



Deborah Ann Cheatwood

October 6, 1949 - August 13, 2012

Deborah Ann Cheatwood departed this life on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 3:24 P.M. at Beebe Medical Center.

Deborah, daughter of the late Rev. Charles E. and Regina L. Kiah, was born on October 6, 1949, in Bridgeville, DE. She attended public schools in Bridgeville, Salem, N.J., and Atlantic City, N.J. She received an Associate in Arts & Science degree in Human Services from Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown, D.E.

In 1987, she was united in holy wedlock to George Anthony Cheatwood. For the past 25 years, they have resided in the Georgetown / Millsboro area. Deborah was employed at Children & Families First from 1992 to 2010, where she held several positions. She was very active in awareness programs in AIDS and substance abuse prevention. The Jefferson Award for Public Service for 2006 to 2008 was awarded to Deborah for outstanding work and support for the Strengthening Families Program.

This year Deborah celebrated 25 years of sobriety. Her miraculously changed life and recovery have been an inspiration to countless others struggling with addictions.

Deborah and George first joined Macedonia A.M.E. Church in 1992, under the

leadership of Reverend Dixon. They attended until 2009. During that time, Deborah served as a trustee and sang on the choir.

Debbie is fondly remembered by her family and friends for her gentle spirit, her love and compassion for others. She would give to others often before she would take care of herself.

Deborah is survived by her devoted husband, George; a loving daughter, Takishia and beloved grandson, Na'im; one sister, Margaret Kiah Outen; one brother, Charles Edward Kiah, Jr.; five aunts, Dorothy Elmore, Vera Nutter, Doris Wilson, Roberta Daniels, and Carloyn Grinnell; one uncle, Alan Ryder; three sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tribute Wall

AE

“ To George, Takiesha and Na'im, please know that I am praying your strength at this time. I will miss Debbie and I know this time is hard. But weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning. Lean on the lord, he will carry you through. Love Aunt Dorothy

Aunt Dorothy Elmore - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Family,
I would like to send my condolences. It can be extremely difficult to lose a loved one. That is why I wanted to share the hope found in the bible, the hope of the resurrection. Jesus stated at John 5:28,29 "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will come out." And at Revelation 21:3,4 it states that there will be a time when "...death will be no more."
These scriptures give us hope for the future as respects to our dead loved ones. Those scriptures have brought comfort to me and I hope it does the same for your family.
With Love,
Loren

Loren Stowers - November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ May the tradition of honoring our ancestors continue forever in our hearts.

Stephanie Jones - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *To the Cheatwood - Kiah Family:*

My heart is broken over the passing of my dear cousin, Debbie but I rest in the knowledge that those that are in Christ will see her again. I will always love and miss Debbie greatly. Thoughts of her will always flood my soul with fond childhood memories and the incredible reality that family is truly a gift from God. May God's amazing grace sustain and uphold you at this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cousin Debra Elmore-Harrell - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM