



## Janice Ophelia Morris

October 12, 1948 - July 30, 2019

Janice Ophelia Morris, was born October 12, 1948, in Houston, Delaware, to Garland and Gladys Brown. She transitioned home to be with the Lord on July 30, 2019.

Janice was educated at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, William Henry High School, and Delaware State University.

She married Richard Morris on February 11, 1967, and from that union two daughters were born, Denise and Sheryl. Michael Costello, Barbara Kelly Costello, Pamela Pollard Williams, and Dionne Postley became her adopted children, whom were loved as her own. She encouraged her children to do and be their best at all times.

Janice worked several jobs before finding her true calling at the Delaware Department of Correction, where she was employed for 25 years. She began her career as an officer and retired as a captain. She took great pride in doing her job and training others to reach their full potential in their positions.

Janice attended Metropolitan Methodist Church in Harrington, Delaware, as a child. It was there that she discovered her love of music. She began playing piano and singing from the age of nine until she was 19. From there, she attended New Jerusalem Baptist Church until she moved to Wilmington, Delaware. In Wilmington, she attended Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church. After retiring, she returned to Dover and New Jerusalem. Later, she began attending Morning Star Institutional Church of God in Christ (MSI). She was an active Mother in the church. She loved her Pastor, her First Lady, and her church family. She also loved the services at MSI and her relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Janice was a creative person who enjoyed writing and making jewelry, in addition to playing piano and singing. Janice was a copyrighted author of a book of poetry and she also wrote plays.

Janice was preceded to the throne by her parents, Garland and Gladys Brown; brothers, William Brown and Merlyn Brown; and her sister, Marie Brown.

Janice leaves to celebrate her life, her daughters, Denise Morris-General, Sheryl Morris, Barbara Kelly Costello, Pamela Pollard Williams, and Dionne Postley; her son, Michael Costello; sister, Geneva Brown-Noll (Donald); brother, George Brown; three grandchildren, Alysia Morris, Richard A. Morris and Michael Lee Costello; four great-

grandchildren, Malik Crowder, Jr., Ahmad Crowder, A'Nahla Morris and Roman Morris; two god-daughters, Shannon and Tameka Cannon; ex-husband and cherished friend, Richard E. Morris; special family friends, the Gayle's, the Vann's, the Carr's and the Holsey's; and many more loving family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Lt. Janice Morris was my first friend in the DOC. She was one of the first women to work in Male Corrections and she blazed a trail for those of us who came after. It was an honor to work with her and a laughter filled pleasure to be friends with her. My sincerest condolences to her many loved ones; family and friends. Ret. Sgt. Lis\u00e9 M. Stinger

Steel Ovaries - August 13, 2019 at 09:30 PM

BS

“ To Lt. Cheryl Morris and family I was sorry to here of the passing of your mother. I am praying for your family as The Lord keeps you in His care through this difficult time. SSGT. Barbara Smith (NSR FS)

Barbara Smith - August 08, 2019 at 02:19 PM

WP

“ My friend, my sister was truly a gift from God. I will miss her but always carry the memories of how we laughed and cried together and all the good times we shared in my heart. May God's hope-filled promises bring comfort to the family and peace to your hearts. Wanda

Wanda Pierce - August 06, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Capt. Morris you have touched the hearts of many and we are going to miss the Mother in you the, the laughs you gave us, and all wisdom and knowledge along the way. I know your up in heaven watching to ensure we are all safe, rest now God has takenhis child back home. Capt. Demby (Little Demby)

Kenny - August 06, 2019 at 09:09 AM

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“ Sheryl, All the times I\u2019ve heard you talk about your mother, she sounded like she was an Amazing Woman! There\u2019s a very special place in all of our hearts for our Mothers, just like there\u2019s a very special place in every mother\u2019s heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory on in that very special place you have in your heart for her. No one can replace a mom, but God can comfort a grieving heart. He knows what you need during this time much better than anyone else. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother. Your Sister-Friend Loretta Edwards (JTVCC)

Loretta Edwards - August 06, 2019 at 09:08 AM

DW

“ My heart goes out to the Morris family. The pain of losing a mother is all too familiar to me. Ease that pain with tears...it's ok to cry. Hold on to each other for strength and comfort and always keep the memories in your heart. Lovingly,  
Doreen Williams & Family

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**Doreen Williams** - August 06, 2019 at 09:01 AM

MC

“ Mom, You will be missed more than you could ever know. My heart is with you and my sisters Denise and Cheryl and the kids right now. All of you will always have all of our love. You were precious beyond words. Mike, Bobbi & Michael Lee Costello

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**Michael Costello** - July 30, 2019 at 07:00 PM