



## Diana Whitten Saunders

November 4, 1948 - January 5, 2026

Mrs. Diana Whitten Saunders, lovingly known as “Lady Di”, entered eternal rest on Monday, January 5, 2026 at the age of 77 at Levine & Dickson Hospice House at Southminster. Born on November 4, 1948 in Charlotte, NC, she was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Whitten Jones and J.B. Hair. Diana graduated from West Charlotte High School in 1967 and was a member of the 1966 Vocational Club (Cosmetology). She eventually attended a two-year program at Central Piedmont Community College for Office Administration. She is a Lifetime member of Modern Free and Accepted Masons of the World Order of the Eastern Star since 1983 (Rainbow Chapter) and is a Charter Member of Unique Chapter #647 (1988). In February 2016, she retired from the North Carolina Department of Revenue and was a loved member of The Heights Ministries (Wilson Heights First Church of God) and most importantly, Diana was a devoted mother and grandmother whose life was defined by love, sacrifice, and unwavering support for her entire family. Diana is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Saunders; mother, Mary Jones and father J.B. Hair; siblings LaVonde Whitten and Wilbert Whitten. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, April Whitten-Gales, Adrian Lanett Harper and Moses Pilgrim Harper, Jr. (Shonda); grandchildren, Andreka Diana Whitten (Keyonne), Jalen Kyle-Lamarr Parks, Airika Dionne Gales, Ari Jakobe Reed, Moses Pilgrim Harper, III, Jordyn Simone Harper and Jasmine Parks; great-grandchildren, Kaylee Crenshaw, Montario Keyonne Crenshaw, Jr., Alaya Simone Jordyn Simpkins, Jayceon Boyd, and Jassidy Lilayla Glenn; siblings,

William

Whitten (Marie), Annette Whitten Haskell and Corrine Whitten Wiggins; nieces and nephews Wilbert Whitten, Jr., William Whitten, Erika Nicole Whitten Tucker, Matthew William Whitten, Jameka Whitten, Tiffany Haskell and Ebony Wiggins; best friend and cousin, Lillian Wardlow and a host of relatives and friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## York Memorial Park Cemetery

5150 S. Tyron Street  
Charlotte, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.  
2310 Statesville Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28206  
(704) 377-4243  
[info@aegriersonsfcc.com](mailto:info@aegriersonsfcc.com)  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

BD

“ It is with my deepest sympathies and condolences that I hope and pray our Kind Heavenly Father will comfort the family of Diana and wish to say that it was an honor and privilege to have worked with Diana for close to 10 years at Revenue. I will cherish those memories for we had a lot of good talks and her friendship made a lasting impact on me. Godspeed Diana, I'll see you again.

*Brian Duckworth*



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**Brian Duckworth** - January 16 at 10:16 AM

FG

“ From The Boger and Goolsby Gang purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diana Whitten Saunders.



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**From The Boger and Goolsby Gang** - January 16 at 09:02 AM

DB

“ Debbie Browne lit a candle in memory of Diana Saunders



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**Debbie Browne** - January 13 at 11:05 PM

CW

“ *Charles Whitten purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Diana Whitten Saunders.*



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**Charles Whitten** - January 12 at 07:40 PM

SM

“ *May God strengthen and bring peace that surpasses all understanding to Diana's family. I will cherish the memories of the times spent with Diana.*



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**Susan Montague** - January 10 at 12:23 PM

SM

“ *To the family: May God comfort you and give you peace. I will cherish memories Diana as my Modern Free sister.*



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**Susan Montague** - January 09 at 12:00 PM