



Deborah Ann Cheatwood

October 6, 1949 - November 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, DE.

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 Walter 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 Carolyn Grinnell; one uncle, Alan Ryder; three sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.