



Deborah Lynn Anderson

June 21, 1953 - March 12, 2024

Deborah Lynn Anderson, daughter of Harvey Rannels and Dorothy (McIntyre) Rannels, was born Sunday, June 21, 1953, in Harrisburg, PA, the eldest of four girls. Along with her sisters, Cynthia, Marcia and Karen, she was raised in a prominent sacred family.

She was a graduate of John Harris High School. After thirty-one years, she retired from the Pennsylvania State Senate where she held the position of Executive Secretary for five different senators.

In 1980, Sister Debbie married Harold C. Anderson Jr. They shared thirty-two years together and were blessed with two sons, David and Bryon; daughter, Charisse; and four grandchildren, Christian, Dashileigh, Krystiana and Brianna.

A faithful and dedicated seventy-year member of the North 17th Street Church of God, Harrisburg, PA, Sister Debbie, beginning at age thirteen, served as Church Pianist for fifty years playing for the church choir and most of the youth choirs.

In 1990, operation of the Food Pantry was passed on to Sister Debbie and her sister, Karen. Sister Debbie ran the Food Pantry for twenty-four years and gained recognition as having the best operated Food Pantry in the City of

Harrisburg. The Food Bank was very impressed with Sister Debbie's paperwork organization and her self-made forms. These same forms were adopted for use in statewide Food Pantries. Upon relocation of the Food Bank to a larger facility, Sister Debbie was chosen to represent citywide Food Pantries. Along with Governor Tom Ridge, she spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony and received citywide press coverage. Under her guidance, Sister Clara Lewis, Sister Laura Stevens, Sister Cynthia Lopez and Sister Rosalie McMillion received thorough training on the efficient and effective operation of a Food Pantry.

Additionally, Sister Debbie served as a Sunday School Teacher for five years; Church Secretary for five years; Vice President of the Usher Board for three years and with the Church's Leadership Team.

Among her relaxing and enjoyable leisure times were giving piano lessons, knitting, reading and working puzzles.

While at the River's Bend Health and Rehab Center, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Sister Debbie triumphantly entered into eternal life at seventy years of age. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Dorothy Rannels; husband, Harold C. Anderson Jr.; and sister, Karen (Rannels) Frisby.

Sister Deborah Lynn Anderson leaves a legacy of love, selfless devotion and faith to be honored and cherished by her children, David Anderson, Charisse Anderson and Bryon Anderson; her grandchildren, Christian Anderson, Dashleigh (Anderson) Mills, Krystiana Anderson and Brianna Anderson; sisters, Cynthia (Rannels) Lopez and Marcia (Rannels) Dunlap; brothers-in-law, Robert Lopez and T. K. Dunlap; nephew and nieces, Sean Rannels, Genese Rannels, Brianna Frisby and Kiaya Frisby; as well as other family members and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

MAR 22. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Deborah Lynn Anderson



Wallace Funeral Directors - March 22, 2024 at 10:26 AM

VD

“ A very nice lady. Praying for family. She will be missed.



Viola Reed Dickey - March 30, 2024 at 09:06 PM

RH

“ Debbie was a great sister, friend, mother and grandmother. She loved her family with a passion. She always gave the best that she had of herself to everyone. She was a angel on earth.

Rhonda Hagen - March 22, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JJ

“ My condolences to the family. I will always remember you Deb many days of laughing And sharing, and choir rehearsal. I move to Newport news va. But my heart was still there at 17th st . My love to the family. Judy Yearwood Jenkins

Judith Yearwood Jenkins - March 22, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Lynn Anderson.



March 21, 2024 at 10:13 PM

EM

“ Erik M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Lynn Anderson.

Erik M. - March 21, 2024 at 07:20 PM

RH

“ Dear Debbie,
I always loved the fact that we were born four days apart in June, 1953. We had so much fun together as kids when we visited each other. It wasn't often, but it always seemed like yesterday. I'll cherish those memories. My heartfelt condolences to your family. May God comfort them and keep them during this sad time. Rest in Peace my dear cousin. I love you❤️

Rose Henderson - March 21, 2024 at 08:59 AM

HH

“ *Deb was a wonderful friend with so many gifts. We will miss her powerful alto voice and beautiful piano playing. Our heartfelt condolences and sincere prayers to her family.* ”

Herbie Hall - March 20, 2024 at 04:45 PM

RH

She was a great friend

Rhonda Hagen - March 21, 2024 at 10:07 PM

 Martha Thames

“ *RIP my classmate and my friend. My deepest condolences to her family.* ”

Martha Thames - March 20, 2024 at 07:24 AM

RH

Debbie was my sister. We all grew up together as one big family. She was a big influence on my life always. She is the reason that when I moved to Port Angeles, Washington, that I decided to work with homeless community here. She had a great smile, laughter, wonderful personality. We have shared so many laughs during the years , along with heart felt conversations. I will miss my life long friend. But i know that you are at peace. I will continue to keep the family in my prayers

Rhonda Hagen - March 20, 2024 at 09:08 AM

RB

Family of Debbie: What a great singer & player. Will miss your playing "I said I Wasn't Going to Tell Nobody." What the Lord has done for me. Let Not Your heart be troubled. Believe in God. He is there with you. Dec. Kermit & Pastor Ruby N. Thames

Rev. Ruby Thames - Peoples Community Bap - March 20, 2024 at 11:45 AM

MH

Rest in Peace Debbie

Mary Hearn - March 20, 2024 at 10:59 PM



I will always remember Debbie greeted everyone , it seemed , with a beautiful smile . Rest in heavenly peace.

Lessie Thames-White - March 25, 2024 at 12:29 AM