



Debra Jean Gabriel

February 16, 1956 - October 6, 2024

Debra J. Gabriel was born on February 16, 1956, to Leroy Sr. and Cora Thomas in Key West, Florida. She moved to Miami, Florida, with her family as a young child. Debra accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mount Zion AME Church by Reverend N. Rolle. She later met and married Isaac Gabriel who preceded her in death. In 1985, she was employed by Miami Dade County School Board as a bus driver, from which she later retired. Debra departed this life on Sunday, October 6, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy Sr. and Cora Thomas; three sisters, Mary Ethel McCoy, Helen Boyd, and Tanga Thomas; and one brother, Leroy Thomas Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Sonzi Taylor and Katrina Gourdet; one son-in-law, Jean Gourdet; a God Daughter Tiffany Johnson; three grandchildren, Simone A. Ferguson, Kurt D. Taylor Jr., and Devin L. Taylor; a sister Joan Deshazor; one aunt Mittie Bastian; one uncle David Lennon; seven nephews; three nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

SO

“ Happy Thanksgiving mom,, I’m missing you like crazy my love, how I wish that I could just rest my head on your shoulder and feel safe again,, learning to live without you is exhausting,, but I’m trying to be strong, I’m taking things one day at a time. I miss you so much mommy, I’ll love you forever.

Sonzi - November 28, 2024 at 05:42 PM

SO

“ Mommy,, it’s been so difficult living without you, I miss you so much,, I wish I could have a hug from you,, talk with you,, and laugh with you again. I know your up there in heaven,, happy and healthy,, and that brings a smile to my face,, then the tears follow right after. I thank God he gave you to me,, I’m grateful that you loved me and raised me to be strong, until I see you again mommy, I’ll love you forever and ever❤️❤️❤️

Sonzi - November 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SO

“ Mom, it’s been a little over a month since I had to say goodbye,, there is not a moment that I don’t think of you, my heart hurts knowing that you’re not here with me anymore, everything reminds me of you, I miss you so much my love, I’m exhausted from crying so much, it hurts so bad, but I’m taking it one day at a time, I know you’re in a better place, until I get to see you again Ma,, I will love you forever and ever. ❤️

Sonzi - November 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM

EY

“ To Ms. Debra,
It is time for me to say goodbye to you. We've had good times, laughter and conversation together that I want to always remember you by and I will always treasure those memories. Now you have transitioned during the year of 2024 without me having the opportunity to say goodbye. I know that you were well versed in the words of the Most High God which states in Matthew 14:3 " And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." With that verse, I know that you're in the presence of the Most High God and wish to see you again when it's my time for him to receive me. Until we meet again, rest in peace with our ancestors, in the arms of our heavenly father.

EliYah Yahudah Yisrael - November 01, 2024 at 12:53 AM

DD

“ Losing you Aunt Debra has been a profound loss for our family. I can hear your voice calling me asking “where yo mama” as I type this, and it made me smile. I will remember the times we shared as a family, and just know that I will keep you in my heart and cherish our memories forever. Rest in Paradise Auntie.
Love you Always,
Dekia

Dekia D. - October 24, 2024 at 03:07 PM

ST

“ Mom,, I miss you every second of every day,, you not being here with us is very hard to deal with, I pray for strength, because only God can heal my broken heart. I know you’re happy and at peace up there, so I find solace in that, until I get to see your beautiful face again Ma, I’ll carry you in my heart, spirit and soul, I’ll love you forever.

SONZI

Sonzi Taylor - October 24, 2024 at 01:16 PM

EY

Beautiful words of LOVE 💕💕

EliYah Yahudah Yisrael - October 30, 2024 at 06:23 AM

SC

“ With sadness and fond memories, I’d like to express my love and deepest sympathy to the Family. Debra, you will forever be missed. We love you always. Cuz Susan n Pj from Tamarac, FL

Susan Clark - October 12, 2024 at 09:28 PM

RW

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God provide comfort and peace during this challenging time. 🙏🙏 a friend of the family, Ruby W.

Ruby W. - October 12, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SO

“ Mom, I thank God for giving you to us, you are the true definition of love, I will always remember you being there for all of our milestones, you loved us unselfishly, you gave us your all. I'm going to miss our phone conversations while I'm on my way to work, you always made sure I got there and back home safe. Things are going to be very different now,, I've never lived without you, know, I must learn. I want to thank you for loving us, I was so blessed to have been loved by you mom,, I will carry you in my heart forever, you're at peace now mom, until we meet again,, I will love you with my whole soul, your daughter, Sonzi.

Sonzi - October 12, 2024 at 03:22 AM

FA

Hi baby this is your aunt Faye gonna miss her too. Baby we talked so much and texted often and then it stopped.. but her memories stayed with me.. I'm sorry I couldn't make it there, one thing for sure your mom doesn't have to worry about the troubles and trials of this world anymore.. I love you niece and if you ever want to talk or pray call me.. 2296304092 🙏🌸❤

faye - October 12, 2024 at 08:46 AM

KT

Cousin the memory of you will forever stay in my heart💖💖💖 I will miss the conversations and laughs we had☐☐ I'm going to miss seeing your name pop up on my phone, I going to miss the inspirational messages you always sent to me 💖💖💖 You were indeed my concerned big cousin who always made sure I was ok💖💖💖 Raynesha and I going to miss celebrating YALL Birthday together 2/16 . Until we meet again. Love always Debra Jean💖💖💖💖💖 your little cousin Kayce💖💖💖💖

Kayce Turner - October 12, 2024 at 10:27 AM

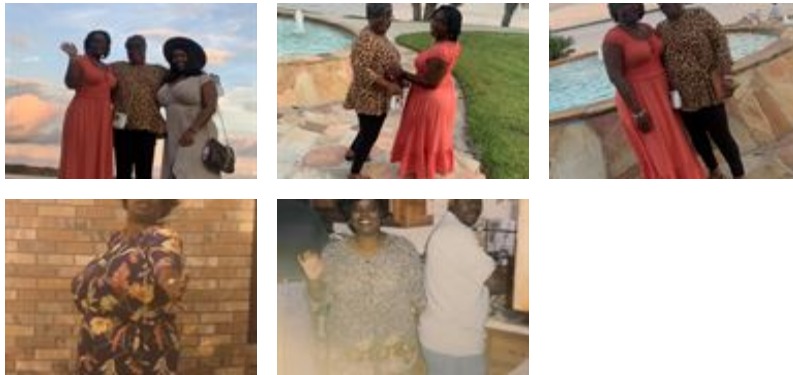
AG

Trina and Sonya I send my prayers and condolences to your family. Auntie wasn't able to make and my heart 💔 is broken because I wasn't able. Your mom was an awesome mother and friend. I will miss her. Her laughter and her smile would light up a room. If you need Auntie (day or night) don't hesitate to call me. I love you all. 💜💜

Angie Green - October 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM



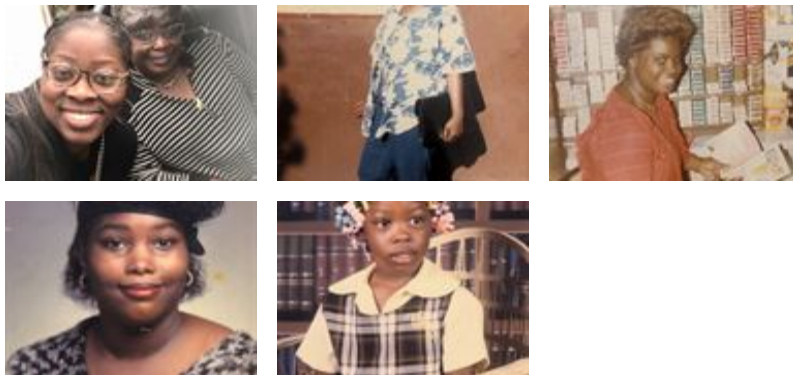
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Scot Ward Funeral Services - October 11, 2024 at 05:37 PM



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Scot Ward Funeral Services - October 11, 2024 at 09:17 AM

JS

“ James & Doris Sumpter lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Gabriel



James & Doris Sumpter - October 10, 2024 at 11:19 PM

JS

Katrina our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God's promises comfort you and grant you peace.

James & Doris Sumpter - October 10, 2024 at 11:21 PM

CB

“ Charlie boyd purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Debra Jean Gabriel.



Charlie boyd - October 10, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Gabriel.



October 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JA

“ Jay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Jean Gabriel.

Jay - October 10, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Gabriel.



October 10, 2024 at 11:10 AM