



## Dana McDonald

October 4, 1972 - September 18, 2015

Dana Rolean Gordon-McDonald, born October 4, 1972 in Decatur, GA to Starling Alexander Gordon and Ella Dean (Hall) Gordon, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2015 at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA. Being a military brat, starting at age 3, Dana lived in numerous cities during her father's active duty assignments with the U.S. Army. She graduated from Evans High School, Evans, GA in 1990, and attended the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL for 3 years before enlisting in the U.S. Army where she was a Medical Specialist (Laboratory Technician) for four years. She met her husband, David McDonald at her first active duty assignment at Fort Rucker, AL in December 1994. They married in April 1996. Dana graduated from Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL with a Business Administration Degree in 2003. Moving to Virginia Beach, VA in 2003 Dana worked as an Administrative Assistant in Student Housing for 3 years at Old Dominion University in Virginia Beach, VA and Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA, respectively. She started her at home hair business, "Glowing" in 2010, which afforded her the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom while David was assigned to Fort Riley, KS and Afghanistan with the U.S. Army. She was a long-time active member of Rock Church where she sang with the Praise and Worship Team; participated with the Youth Ministry Department, and for a short period was administrative assistant to the Director of Rock Church Bible College, Rev. Mary Strickland.

Dana is survived by her husband of 19 years, David J. McDonald; her son, David Zuriel McDonald, 17; her daughter, Kiersten McDonald, 14; her parents, Starling and Ella Gordon; her brother, Gerald Gordon; and his wife, Marianne and daughter, Caylee; parents-in-law, Bennie and Claudy McDonald; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, April and Enio Bullard and niece Aadara; brothers-in-law, Will McDonald and Bennie McDonald Jr.; maternal grandmother, Adelaide Hall; aunts, Patricia & Kevin Myers, Montgomery, AL; Shelane Swain, Newman, GA and Harrietta Hall, Pensacola, FL; Josephine and Lionel Gordon, Decatur, GA; Judy Chigaros, St. Petersburg, FL; Myrtle Catia, Clearwater, FL; George Ann Clark, Chicago, IL; Ozie Newman and Hattie Rice, Los Angeles, CA; uncles, Willie Gordon, Salina, CA; and Charles Hall, Bronx, NY; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the David Z. & Kiersten McDonald fund c/o David J. McDonald, 1985 Ashmont Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or electronic donation with paypal at [djmac36360@yahoo.com](mailto:djmac36360@yahoo.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **25**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Rock Church  
640 Kempsville Road  
Virginia Beach, VA

# Tribute Wall

 June  
Lynn

“ Our lovely sister, Dana-

*We thank our Heavenly Father for the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of knowing you, a godly woman whose vibrant walk of faith was eclipsed only by your passionate love for our Lord. It was obvious to your sisters and brothers in Christ that the supernatural love that you showered on us flowed freely because it originated from THE Source that never runs dry. And the love you lavished on David, Zuriel, and Kiersten inspired us to do the same- love sacrificially, holding nothing back, multiplied by His grace and forgiveness. Your love was the “cherry on top” of the life-changing lessons of courage and perseverance that we learned from your walk of faith.*

*Thank you, Dana, for your refreshing transparency that gave us a window to your life. By your example, you created in us a longing for a close relationship with our Lord, a relationship girded by inexplicable joy- His joy that reigns above and beyond our circumstances. Dana, although you were a beautiful, multi-talented, multi-gifted woman of God, what we will remember the most is your heart of gold, forged and shaped by the Potter, the very hand of God.*

*Till we meet again, we'll look forward to joining you and the other angels above in singing His praises. And this time, we'll sound as beautiful as you do!*

*Forever changed by knowing you,  
The Stokes Family*

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**June Lynn** - September 26, 2015 at 01:54 PM

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“ *When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. We extend our most sincere condolences to the family. Roger and Ella Marie Stiles*

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**Ella Marie Stiles** - September 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM

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“ *Life is the greatest gift that God has given us. Death is only a bridge toward eternal life with God. Certainly, heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his home. May God provide strength for the family during this period in their lives.*

*Willie & Dorothy  
San Antonio, Texas*

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**Willie Manning** - September 24, 2015 at 08:23 PM