



## Deidre P. Sykes

July 10, 1971 - April 19, 2020

Deidre P. Sykes, 48, of the 220 Block of Oak Leaf Court transitioned from earth to eternity peacefully at her home on April 19, 2020. She was affectionately known as “DeeDee” and “Ms. P-town.” She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Antoinette Sykes, and her maternal grandmother Olive Mitchell.

DeeDee had a contagious smile and a witty personality. She never met a stranger and she was always the life of the party. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA. DeeDee was also a member of the Class of 1989 of I. C. Norcom High School. DeeDee was employed at Portfolio Recovery Associates (PRA) as a Senior Accountant Executive for almost 9 years. During her tenure at PRA, she received multiple awards for meeting various collection milestones.

DeeDee leaves a host of family and friends to cherish her memories that include, her “A one, day one” daughter, KeShona Sykes; her sisters, Margo Cox and Gail Sykes, both of Chesapeake, VA; four brothers, Albert Jr. (Stefanie) Sykes of San Antonio, TX , Angelo and Kevin Sykes of Chesapeake, VA and Marlon Sykes of Portsmouth, VA. She had a very special niece, Natashia (James) Cowan of Chesapeake, VA; and three other nieces, three nephews, three great-nieces, and a host other great-nieces and nephews.

Due to the Covid-19 regulations, only DeeDee's 10 immediate family members will attend her funeral. DeeDee funeral will be streamed on JT Fisher Funeral Home website.

Please note that the Funeral Home follows the CDC guidelines, allowing only 10 persons to attend the funeral and only 10 persons at a time in the building for the visitation. The CDC suggests and the Funeral Home requires masks to be worn by all persons who enter the building.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Service

APR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 27, 2020 at 03:16 PM

FC

*R.I.P. Deidre* 💔💔💔

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**Felicia Cox** - April 27, 2020 at 06:13 PM

G1

*Please know that I am continuing to pray for the family. Peace and blessings to each of you.*

*Geneva Vanderhorst  
I.C. Norcom, 1989*

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**Geneva Vanderhorst, IC Norcom 1989** - April 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM

CJ

*My Sincere Condolences To The Family*

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**Clarence Everette Jr.** - April 28, 2020 at 03:49 PM

PC

*To A Former CoWorker Take Your Rest We Will Miss Your Smile, Laughter, And Motivation Thanks For Always Shifting The Atmosphere. We Will Continue To Pray For The Family.*

*Effective Change Ministry  
Prophet-Randall M. Cuffee  
Prophetess-Tania M. Cuffee*

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**Prophet- Randall M. Cuffee** - April 28, 2020 at 04:27 PM

EC

*Deidre I will miss your dance you would do for me to make me laugh,, You always being my best customer stocking up on your favorite perfume oil "baby powder" I enjoyed talking to you about our zodiac sign "Cancers"" I know your in Heaven making God laugh! Peace be with you.. Peace and blessings to the family,, Elsa Collette*

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**elsa collette** - April 28, 2020 at 11:10 PM



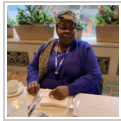
*Prayers and condolences to the family*

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**Sylvia Toby** - April 28, 2020 at 11:45 PM

DG

*R.I.P. Dee Dee. God's Angels will lead your way. In the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost, Peace be with you!*

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**Daniel Gray** - May 04, 2020 at 11:06 AM



*Still doesn't seem real*

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**Joyce Foster** - February 04, 2022 at 09:21 PM

UG

“ *Thank you being a hostess at my 50th birthday bash!*



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**ursula giles** - May 07, 2020 at 06:41 PM

LR

“ From the Respass’ family-We are all praying for you in your time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each and every one of you and keep you in His care. Dee Dee will surely be missed. Be encouraged and stay encouraged. He will never leave nor forsake you. We love you all. Elder Willie & Jean Respass, Stephanie, Sherrie, Dennis (Pittstop), Benita, and Lisa (Carlene)

Lisa Carlene Respass - April 29, 2020 at 10:03 AM

CG

“ Charlene Garland lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



Charlene Garland - April 28, 2020 at 07:10 PM

TM

“ Extending heartfelt condolences to Keshona and the Sykes family during this time of loss. Kennedy and I are praying for you baby girl and family.

Tyra Martin-Vaughan - April 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM

SR

“ Praying for comfort for the family. Praying that God covers her daughter.



Shalawn Ricks - April 28, 2020 at 01:47 PM

GC

“ Blessings of comfort and the peace of God be with the Sykes Family as you lay to rest your loved one. Her beautiful smile, pleasant personality, and stylish attire will be missed in the family of New Hope Baptist Church. I am blessed to have her imprint in my life as I live and grow in Christ. 🦋



Gwen Coleman - April 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM

CW

“ To Keshona, we Love you, and you have our heartfelt condolences. DeDe was one of a kind, we will truly miss her. Stay Strong In The Lord, for in the days to come he will be Your Strength.

Godmama Christine , and Godddady Walson. 💕💕💕



Christine Williams - April 28, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ Deidre, your presence was a bright beacon of light and humor. It was great connecting with you "in person" versus social media during our 20th IC Norcom class of 1989 reunion 10 years ago. I am so glad to have met you and had a chance to witness your lively spirit and incredible personality. My prayers are for your family's strength, peace, and continued faith in the Lord. Until we meet again, rest easy, my friend. Monica "Hopson" Goode and the Hopson/Goode families.

Monica Goode - April 28, 2020 at 12:54 PM

LR

“ *Extending heartfelt condolences to the Sykes family. Our prayers are with each of you during this difficult time of mourning.*  
*The Rogers Family*  
*Mrs. Bertha Lee, Lisa, and Andre*

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**Lisa N Rogers** - April 28, 2020 at 12:12 PM

YJ

“ *Yolanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of*  
*Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Yolanda Johnson** - April 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MP

“ *Michelle Phelps lit a candle in memory of*  
*Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Michelle Phelps** - April 28, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TE

“ *To the Sykes family I grieve with you . Growing along side of life long friend is sad to behold when they depart this life. Thankful for the precious life that God allowed her to be with us. The precious legacy she bore with Kashonda we will be cherished with her memories. May the love of family and friends comfort you doing these difficult days.*  
*Teresa Delbridge*

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**Teresa** - April 28, 2020 at 11:50 AM

GH

“ To my beautiful cousin who loved life. Everytime I saw you there was a smile on your face with a willingness to help others. The Sykes family reunion will not be the same without you. We all looked forward to Dee Dee being the life the party. Rest well beloved I know Aunt Ollie and your parents are glad to see you. Kiss my Godmother, Carlene Myrick, for me. You will be missed sweetie.

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**Garlena Hines** - April 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

J8

“ Janice Bullock ICN 89 lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



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**Janice Bullock ICN 89** - April 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DW

“ To the family of Deidre Sykes, I am sending prayers and condolences to you today. The memories of your dear loved one brings much joy. Deidre always shined a joyful smile whenever she was in my presence. Family be encouraged and stay strong in the bond of our Savior Jesus Christ. Peaceful rest dear Deidre.



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**Daphne Waring-Sorrell** - April 28, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RJ

“ Send Prayers to the Sykes Family. I haven't seen Dee in years and when I heard about her passing it really had me thinking about Life and how short it can be. SIP Dee

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**Ronald Jackson Jr** - April 28, 2020 at 11:23 AM

VM

“ Praying God's comfort for the family. Precious memories you will always have of Deidre in your hearts. She will be missed but not forgotten.

The Moore Family

Verndine Moore - April 28, 2020 at 11:13 AM

ELECTION 2020  
Make it hurt. Make it painful.  
Leave no doubt that Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans have been resoundingly rejected by the American people. Their defeat needs to be overwhelming and seared in the public memory for all time.

“ My deepest condolences go out to the Sykes family. Praying for you all!  
Terri James



Terri James - April 28, 2020 at 10:32 AM

AM

“ I met Deidra at PRA in august 2016 and she was my side by side buddy while I was in training to show me the ropes to getting that money. While I was at PRA we was on the same team. Sometimes she got on my nerves but you couldn't do nothing but love her and get over it. Her favorite thing to say in the morning before work is good morning and if you didn't hear her she would say. I said good morning AQ. She always had a smile on her face even when she was down. One thing I can say that she love some PRA. Every year on her birthday 7/10 she would tell me, you know I want my desk decorated in green and gold..♥♥♥ that was her favorite color♥♥♥ I will miss her saying THAT WAS HIPPA!!! She will truly be missed. This one was hard and unexpectedly cause I just talk to her. I will miss Deidra ♥♥♥♥♥



AQ McDonald - April 28, 2020 at 02:28 AM



“ *Red Roses and White Carnations (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Deidre P. Sykes.*



April 27, 2020 at 07:29 PM

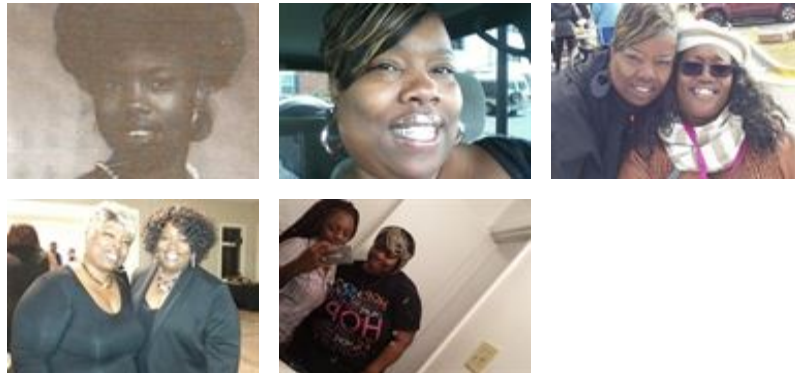


“ *Sending our prayers and love to the family, especially to her daughter, KeShona.  
Minister Jonathan & Mrs. Norma Foster*

**Norma Foster** - April 27, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 27, 2020 at 01:56 PM



*Deidre we love you at PRA! We will miss you and God bless your family ❤️*

**Destinee Gentry** - April 28, 2020 at 01:03 PM

SG

*Today was a hard day. DeeDee I miss you so much. Not being able to see you one last time really hurts. I love you. Take your rest my friend/sister. You can rest assure that Keshona will be alright. Kennedy and I are here for her and she can call on us whenever!! Love and miss you sis!! 😞*

**Shanta Gardner** - April 28, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *LifeTributes*



**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 27, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MF

“ *Praying for strength*

**Ma Foster** - April 27, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AW

“ *Angela Wiley lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



**Angela Wiley** - April 27, 2020 at 11:04 AM

FC

“ To know I won't see that big old smile or have one of your hugs or hear you call me " your carrot top" is hard. Working at PRA together you were a bright light to all. We loved you but God loved you best. My sincerest condolences to your daughter, family and all who knew you.



Felicia Cox - April 27, 2020 at 10:06 AM

CA

“ I'm just glad the Lord placed you in my life because women like you are to come by. Always having a kind word to say a smile on your face a song rolling off your tongue. Deidre I'll never forget get you and how nicely you treated me and my family. Thank you Lord for sharing your angel with me. Rest in heaven my friend🕊️

Crystal Arrington - April 27, 2020 at 06:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deidre P. Sykes.



April 26, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Deidre P. Sykes.



April 26, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ *I didn't know her all that well, but anyone could see. She was well loved, and will be missed. My prayers and thoughts, are with the family*



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**Sylvia Toby** - April 26, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DP

“ *Praying for your daughter and family members I know it so hard to deal with be God makes no mistake Proverbs 3:5-6 love y'all*

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**Denise Peoples** - April 26, 2020 at 01:50 PM

LS

“ *Linda Scott lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Linda Scott** - April 26, 2020 at 01:38 PM

IV

“ *She was one real lady and her character always showed that she ain't sugar coat nothing these my memories of her at W.E. Waters Middle School over 20 yrs ago. My condolences go out to her family at this time #RealSpill*

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**III Reis Vass** - April 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KE

“ Mrs. Deidre Sykes aka Mrs. P-Town such a wonderful person, whom I had the pleasure of meeting during my time at PRA, she always kept a smile on her face, such a friendly and loving person. Know that you will be truly missed and may you Rest In Peace!



Kesha - April 26, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LF

“ such a beautiful soul, always smiling and there for many . thank you always being there for me and having a encouraging word you will truly be missed tell my mom i said love her



latasha Finley - April 26, 2020 at 08:42 AM

SM

“ From the McDonald ladies on London blvd we always love you and will miss your smile RIP and sending the family condolences. Love you always and to her beautiful daughter we love you baby girl

Shavon from McDonald - April 26, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ Robin White lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



Robin White - April 25, 2020 at 08:53 PM

DC

“ The way Deidre greeted me every time I saw her was everything to me. Her warm hugs, and my very own nick name lifted my spirits no matter what kind of day I was having. She’s the ONLY person that called me Del La Cruz, and I’ll miss her deeply. Love you MS.P-TOWN. RIP💕💕

Desiree Cruz - April 25, 2020 at 08:47 PM

GD

“ Geraldine Dillard lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



Geraldine Dillard - April 25, 2020 at 08:35 PM

AL

“ My condolences to the Family!May God continue to bless YA’LL in these moments of time. Deacon Alvin Pimienta Twine Memorial Holy Temple

AlvinPimienta - April 25, 2020 at 08:15 PM

JE

“ Cuz I know we didn’t see eye yo eye all the time but we had a funny bond. Wishing this was just a dream. But it’s not. I know you watching us and it won’t be the same. Who imma fuss with bout taxes now. Lol love you dee rih cuz

jerry eckhardt - April 25, 2020 at 08:04 PM

UG

“ I had the pleasure of being your boss at PRA Group for three years. You would do anything In The world to make sure your boss looked good. She had a great spirit and a huge ❤️ heart. I will truly miss you !! Now you are singing in the choir of angels.

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**Ursula Giles** - April 25, 2020 at 04:58 PM

IF

“ We are so sorry to hear that DeeDee will no longer be here with us. It is hard for us to imagine how you all may be feeling. We LOVE you all, Margo, Sonny, Tyrone, Gail, Kevin, Shawn, Natasha, and a special LOVE for KeShona. The Streater Family knows how much you all loved each other. Going back in time remembering all the fun we all had on Beechdale Road. As a Mother, Sister and friend, DeeDee you were such a wonderful person in your own way. We all loved DeeDee, she had a special way of making us all SMILE. Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. She will be missed, but never forgotten.



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**Idell Gatling and The Streater Family** - April 25, 2020 at 04:47 PM

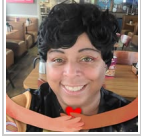
BB

“ Barbara A. Bethea lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



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**Barbara A. Bethea** - April 25, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *My condolences to the sykes family...Deidre will be missed, I love you and continue to watch over your daughter...Blessings to family, god bless*



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**Andrea Price-Jones** - April 25, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deidre P. Sykes.*



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April 25, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Gregory Thorne lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Gregory Thorne** - April 25, 2020 at 02:41 PM

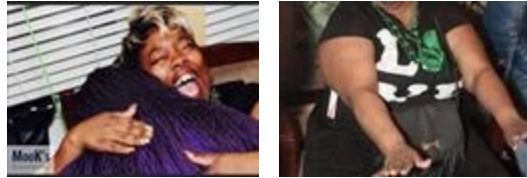


“ *RIH Deirda you was a true friend who I could call and chat with anytime 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Gregory Thorne** - April 25, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JG

“ R.I.P DeeDee #MooksPhotography #Mook



James “Mook” Gatling - April 25, 2020 at 02:17 PM

AJ

“ DeeDee was a sunshine for so many people with her smile her positivity and her personality was loving towards people. Deedee will be missed but keep her memory in your heart. From long long neighbor in Oak Leaf Place Audrea Johnson Elliott RIP DeeDee. 🙏



Audrea Johnson - April 25, 2020 at 02:05 AM

MS

“ Mary Smith lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes



Mary Smith - April 24, 2020 at 11:12 PM

CH

“ I am thankful to have known you. We shared lunches together and deep conversations and many laughs. We looked out for each other. You were truly a blessing. I am so glad your faith in God was strong. I already miss you. I pray for your daughter and Peace for those that love you. I'm so happy our favorite line to each other was I LOVE YOU BOO!

Crystal Haggins - April 24, 2020 at 10:33 PM

CF

“ We will miss you Deidre Football Season won't be the same. You always tease Coley about his Redskins and forcing Kyree To be a Redskins fan. The Multipurpose room won't be the same.



Coley Moore Family - April 24, 2020 at 06:25 PM

KG

“ I'm gonna miss you. RIP. That angel you saw standing behind me was there for a reason. Love you until we meet again.



Kim Gibbs - April 24, 2020 at 02:40 PM

SF

“ We will truly miss Dee Dee, she always had a big smile on her face and something funny to say to make you laugh, she had the ability to light up a room and is loved by so many, I pay for strength for her daughter and her family!!!  
Sherry Ausby and The Mitchell Family

Sherry Ausby and The Mitchell Family - April 24, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SF

“ *Sherry Ausby And The Mitchell Family lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Sherry Ausby and The Mitchell Family** - April 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM

TP

“ *The Poole's lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**The Poole's** - April 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM

TP

“ *Our condolences to the family of Deidre . We will miss her. We are praying for your daughter, sisters and brother along with their children.  
We pray that God will provide you all with peace beyond understanding and may the memories of her beautiful spirit comfort you during this difficult time.  
May God Bless all of you...Frank & Yvonne Poole.*

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**The Poole's** - April 23, 2020 at 12:58 PM

RJ

“ To my cousin Dee, we will miss your smiling face and love we loved you so much, you brought so much joy to the Sykes family and others.

*I thank God for allowing you in all of our lives, you were a blessing to all of us. I thank you for all of your support in our ministry . We will continue to talk of you forever.*

*Pastor R.V. and First Lady Sheryl Sykes and family in Richmond Va.  
(Rudy and Sheryl)*

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**rudolph sykes jr** - April 23, 2020 at 12:49 PM

TP

“ *Tinya Prayer lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Tinya Prayer** - April 23, 2020 at 12:19 AM

KM

“ *To the Sykes family , my heart felt sympathies to you all. Deidre, my sister in Christ was vibrant, loving, and friendly . She will be sorrowfully missed! Peace and Grace to you all 🙏🙏🙏 Karimah McNair and family*

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**Karimah McNair** - April 22, 2020 at 08:50 PM

CF

“ My condolences to the family of Deidre “DeeDee” Sykes. Praying that God will provide you all with peace beyond understanding and may the memories of her beautiful spirit comfort you during this difficult time. She will truly be missed by those who loved her from our childhood days in Cavalier Manor to adulthood. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4  
Love Courtney Fields



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**Courtney Fields** - April 22, 2020 at 07:45 PM



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April 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM

CF

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Love Courtney Fields

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**Courtney Fields** - April 22, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PG

“ *Dee Dee will never be forgotten. She was one of a kind. Blessing and comfort to Keshonda and all the family*  
*Pat Gayle*  
*Shani Davis*

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**Pat Gayle** - April 22, 2020 at 11:38 AM

GD

*I am truly sorry for your family's pain, may Dee Dee rih with our lord and saviour Jesus christ.she will truly be missed.still feel like a dream. Love always. Gertie*

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**Gertie Dawkins** - April 22, 2020 at 06:09 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Britton lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Kimberly Britton** - April 21, 2020 at 07:19 PM

AB

“ *Antonio Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Deidre P. Sykes*



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**Antonio Brickhouse** - April 21, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JF

“ My 6th grade classmate, my adult sister and friend. I will miss you. I am praying for your daughter, sisters and brother along with their children. Sending lots of love.



Joseph A. Fleming - April 21, 2020 at 04:48 PM

TW

“ Just wanted to send our heart felt condolences to the family you are in our prayers. Dee Dee will truly be missed. Rest In Paradise Sis!  
Teresa Williams-Avents



Teresa Williams-Avents - April 21, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SY

Deidre Sykes aka Dee-Dee will be missed by family members and friends. She was a shining star (full of smiles, jokes and laughter). She was a classmate of mine at I. C. Norcom High School (the class of 89).

Sharon Young - April 22, 2020 at 01:11 PM

AJ

Dee Dee had a warm spirit and a pleasant smile every time i come home to visit my church family. I know the whole family from growing up in the church and she will be miss. To the family you have my prayers. Anthony Johnson / Marie Johnson son from Atlanta

anthony johnson - April 26, 2020 at 07:40 AM

DB

*Praise the Lord*

*From a child of God to a woman of God we watched her grow. What a blessing it is to have her as part of our family. We are looking forward to the day we meet again.*

*Family, We thank God as He continues to blesse you with strength and peace.*

*Love Frances Brown, Debra Brown & family.*

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**DEBRA M BROWN** - April 28, 2020 at 02:07 PM