



Ms. Deborah Denise Ray

November 18, 1959 - December 4, 2024

Deborah Denise Ray was born on November 18, 1959, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. On December 4, 2024, Deborah gained her wings at Central Harnett Hospital in Lillington, NC.

Deborah graduated from Terry Sanford High School in 1978. She dedicated herself to many meaningful jobs, but being a Manufacturing Technician gave her a new look on life. She spent her last 15 working years at Pfizer making baby vaccines.

She loved going to the beach, watching Kung Fu and Dracula movies and reading Christine Feehan books. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas. She was a loving mother who always cared for others. Deborah was a cherished friend to many and there wasn't one person she couldn't touch. She was a woman of humor, love, wisdom and unwavering spirit, but nothing made her happier than having her grandkids in her life.

Deborah is preceded in death by her father, Willie Purdie. She is survived by her daughter, Miranda McNeill (Antonio); son, Calvin Ray (Battista); two granddaughters, Zaria Elliott and Navae McNeill; four grandsons, Tracey Brown, James Brown, Calvin Ray and Kione McNeill; her mother, Victoria Purdie; sister, Angela Hinton; brother, Daryl Purdie (Jennette); nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Deborah Denise Ray



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 11, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Tim and Leslie Falco purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Deborah Denise Ray.



Tim and Leslie Falco - December 12, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ From J.B. and Tunisia Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Deborah Denise Ray.

From J.B. and Tunisia Brown - December 12, 2024 at 06:38 AM

FB

“ From J.B. and Tunisia Brown purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Deborah Denise Ray.



From J.B. and Tunisia Brown - December 12, 2024 at 06:38 AM

MF

“ Sincere condolences to the Ray and Purdie families. Your many friends at South End Baptist Church share in your loss.



Mary Fennell-Williamson - December 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM

AM

“ Sorry for your loss! Deborah was so nice and laughed all the time

Angie Marsh - December 10, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MK

“ Martha knight lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ray



Martha knight - December 10, 2024 at 05:13 PM

PR

“ I am so sorry for your loss, My deepest and heartfelt condolences. My God give you and the family strength at this difficult time.



Pamela & Lillie Ray - December 10, 2024 at 03:50 PM

VE

“ My condolences to Debra’s family. May God grant you the comfort and peace you need at this sad time.



Viola Elliott - December 09, 2024 at 10:13 PM

CM

“ PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY MEMBERS OF YOUR QUEEN MS. DEBORAH D. RAY. MAY GOD HOLD YOU ALL CLOSE TOGETHER WITH PEACE AND LOVE.



CELIA MCNEILL AND FAMILY MEMBERS - December 09, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CM

“ My Prayers of Comfort to the Family Members of your QUEEN Ms. Deborah Ray in her Home Going CELEBRATION, May GOD HOLD YOU ALL CLOSE TOGETHER DURING AND AFTER YOU DEAL WITH THE Hurt of losing a LOVE ONE. I PRAY that Peace, Mercy, and Love keep you all Together.



CELIA MCNEILL AND FAMILY MEMBERS - December 09, 2024 at 01:55 PM

CB

“ *My condolences and love to the family.
Praying for your strength and peace during
this most difficult time.* 🕊️



CharLearion Blount - December 09, 2024 at 01:44 AM

TR

“ *I'm going to miss you so much Love you. ❤️ My favorite aunty that
always had my back.*

Thneshia Richardson - December 08, 2024 at 11:07 PM

TR

“ *Thneshia Richardson sent a virtual gift in
memory of Deborah Ray*



Thneshia Richardson - December 08, 2024 at 11:04 PM

IS

“ *Ici Stewart lit a candle in memory of Deborah
Ray*



Ici Stewart - December 08, 2024 at 08:51 PM

FB

“ My condolences go out to the family n friends of Mrs Debra, I would sit and visit and talk with her and she always had some good crazy funny stories. I cherish our little chats we had. She said to me one time, you are the only crazy person to sit out here and get bit up by misquotes and talk with me. She was always in good and high spirits even though she was struggling an going through so much with her health, That's one thing I always loved about her ❤️ may she rest easy now and be pain free. Fly high Mrs Debra you are missed already down here. Henry will miss her dearly (her wheel chair , she always had jokes about her and henry) 😊😊😊😊😊😊💕

Felicia Bender - December 08, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LM

“ She was a sweet person. I got the opportunity to know her, we would talk and we found out that our Birthday was November 18th. R.i.p. Mrs. Deborah.



Linda McLean - December 08, 2024 at 06:45 PM

LF

Sending deepest prayers to all family & friends. I personally had never met Ms. Ray but her smile truly lit up a room. Looks like she always tried keeping her spirits up even when she may not have felt her best. Truly a gem and God needed her at this appointed time. Embrace ur loved ones forgive/reach out / praise anytime u have with anyone.

Latonya H. McNeill & Family - December 09, 2024 at 04:00 PM

AR

To my cousins, I am lifting you up in prayer during this challenging time.

Angela Ray - December 09, 2024 at 10:59 PM