



## Deborah Anne deshields

May 16, 1959 - January 5, 2022

### DEBORAH'S JOURNEY...

Deborah Ann DeShields, a resident of Glen Burnie, Maryland, formerly of Dames Quarter, Maryland, departed this earthly life on January 5, 2022. Fondly known as Debbie to most, she was born on May 16th, 1959 to Ida White Thomas and the late Lewis White, Sr. She was one of four girls and two boys.

Debbie was a member of Macedonia United Methodist Church under the leadership of Reverend De'Angelo Johnson where she served on several committees. Her favorite song to sing was "Walk Around Heaven All Day."

Debbie received her early education in Somerset County school district and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). She joined the Army National Guard in 1986 before enlisting full time in 1989. After serving several years in the military, she retired to start a career with the Division of Corrections (DOC). During her tenure with the DOC, she became one of the first black female drill instructors at the Herman L. Toulson Boot Camp. She held various positions and titles including the audit and tact team. She decided to retire after twenty-three (23) years as an Administrative Major. She took a two-year break before returning to the workforce as a security guard with Allied Services. She quickly climbed the ladder, becoming a Lieutenant.

Affectionately known as Ma, Mimi, the Warden and L.T., Debbie had a kind, genuine heart and would give anybody the shirt off her back. She was known all throughout the state of Maryland for her singing and skits.

Debbie and Hilton were united in holy matrimony in 2006. The couple enjoyed their life together.

Precious memories of Deborah's life and legacy will be cherished by: her husband, Hilton of Salisbury, MD; her daughter, Marita (Rahul) of Delaware; her son, Demetrius of Baltimore, MD; a stepson, Hilton DeShields, Jr. of Prince Georges County, MD; her parents, William and Ida Thomas of Princess Anne, MD; three sisters, Veronica (Howie) Moore of Jersey City, NJ, Jacqueline Townsend of Salisbury, MD and Angela (Franklin) Hitch of Philadelphia, PA; one brother, Curtis (Stacy) White of Salisbury, MD; four aunts, Shirley Finney of Salisbury, MD, Gilder (Thomas) Downing of Woodlawn, MD, Maizie Archer of Odenton, MD and Evonne Williams of Salisbury, MD; one uncle, Douglas White of Salisbury, MD; six grandchildren, Jacquia (Carl), Terrell, Sa'Von, Sr., Najae, Kobe and Nevaeh; nine great grandchildren, Zion, Bella, Cayden, Sa'Von, Jr., Kyrie, Kaylani, Nalani, Carter and Tu'Lee; a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, other extended relatives and friends and several special friends, Sylvia Hancock, Elaine Cottman, Sheila Edwards and June McCleese, amongst a few.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her father, Lewis, Sr., were Lewis, Jr. (brother), Sylvania (daughter), De'Shaun (nephew), Hanson and Medoria Wigfall (grandparents) and several other family members.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED  
THE FAMILY



# Cemetery Details

## Maryland Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AP

“ love you

antion putty - December 12, 2023 at 05:18 AM

AP

“ Antion Putty lit a candle in memory of Deborah Anne deshields



antion putty - December 12, 2023 at 05:18 AM

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“ To my grandmother to my everything i love you so much ma 💜



Najae Dean ( Granddaughter ) - January 24, 2022 at 11:16 AM

PJ

“ Paula Johns lit a candle in memory of Deborah Anne deshields



Paula Johns - January 22, 2022 at 11:20 PM

PJ

*My heartfelt condolences to the Family Deborah was a beautiful and kind person who will truly be missed 🥺*

Paula Johns - January 22, 2022 at 11:23 PM

 Myra  
A. Smith

“ *Major D.Deshields, your memory will live on in the lives of the people you've touched along the way. You kept the faith, so rest easy in Heavenly peace.*

Myra A. Smith - January 22, 2022 at 11:55 AM

TM

“ *Until our spirits meet again I will rejoice in knowing that my sister in Christ is finally free. Free to walk those streets of gold. Free to worship The King of Kings, free to glorify The Lord of Lords. And free to reside with Emanuel. You were not only a friend, nor were you only a coworker, but you were a kinder spirit one that I will truly miss. For ever your sister in Christ. Tamela Mitz*

Tamela Mitz - January 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM

ST

“ *I always called her one of my girls. Fond memories of knowing her will forever remain in my heart -- for she will always be one of my girls -- one of my little sisters. I rejoice knowing her soul lives on in the presence of God Almighty as she worships Him with a song of praise!!!!*

*Shirley Thompson (cousin)*

Shirley Thompson - January 21, 2022 at 11:17 PM

GA

“ Deb, we talked on Christmas Day, and we talked New Year's Day!!!  
Thank you, all the long talks we had and all the memories we  
shared. You will always stay in my heart!!  
Until we meet again.  
With love Aunt Gilder!!!

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**Gilder Downing { Aunt}** - January 21, 2022 at 08:21 PM


VR

“ Debbie Sis wow so many memories I can't believe you are not  
physically here but spiritually you will always be with us. I met you  
when I was 18 years old you were my big sis and always will be.  
The times we had hanging out at Henry's Beach the north Carolina  
trip and Florida. We had a ball. Me choosing you to be Tee's  
Godmom the best Godmom ever. Singing at Mommy's funeral  
"Walk around Heaven now you are doing just that. I will miss you  
and I love you through eternity. Thank you for teaching and loving  
me. Kiss Mommy for me. Lovingly submitted your lil Sister Peaches  
Sleep in Peace

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**Viola Robertson** - January 21, 2022 at 05:17 PM

DS

“ Deb Deb  
I can't believe you are gone. The last time I saw you was when you  
visited mother at the nursing home in Silver Spring. You made  
mother so happy and I was overjoyed to see you. Sleep on Deb.  
Give mother and Pumpkin a kiss and hug for me. Until we see each  
other again....  
Love forever...

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**Donzella Smith** - January 21, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Anne deshields.*



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January 21, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Debbie she was a quiet beautiful classmate that always quiet spoken RIP.*

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**Milton Maddox** - January 19, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Family*



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**Edwina Franklin** - January 19, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *To Deborah's family, you will sadly be missed. Your kind and warm spirit will live on. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow. Loving submitted, Phyllis Hardy.*



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**Phyllis Hardy** - January 17, 2022 at 09:06 AM

PM

“ *Paul Mainhart lit a candle in memory of Deborah Anne deshields*



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**Paul Mainhart** - January 17, 2022 at 08:25 AM

PM

“ *A co worker with a warm, good heart who asked all to get together and made sure that everyone's birthday was remembered*

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**Paul Mainhart** - January 17, 2022 at 08:24 AM

LW

“ *Lexine Wigfall lit a candle in memory of Deborah Anne deshields*



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**Lexine Wigfall** - January 17, 2022 at 01:28 AM