 02, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



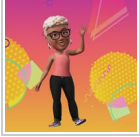
William H. Hill Jr. - March 02, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ *I have so many, many memories of Deborah. How she used to be my momma's (Ruby Jean) churh buddy, hang out buddy, and very good friend. We have shared many laughs, tears and stories of times past. Deborah will forever live on in my heart. To Deborah's children and family, may God comfort you all. Your momma was a precious person.*



Renee Forney - March 01, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Roxie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Roxie Bailey - February 29, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, We never will forget Debora. RIP Shirley, Arnold Thomas and Ms Pearl*

A.T. - February 29, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Nancy Greenlee sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Nancy Greenlee - February 29, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *Babby sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Babby - February 29, 2020 at 09:10 AM

MC

“ Prayers she will be greatly missed



Monica Cannon - February 28, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SG

“ Shonda Gonzales lit a candle in memory of
Debora J Bonner

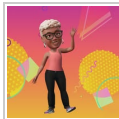


Shonda Gonzales - February 28, 2020 at 02:57 PM

DL

Debora is God's Angle

Diane Lewis - February 28, 2020 at 06:38 PM



God has received another one of his Angels, Debora will always be loved and missed. Rest peacefully Sweet Lady in the arms of your Heavenly Father.

Roxie Bailey - February 29, 2020 at 05:13 PM

WJ

“ Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of
Debora J Bonner



Wilma Jenkins - February 28, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss..I worked with Janice and Carrie at ETSU....And knew Jerry 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Debbie Oaks - February 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Debora J Bonner.



February 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM

WS

“ WILLIE AND LIZ SCOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



WILLIE AND LIZ SCOTT - February 28, 2020 at 09:18 AM

Alberta Harris

“ Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Alberta Harris - February 27, 2020 at 07:30 PM

KM

“ *Kenneth(Ricky) McRath lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Kenneth(Ricky) McRath - February 27, 2020 at 08:31 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Mary Latham - February 26, 2020 at 09:59 PM

KI

“ *Kim(Stephens)Mathes*



Kim(Stephens)Mathes - February 26, 2020 at 09:30 PM

DG

“ *Debora will always remain in my more pleasant memories of life. I respected and trusted her wisdom and valued the relationship we developed over a lifetime. May she rest with the angels and my deepest condolences to the family.*



Deborah Grey - February 26, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SW

“ *Stacie Workman lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Stacie Workman - February 26, 2020 at 11:51 AM

PR

“ *Paulette (Gigi) Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Paulette (Gigi) Robinson - February 26, 2020 at 09:36 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Melvin drumgoole - February 26, 2020 at 09:13 AM

AC

“ *Arthur H Coleman lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Arthur H Coleman - February 25, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Mary Ann James - February 25, 2020 at 04:02 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*




Charles Buford - February 25, 2020 at 06:40 AM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - February 24, 2020 at 07:54 PM

 Sylvia Young

“ *Sylvia Young lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Sylvia Young - February 24, 2020 at 07:36 PM

RP

“ Rocky & Lisa Peeler lit a candle in memory of
Debora J Bonner



Rocky & Lisa Peeler - February 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

LW

“ I will miss you and to my family may God bless
us all I will always love you and will enjoy. The
memory always



Louise F. Williams - February 24, 2020 at 01:33 PM

SW

“ Steve&Susan Wagner lit a candle in memory
of Debora J Bonner



Steve&Susan Wagner - February 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM

BH

“ Benita Hopson lit a candle in memory of
Debora J Bonner



Benita Hopson - February 24, 2020 at 10:18 AM

SL

“ Sharron Livingston sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



Sharron Livingston - February 24, 2020 at 10:06 AM

TD

“ Teresa Bonner Delaney lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Teresa Bonner Delaney - February 24, 2020 at 09:44 AM

BJ

“ Bobby Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Bobby Ryans Jr - February 24, 2020 at 08:45 AM

KE

“ Kenneth lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Kenneth - February 24, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ Pamela Renea sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



Pamela Renea - February 24, 2020 at 06:19 AM



“ LaToya Askew lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



LaToya Askew - February 24, 2020 at 01:16 AM



“ William(Bud)Hill Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



William(Bud)Hill Jr - February 24, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ William Hill Jr lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



William Hill Jr - February 24, 2020 at 12:41 AM

TB

“ *Tori Brown lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Tori Brown - February 23, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DD

“ *Delores Delaney lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Delores Delaney - February 23, 2020 at 10:51 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



crystal anderson - February 23, 2020 at 09:33 PM

SB

“ *Sondra Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Sondra Bradley - February 23, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ Love You Debora Jean. Our deepest condolences to the Bonner Family.
Jerry&Valdred Hartsaw.



Jerry & Valdred Hartsaw - February 23, 2020 at 09:14 PM

PW

My heart goes out too all the family on your loss may God bless you.

Penny love white - February 23, 2020 at 09:42 PM

RH

“ Renea,Shannon & Whitney Hall lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Renea,Shannon & Whitney Hall - February 23, 2020 at 09:00 PM

MC

“ Marva &ALLEN Conley lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner

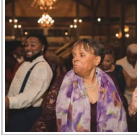


Marva &ALLEN Conley - February 23, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MC

I will miss Debora,we all grew up on the Avenue. We're praying for the family. My God be with you all.

Marva &ALLEN Conley - February 23, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Carolyn Fain - February 23, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ Patria Rhea (pate) sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



Patria Rhea (pate) - February 23, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ James & Brenda Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



James & Brenda Charles - February 23, 2020 at 06:39 PM

CR

“ I am saddened by the passing of another Dunbar classmate. May God send His Comfort to all of the family and friends who are mourning her passing. I pray that your memories of good times will bring you smiles in the midst of your tears. She is now resting in the presence of the Almighty and that is the joy that each of us who know God and live for Him, too, look forward.



Clara Faye Rutledge - February 23, 2020 at 12:44 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Gary & Moricina Fain - February 23, 2020 at 12:09 PM

GF

Keeping the family in my prayers.

Gary & Moricina Fain - February 23, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Lori Parks - February 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Prayers for the family.
Stanley and Donna Daniels



Donna Daniels - February 22, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Debora had a laugh that you cannot forget.
RiP. Prayers



Margo Drakeford - February 22, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Jaymon lit a candle in memory of Debora J
Bonner



jaymon - February 22, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of
Debora J Bonner



Carla Forney - February 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

VS

“ *Varcella Stokes lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner* ”



varcella stokes - February 22, 2020 at 07:49 PM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner* ”



Tiffany Ryans - February 22, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Marga Hughes lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner* ”



Marga Hughes - February 22, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner* ”



Linda Workman - February 22, 2020 at 04:42 PM

JL

“ *Julia Letcher lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Julia Letcher - February 22, 2020 at 03:39 PM

AK

“ *Adia Babb King lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Adia Babb King - February 22, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ *Praying for strength for Kenneth Bonner and Debora's other family members.*



Joseph Hardin - February 22, 2020 at 01:07 PM

DB

“ *I loved Debora and she was one of our sisters in Women of Color. She's at peace now with the Lord but we will miss her.*



Diane Bradley - February 22, 2020 at 01:02 PM

Mary Rollins

“ Prayers and Condolences to the family



Mary Rollins - February 22, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MH

“ Mary Haney lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



mary haney - February 22, 2020 at 12:36 PM

HF

“ Howie Kemper & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Debora J Bonner



Howie Kemper & Family - February 22, 2020 at 12:15 PM

HF

“ Howie Kemper & Family lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Howie Kemper & Family - February 22, 2020 at 12:15 PM

MF

“ *Marchelle Fields lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Marchelle Fields - February 22, 2020 at 11:51 AM

EC

“ *Elaine Brady/shannon Brady Coles lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



elaine brady/shannon Brady Coles - February 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner*



Janice wells - February 22, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JW

DEBRO WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MY WHEN WE GATHERED TOGETHER WE WOULD ALWAYS END WITH THANKING GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS UPON US AND BEING THANKFUL FOR OUR CHILDREN SHE CAN REST IN PEACE NOW MAY GOD BLESS THOSE SHE HAS LEFT BEHIND GOD BLESS HER SOUL,JANICE WELLS

Janice wells - February 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

VP

“ Praying for you family. Look to Jesus for your strength and help. He will comfort ypu.



Viola Omie Patton - February 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM

Tonya Hale

“ Tonya Hale lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Tonya Hale - February 22, 2020 at 09:25 AM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - February 22, 2020 at 05:34 AM

KM

“ Kathy Mills lit a candle in memory of Debora J Bonner



Kathy Mills - February 22, 2020 at 12:17 AM