



## Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler

September 8, 1983 - August 17, 2021

### A BEACON of Light in Life

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Deanna Yvonne Thorpe Butler, a beautiful girl, with a smile that melts hearts, was born on September 8, 1983 in New London, Connecticut.

Deanna was the first of three children to hear the rhythm of her mother's heartbeat and to feel the joy in her father's arms. She will continue to be loved and cherished by her parents, Carmen and Tyrone Thorpe, her sister, Danielle Thorpe (Charlottesville, VA) and brother, Tyrone Thorpe, Jr (Raleigh, NC).

Deanna was blessed with a beacon of light in her life, her 10-year-old son, Eric Butler II (aka Deuce), who was both the greatest gift to her as his mom as well as her gift to love and share joy with family and friends. Her greatest joy was to nurture him emotionally, spiritually and intellectually to bring out the best of what he could be. Deanna loved building wonderful memories with Deuce during quiet moments or fun times. They both shared their love of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Whether they were making Tik Toks, visiting Carowinds, baking, cooking or enjoying sports games, she worked with her family and his father, Eric Butler, to ensure that he had the best life possible.

Deanna loved to embrace the hearts of children and could speak a language to reach them. She had the gift of being able to nourish their minds and souls both as a "Tantie" to her only nephew, Ace James Thorpe, and as a teacher to

the youth at Whitewater Middle School. Teaching was her ultimate passion that was discovered through children and she had mastered being an accomplished educator in her life.

Deanna built incredible relationships with all whom she embraced in life whether it was through sports like softball or football, dance (including some very special performances with her mom and her friends), education, college or a large extended family that spans both the USA and Aruba, NA.

Her light will shine forever through all of her loved ones, both by blood and in heart, and we have been blessed to have seen her light in this world. Deanna leaves fond memories and never-ending love in the hearts of her parents, brother, sister, son, nephew, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, numerous friends, students (past and present) and colleagues.

Deanna was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ardith and Fernando Arrindell and Annie Lee and James Luther Thorpe Sr. Also, by her aunt Stella Hose, and cousin Jamal Thorpe.

Having touched and enriched the lives for so many, Deanna Thorpe Butler has fulfilled her purpose on earth.

Deanna departed from us on August 17, 2021. Although it's now time to say farewell, it is not goodbye, as we know that she has gone home early to Our Lord to prepare the way and to shine a light for the rest of us when Our Father brings each one of us home. May God bless her always and keep her within His divine embrace, forever.

As Jesus is the eternal light in our world; Deanna was a light that shown brightly in our lives.

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

# Previous Events

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**AUG 30. 12:00 PM (ET)**

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Keeping her family and son in my prayers! We had many laughs at Cary High and even some in adulthood she will truly be missed



chanita - September 08, 2021 at 08:54 AM

LM

“ Thorpe (Butler) will never be forgotten. Thank you for all the great memories. Rest easy my fellow Pirate sister!

Lowana Wade (Ferndale Middle) - August 30, 2021 at 06:27 PM

LH

“ Latoya Jones Holt lit a candle in memory of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler



Latoya Jones Holt - August 30, 2021 at 04:41 PM

VB

“ Viola & Alvena Baker lit a candle in memory of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler



Viola & Alvena Baker - August 30, 2021 at 04:22 PM

LC

“ Lynn Creech lit a candle in memory of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler



Lynn Creech - August 30, 2021 at 01:12 PM

AB

“ Allison Brown-Weant Buniva purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler.



Allison Brown-Weant Buniva - August 30, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MM

“ This is tough. There are so many memories. She came to CT and spend the summer along with her sister and for a brief time her brother. Plenty of times she stayed at my house with her two cousins. I can tell you this, the house was full of chatter. My other most important that is stuck in my mind was when her mother was painting her face as a clown for Halloween. Next she spent Christmas eve at my house. Her father picked her up the next morning. She was happy. We stepped in powder like it was Santa. She could not wait to go with father to see what Santa gave.

She leaves us with some lovely memories. Deanna was my niece and God-daughter.

Thank you Carmen and Tyrone for that.

Maureen Mack - August 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM

AH

“ *Angelique Byrd Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler*



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**Angelique Byrd Hargrove** - August 30, 2021 at 08:41 AM

Jl

“ *Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your daughter.  
Deanna was a wonderful young woman, whom my wife and I loved very much. Deanna always demonstrated her respect for us.*

*We will never forget that wonderful smile and her beautiful laughter.  
We will never forget her as she was very much like our daughter.*

*You are in our prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Pastor Joseph E. Bass III  
Mrs. Lauren M. Atwell-Bass*

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**Joseph Bass III** - August 29, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler.*



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August 29, 2021 at 08:26 PM

CC

“ To Carmen, Tyrone and the entire family we send condolences to the family in the loss of your loved one. We looked forward to seeing all of the children when you made visits to Savannah and the town of Thunderbolt. Mrs. Annie Lee would give us updates on what they were doing and their progress in education and careers. Please know that we dearly loved our extended family and we will keep Deanna in our hearts and memories.  
Love ❤️ and hugs 🤗 from your Thunderbolt Community.  
Catherine Clements and Family



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**catherine clements** - August 29, 2021 at 08:08 AM

CC

“ Catherine Clements lit a candle in memory of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler



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**catherine clements** - August 29, 2021 at 07:57 AM

NW

“ Nelson & Bobbie Wright purchased the Sweet So lace Spray for the family of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler.



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**Nelson & Bobbie Wright** - August 28, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Deanna Yvonne (Thorpe) Butler.



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August 28, 2021 at 01:44 PM