



Ms. Debra A. Washington

February 20, 1964 - April 4, 2025

Ms. Debra Ann (Debbie) Washington, 61, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, formerly of Peoria, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Debra was born on February 20, 1964, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to George 'Bubba' and Etta Mae (Reed) Washington.

Debra was a proud 1982 graduate of Manual High School. Debra earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University of Wisconsin and a Master of Management degree from the University of Phoenix.

Debra worked at Marquette University several years before starting her dream job at Community Care, where she served as the manager of employee benefits for an impressive 28 years.

Debra was full of life and style. She had a passion for travel and shopping. A true diva at heart, she was always 'fly.' She was a devoted sports fan who especially loved basketball, particularly the Chicago Bulls, Chicago Sky, and, of course, the Milwaukee "Bucks". She was also a big supporter of the Chicago "Bears" and Chicago "Cubs".

Surviving are her loving brothers: Jerry Washington of Omaha, NE, Johnie Washington, George 'Glenn' Washington, and Terry Washington, all of Peoria,

IL; her beloved sisters: Lorann Carr and Mary (Alan) Thomas, both of Peoria, IL; a special nephew who was also her godson: Lamarion McNealey; her dear friend: Tanya Adams; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who adored her.

Debra was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and her nephew, Michael M. Washington.

Debra was addressed by different names, Debra, Debbie, Deb or D.A., but her light, love, and laughter will remain in our hearts forever.

A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, at T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A Graveside Service at Lutheran Cemetery will follow where she will be laid to rest.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Washington" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel
201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy
Peoria, IL 61605
twparkscc@yahoo.com

Graveside Service

APR 18. 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lutheran
914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

CJ

“ CLAUDE LEWIS JR lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



CLAUDE LEWIS JR - April 27, 2025 at 04:32 AM

RO

“ Raquel O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Debra A. Washington.

Raquel O. - April 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM

OC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



ocell carr - April 21, 2025 at 10:15 AM

OC

“ Good morning, I would like to thank everyone that attending the viewing of my auntie. She didn't want a funeral service because she didn't want people to be sad. I'm forever grateful for cards, flowers, memories that were shared. I'm also thankful for the people that traveled to attend the viewing. We must all live life to the fullest. We just never know when God can call us home. God bless you all, Rest in peace D.A. Debra, Debbie, or depending on who is calling....4-4-2025 (We are missing you) Signing off your nephew!
O. Carr

ocell angelo carr - April 21, 2025 at 07:02 AM

OC

that attended I meant too (TYPO) sorry
;-)

ocell carr - April 21, 2025 at 10:19 AM

LC

Love you Son! Get your rest baby girl! We will love you forever! 🙏🥹

Lorann Carr - April 25, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LC

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Lorann Carr - April 25, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LC

Love ya'll and Missing you Auntie immensely! Rest peacefully my beautiful tete!

Lovie Carr - April 27, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Deb. She and I shared a love of so many things from fashion, The Bulls (Pippen/Jordan era and also her phone #), traveling as we had many trips together, ATL being one of our favorite holiday cities and our love of cars or more like how well we drove them (it's an IL thang). Deb and I also shared a couple of our life's funniest moments together with Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway and Martin Lawrence, I could have only shared these moments with Deb.

Rest in Peace my beautiful friend.

Sharron Graves

Shar'ron Graves - April 19, 2025 at 01:58 AM

MB

“ As I remember Deb, I am reminded of how she traversed life with absolute grace. I know you are at ease and in complete peace, Deb. I will miss your laugh, your calmness, your inspiration, and your friendship. Meg

Meg Bartness-Lee - April 18, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Kathy Collins - April 18, 2025 at 03:15 AM

LJ

“ *LeRoy & Sonya Linwood Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington*



LeRoy & Sonya Linwood Jr. - April 17, 2025 at 03:53 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary Kotke - April 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM

ML

“ *How do you express Sunshine & Sorrow at the same time? Deborah became my SUN drops: and EARTH DAUGHTER. Eight years ago. She dated my son Dorian, we met one time physically & we shared eight years of Love & Spirit! So thoughtful, caring, loving, REAL & warm: A beautiful human being with Grace, Class! & outstanding Character: My heart is broken💔 And yet Im SO thankful & Joyful for our relationship.. I will always miss & remember her light💡 & love💜! Gone Too Soon BUT Now She's FREE! 🙏🌈🙏 Moma Mimi/Marcella 🤔🥲🤔🥲🤔🥲*

Marcella Lobdell - April 17, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JK

“ *My condolences to your family for the loss of your loved one. May God bless, comfort and keep you as you contend with her passing.*



James & Vickie King - April 17, 2025 at 01:28 PM

VP

“ *Rest peacefully my grade school and high school friend.*

Valeria Petty-Haynes - April 17, 2025 at 01:19 PM

JF

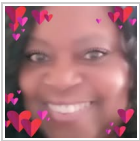
“ *Condolences to the Washington Family. My beautiful friend has her wings. To God be the Glory. Amen Jennifer (Moton) Farrell*

Jennifer N. Farrell - April 17, 2025 at 10:28 AM

LC



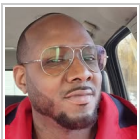
Lorann Carr - April 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Darlene Horton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington*



Darlene Horton - April 17, 2025 at 12:51 AM



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Lavon Smith - April 16, 2025 at 08:57 PM

DS

“ *Divya Singh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Debra A. Washington.*



Divya Singh - April 16, 2025 at 06:06 PM

UN

“ *UHC Team; Lauren, Michelle, Toni & Nick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Debra A. Washington.*



UHC Team; Lauren, Michelle, Toni & Nick - April 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM

UN

“ *UHC Team; Lauren, Michelle, Toni & Nick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Debra A. Washington.*

UHC Team; Lauren, Michelle, Toni & Nick - April 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM

PM

“ I worked at Community Care with Deb. I started about one year after her. Deb was my pal. She was someone who I would stop in at her office and chat frequently. When she bought her condo my late husband, Dennis helped her with painting and other handyman things. They got along well too. When he was ill with cancer she was very helpful and helped me to get him transferred to my insurance. She did her job but in a very loving way and she kept in touch with me through his death and beyond to make sure everything was taken care of as well as just loving support. I will miss you my friend. Rest peacefully. ❤️. Phil Michels

Phil Michels - April 16, 2025 at 12:03 PM

MA

How do you express Sunshine & Sorrow at the same time? Deborah became my SUN drops: and EARTH DAUGHTER. Eight years ago. She dated my son Dorian, we met one time physically & we shared eight years of Love & Spirit! So thoughtful, caring, loving, REAL & warm: A beautiful human being with Grace, Class! & outstanding Character: My heart is broken💔 And yet Im SO thankful & Joyful for our relationship.. I will always miss & remember her light💡 & love💜! Gone Too Soon BUT Now She's FREE! 🙏🌈🙏 Moma Mimi/Marcella 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

Marcella - April 16, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LC

“ Love, Ruby Rodgers (MU and CCI) purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Ms. Debra A. Washington.



Love, Ruby Rodgers (MU and CCI) - April 15, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DW

“ Debra Weaver lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Debra Weaver - April 15, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RH

“ Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Rena Webster Horton - April 15, 2025 at 11:39 AM

RH

Prayers going up for the Washington Family. Trust in the Lord. (Proverbs 3:5:6:) God will see you all through with grace & mercy. Johnnie Sr. Rena & Family

Rena Webster Horton - April 15, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DP

“ Sending Condolences to Johnny & family.

Darryl Pegues - April 14, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Debra A. Washington.



April 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Debra A. Washington.

April 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ Eddie Washington ,Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Eddie Washington ,Jr - April 14, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Dorothea Banks-Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Dorothea Banks-Burse - April 14, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ Janell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington



Janell - April 13, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TB

“ *Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington*



Toni Brown - April 11, 2025 at 05:41 PM

VP

“ *Val Petty-Haynes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra A. Washington*



Val Petty-Haynes - April 11, 2025 at 04:23 PM

CG

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Chere' Blocker - Gordon - April 11, 2025 at 07:36 AM