



Deborah Ann Ayres

August 17, 1958 - June 12, 2023

Deborah Ann Ayres, at the age of sixty-four (64), departed this life on Monday, June 12, 2023 at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Artie Ballard and Elizabeth Wallop- Ballard, born on August 17, 1958 in Girdletree, Maryland.

“Debbie” received her formal education in the Worcester County school system. She was last employed at Spinnaker Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Deborah, also known as “Debbie” by many family and friends, loved to cook, sing, watch Western shows and she also enjoyed being around family and her grandchildren. She had a special bond with many of her nieces and nephews.

She leaves to cherish loving memories: her loving husband, Donald Ayres; two sons, Leroy O’ Brien Manuel (Marion Bennett) and Jordyan Cropper, both of Pocomoke, Maryland; god son, Veshawn Bratten Jr., Snow Hill, Maryland; one daughter, Markeshia (Jesse) Bratten of Salisbury, Maryland; god daughters, Maria Purnell of Snow Hill, Maryland and Sha’haira Ballard Salisbury, Maryland ; four brothers, Donald Ballard (Ivy), Wayne Ballard (Vanessa), Brynell Ballard (Fayette) of Snow Hill, Maryland and Leroy Ballard (Carletta) of Temperanceville, Virginia; god brother, Andre Allen, Salisbury, Maryland; four sisters, Corrine Allen, Gloria Copper (Bill) of Wilmington, Delaware, Sara Ames and Dolly Williams, both of Snow Hill, Maryland; 8 grandchildren, Artaijah Spence, Jailah Purnell, Jessi and Jessini Bratten,

Destanee Harris, Ezekiel and Elijah Whaley and Leriya Manuel; two great grandchildren, Ar'Brii Spence and Jerry Satchell III; a few great friends, Queenie Dennis, Alice Shields, Mary Handy, Rose Bull and Wanda Sturgis; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.

Deb was preceded in death by her mother and father and three brothers, Rudolph, Artie and Edward Ballard; three brother in laws, Wilmer Ames, Jimmy Allen and Charles Williams.

Lovingly Submitted,

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *You will be missed, until we meet again.* ”



Cadara Ballard - June 25, 2023 at 02:23 PM

SK

“ *Sherrol King lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Ayres* ”



Sherrol King - June 21, 2023 at 02:03 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Waters lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Ayres* ”



Tammy Waters - June 21, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ST

“ *Debbie I grew with u an we shared my good an comforting times. I will miss you always. It was great to be one of your favorite friends. Condolences from the Bailey family. RIP* ”

Sandra turnbull - June 21, 2023 at 09:21 AM

AC

“ *Amanda Collins lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Ayres*



Amanda Collins - June 20, 2023 at 11:28 PM

JB

“ *From Joyce Ann Bratten and the Bratten Family, to our family, The Ballards and the Ayres Family, you have our love, concern and heartfelt condolences. Many great memories in our hearts.*



Joyce Ann Bratten - June 20, 2023 at 10:24 AM