



Deborah Ann Perry

April 18, 1951 - December 11, 2020

...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). In the early morning of December 11, 2020, Deborah Ann Hall-Perry was called home to be with the Lord. Deborah, the eldest child of four from Taft Hall and the late Florine Hall, was born on Wednesday, April 18, 1951 at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Deborah, known to many as Deb, Debra or Evangelist Perry, was gifted for greatness right from birth.

Besides being extremely book smart, Deborah had a sincere passion for singing. At the age of 6 years old, she sang in the Brooklyn Museum choir when the average age to join the choir was 9 years old. She attended Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, NY and sung on the school choir. Additionally, she was recruited to sing on the Infamous All-City Concert Choir. The All-City Concert Choir was known for taking the best voices from various schools to form one of the most talented choirs in New York. With this choir, she was able to sing at Carnegie Hall and other noted halls and arenas. Deborah was always sought after to sing on many occasions at various events.

In July of 1968, Deborah met and eventually fell in love with her soon to be husband, Lincoln Perry. Deborah and Lincoln had their first and only child Craig; and were married on her birthday in 1975, at Saint Peter Claver Church in Brooklyn, NY.

Besides singing, Deborah was also passionate about education, teaching and ministering to the youth. She attended and graduated from Fordham University where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology. Although she had received a full scholarship with all expenses paid to continue her education at Fordham University to obtain her master's degree, she instead chose to raise her beloved son. She taught for the New York City Board of Education for 17 years, before relocating to North Carolina, where she continued to teach with the Charlotte Mecklenburg school system for another 10 more years before she retired.

If anyone knew Deborah, they knew she genuinely loved the Lord. In fact, her love for God was her first love. She was baptized and first received Christ in the early 70's. She became an ordained minister in the early 90's and continued ministering and preaching to others daily until God called her home. Often, she would use her passion for singing to begin her sermons with a hymn. Deborah was known for being generous, loving, caring, and selfless. She was truly one of a kind. She had a gift for touching lives and always

putting someone else's needs and concerns before her own. She was a student of the bible, but always enjoyed seeking the Lord, and had a quest for studying various Christian literature. Deborah loved and followed the Lord so much that you would have thought she was the 13th disciple. She ministered to numerous people and lead many souls to Christ. She aspired of furthering her ministry, but unfortunately her health began to decline in the latter months of 2016. She was later diagnosed in 2018 with a rare neurodegenerative disorder called Multiple System Atrophy (MSA - C). In short, this disease rapidly shrinks and deteriorates your muscle and nerve tissue. Even while in tremendous pain, Deborah never once complained as she stayed firm in her belief for her healing from God. While her family and loved ones hoped that her healing would take place here on Earth, God already knew his angel would receive her ultimate healing along with her wings in Heaven. Deborah's life, love and legacy will continue to be cherished and remembered by her husband Lincoln Perry; Father Taft Hall, son Craig Perry, grandson Javonne Perry, grand-daughter Jazsmyn Perry, great grand-daughter Milan Perry, brother Gregory Hall, nephew George Simpson, and a host of family, friends and loved ones. Deborah will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Rest in Peace, Rest in Power, Rest in Paradise. We will always love you and will forever hold you in our hearts.

Cemetery

Events

Salisbury National Cemetery DEC

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC, 28144

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Celebration of Life Service

11:00AM

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC
2310 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC, US, 28206

Comments



“ I remember Evangelist Perry for the awesome, kind and gifted teacher she was. When she first attended Christ Memorial she started a youth choir with some of the young people that didn't want to be there let alone sing. We practiced on Saturdays "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" (the fast 80's choir version) and got the opportunity to sing it at a big church function in front of all these other choirs. We rocked it! We sounded better than our adult choir on that day. And there we were in our yellow tops and brown bottoms, defiant but singing our best and giving our all, because we loved her so. She was all the things her obituary says she was and more she was a nurturer; a nurturer of kindness, faith, dreams and talents. I am grateful to have met Evangelist D. Perry and am better for the seeds she planted in my life that are still growing and bearing fruit. To the Perry family, I offer my condolences and continued prayers.

Curtis Wright & Family

Curtis Wright - December 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Winnifred Grant lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Perry



Winnifred Grant - December 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - December 21, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ I am so sorry for the lost of your love one
carl cook - December 21, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Adrienne Pridgen Brown lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Perry



Adrienne Pridgen Brown - December 21, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Perry.



December 21, 2020 at 02:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Perry.



December 20, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Perry.



December 19, 2020 at 02:00 PM