



Debra Bernett Hairston

March 1, 1953 - April 22, 2018

Obituary Debra Bernett Hairston was born March 1, 1953 in Washington D.C. to the late Ernest and Beulah Florence. She was the youngest of five children. All her siblings, Rosa Campbell, Everette Florence, Alphonso Florence and Bonita Brockenberry were waiting with their parents to greet her in heaven. She completed her education with DC Public Schools, graduating from Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School, going on to attend Northeastern University in Boston, MA. Debra accepted Christ and was baptized at Rock Creek Baptist Church, then made Springfield Baptist Church her home until she joined Faith Community Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. In 1977 she married Douglas A. Hairston I and joined his large family that she loved dearly. The families were very fond of each other and loved having events together, from family cookouts to camping trips. From their union reared five beautiful children that she made the focus of her life. Debra loved with her whole heart. She always made sure everyone was taken care of. Anytime people were around her, they knew they had a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear and someone to laugh with. You were also guaranteed to have a full stomach of delicious food. She loved to share her passion for cooking with anyone who was willing to eat. She also loved music and sang with different choirs in her early years. She enjoyed reading, her tablet, arts & crafts, blowing bubbles, and being around family. Debra leaves a rich legacy of love and amazing people to continue to live and fight as she did. She will be missed by all her warriors including her children, Douglas II (Nakeya), DeMarcus (Sabrena),

Dawn (Quentin), Dayon and Dia; goddaughter, Denean; eight grandchildren, Antwain, Malik, Jalen, Myja, Ashley, Devon, Aniya and Derrick and her “sista-cuz”, Carolyn Credle. Greeting her in heaven are her nephews, Tony and Darren. Her angels on earth that will miss her dearly are her nieces; Tonna, Tangelia, Kawina, Toiyika, Marcia, Evette, Michele and Sharnita; nephews DiJohn and Eric as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debra Bernett Hairston*

Funeral Home Owner - December 12, 2019 at 11:22 AM

JA

“ *Aunt Debra.. your kindness and warmth I'll forever carry in my heart.. our family has had the privilege of your love and laughter and all that good ol food!! We surely miss you but take comfort that you no longer pain and I KNOW you are up there smiling on all of us! Rest in Heaven my dear, until we meet again! I love you Jamie*

Jamie - May 04, 2018 at 05:38 PM

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“ *To Debra: I am glad that I got to know you for the beautiful spirit that you are. We shared many times and talks together with and without the family. We both eventually went on with our lives in separate ways. But I always thought of you and wished you nothing but the best of what life had to offer. I pray that you are in the arms of Jesus where there is pleasure and fullness of joy forevermore. To the family: I pray that God will comfort you, strengthen you and give you peace in your time of sorrow.*

Gaye Hairston Terry - April 30, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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“ Mommy, You was my everything, you was my rock, my life, my soul, and I miss you so much. Words can never ever explain the hurt I felt loosing you and my life will NEVER be the same again. I am sadned that your wings were ready but my heart and mind was not, but I rejoice in the fact that you are back with your mom,dad,sisters,brothers, best friend and other family memebers looking down on me. I pray that I had made you proud while you were here with me and I continue to make you proud while you are looking down on me. Mommy I LOVE YOU and will MISS YOU so much, but until we meet again I will hold you in my heart!

Dayon Hairston - April 28, 2018 at 01:58 PM