



Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy

January 21, 1957 - June 14, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Denise Michelle De Shields Hardy announces her passing on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the age of 61, after an eight-year-long battle with ovarian cancer.

Born in Aberdeen, MD, on January 21, 1957, to Colonel William De Shields and Effie May De Shields, Denise was the oldest of two siblings. She graduated from Howard University with a degree in Medical Technology and as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Over the years, she explored several different careers from Medical Technology, a Pan Am flight attendant, a special education teacher, an aircraft mechanic, and finally a medical office assistant. Her last position was with Eastern Shore Oncology.

Denise was a bright woman of many talents and was well-known for her faith, kindness, strength, and grace. During her spare time, she enjoyed making stained glass, spending time with her family, cooking while jamming to music, and sitting in her chair while watching Anthony Bourdain. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, a loving sibling, a fierce friend, and a compassionate daughter. Although Denise's beautiful spirit will be fiercely missed by many, many will carry on her legacy through her well-known character traits.

She is survived by her father, Retired Colonel William Alexander De Shields;

her brother and sister-in-law, Drs. Dennis and Mary De Shields; six beloved children, Britte and her husband Devin, Ian, Sara, Ariel, Jordan, and Michaela; two grandchildren, Devyn and Kayin; the father of her children, Will Hardy; nieces, Ashley and Rowena; nephew, Jonathan; aunts, Rowena, Helen, Bertha; and many family and friends. She is preceded in death by her dear mother, Effie May De Shields.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., in Easton where family and friends may call one hour prior from 10-11 a.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601, TalbotHospice.org, or the Patient in Need Fund -University of Maryland Shore Regional Cancer Center, ATTN PIN FUND, 509 Idlewild Avenue. Easton MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

JUN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Family,
its amazing to me how time passes and here we are together to
thank God for allowing Denise to rest in His arms. We want you to
know our family will continually be praying for you and trust that you
know God never makes a mistake and is always there.*

*with love
Della, Courtney, Megan,
Reina, Mariah, Bella,
Gia & George*

Della Street - June 23, 2018 at 07:54 AM

LI

“ *My deepest sympathy and love to the family. Memories of Denise will always remind me of what love and grace look like. In this difficult time the generous gift of her spiritual belief was the most precious thing she provided. Will miss you Soror*

Our 1977 pledge line provided me the joy of knowing and loving Denise

Laura Dean Inniss

Laura Inniss - June 22, 2018 at 08:37 PM

LL

“ *Lynnette Lateef sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy*



Lynnette Lateef - June 22, 2018 at 04:51 PM

LL

Mommy you were a beautiful soul so glad to know you and call you Mom! You raised such beautiful children who I call my sisters and brother may God bless you all with strength and peace! RIH Mommy I love you!

Lynnette Lateef - June 22, 2018 at 04:59 PM

RT

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Robin R. Thomas - June 22, 2018 at 10:47 AM

RT

Denise is looking straight at this camera!

Robin R. Thomas - June 22, 2018 at 11:50 AM

RT

To Denise's children and family members, we are incredibly sorrow for your loss, we shared good times and memories with her in college, especially during our 1977 AKA pledge period. I'm sure you have many memories that will sustain you in the future as well. Thanks for all you did during her illness, she was very proud of her family. May God bless you. Robin R. Thomas

Robin R. Thomas - June 22, 2018 at 11:56 AM

CI

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Chauncey D Manson II - June 22, 2018 at 09:49 AM

MT

“ My deepest sympathy to the Hardy and DeShields family. We will truly miss the beautiful spirit and smile of our beloved cousin. I remember seeing Denise when she was a teenager and I was a little girl, both of us visiting family in Delaware. I looked up to her and just thought she was beautiful. When I went to college in Atlanta I stayed with the DeShields family for a few weeks as I awaited a dorm room to open up on campus. She had graduated from Howard and was working as a flight attendant in Atlanta. Again, I admired her sense of adventure, poise and beauty inside and out. I pray that her soul is at peace and I'm glad she will suffer no more. I know she'll remain in the hearts and memories of all who knew and loved her. My heart aches with yours. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength. I will not be able to attend the service, but my thoughts and love will be with you there. Love, cousin Mona Lisa Tucker

Mona Tucker - June 22, 2018 at 08:30 AM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to Denise's family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I met Denise at Howard University back in 1977 when we were line sisters pledging Alpha Kappa Alpha. Though I recall her quiet demeanor, her smile was infectious. I will always remember how she made me feel - that I could do anything and be anything. (I was a ChemEng major) I particularly recall her leadership style: quiet and effective. Denise always 'got the job done'! Period. May Denise rest in God's arms and may her family be comforted knowing that her sweet spirit is alive in them. My deepest condolences. Rosalyn (Roz) Roberts Mack

Rosalyn (Roz) Roberts Mack - June 21, 2018 at 09:24 PM

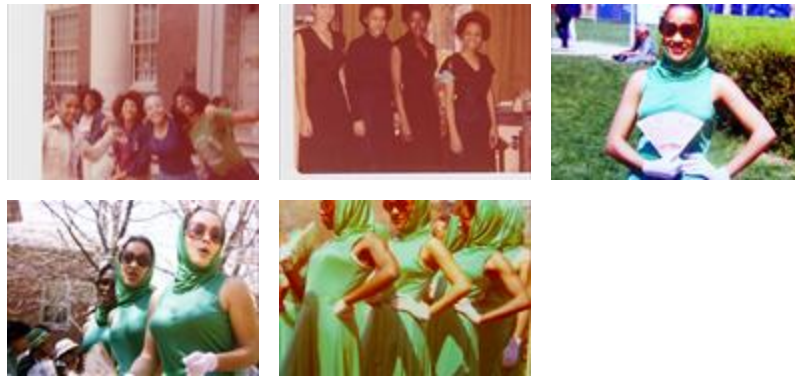
JR

“ I send my condolences and thoughts to Denise's family. I attended college at Howard University with Denise and had the honor of being in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority with her. I pray that she is at peace. I pray too for peace and calm for her children, brother, father and all family members. May God comfort you now and always.
Janine Rouson

Janine Rouson - June 21, 2018 at 08:20 PM

DH

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Doreene Hamilton - June 21, 2018 at 04:43 PM

DH

*My Beloved Line Sister Denise, I am grateful that your soul is at rest. I always remember at Howard how it didn't matter what you had on, you always looked amazing. You were always so soft spoken yet firm and had such a beautiful smile.
I love you and I thank you for being in my life.*

*Sisterly,
Doreene*

Doreene Hamilton - June 21, 2018 at 05:43 PM

BJ

“ My sweet Denise, My Neice1 We will surely miss her! She was a strong, Loving lady! Condolences to her lovely Children, dad and brother, Mary and all of her many friends! I am sorry I won't be there with the fa mily, but my prayers, thoughts and heart will be!,
Love to all! Aunt Bert

Bertha Jones - June 21, 2018 at 10:28 AM

LM

“ Lana Polk Murray lit a candle in memory of Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy



Lana Polk Murray - June 20, 2018 at 09:02 PM

LM

Remembering my line sister 💕💕💕 and friend at Howard. My prayers go out to her family. May God's loving arms comfort you and keep you. Love and blessings to you.

Lana Polk Murray - June 20, 2018 at 09:06 PM

BS

So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for your family 🙏🙏

Betty Sanger - June 21, 2018 at 10:26 AM

RT

Sending prayers of love to the family in the loss of your mother and grandmother. I also attended Howard with Denise and was her line sister on the 1977 line of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. We also shared a building on campus coming and going, she in Allied Health and I in Nursing. We have fond memories and I'm sure you all do as well, they will help sustain you in the years to come. May God bless you.

Robin R. Thomas - June 22, 2018 at 10:55 AM

HH

“ There are so many memories of this loving , kind and very beautiful soul. Denise was my neighbor and was introduce to Will by my husband. They were married across the street. Looking at the home brings back memories and I can see the green station wagon as she would drive by with Brit, Ian and Sara. She will be missed and we are so glad to share in her memory....May God bless and keep the family in love and in peace.

Howard and Bettye Harlow - June 20, 2018 at 07:19 PM

TB

“ Sending heartfelt condolences, prayers and hugs to the family, her friends, linesisters and sorors. May she rest in peace!!💕💚 Soror Tanya Burke Alpha Chapter Sp 87

Tanya Burke - June 20, 2018 at 01:21 PM

TR

“ Tonya Turner, RN lit a candle in memory of Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy



Tonya Turner, RN - June 20, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JL

“ My sweet line sister...gentle spirit, loving and divine. I will never forget the tenderness shown to me in your life. Peace and joy in the heavens, Sister. You will not be forgotten!

Jocelyn Lyles - June 20, 2018 at 10:31 AM

AE

“ We express our condolences to the Hardy Family.

May the strength of the Lord guide you during this time of loss.

And may the Lord keep you in perfect peace as you trust in Him.

*Deacon Arthur & Sister Carol Evans
Fellowship of Faith Church Intl*

Arthur Evans - June 19, 2018 at 11:06 PM

DW

“ We share in this time of grief and also in the love and memories of Denise, a beautiful angel who will be Forever Remembered and Forever Missed.

Cousins, Della, Jamie, Kym & Julian Webb



Della Webb - June 19, 2018 at 10:31 PM

AR

“ Dear Family, May God's love keep your hearts and minds during this time. Denise was a very special lady. She has left an indelible footprint in the hearts of those who knew her. Be encourage. With much love, Annette Ransom

Annette Ransom - June 18, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy.



June 18, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle DeShields Hardy.*



June 16, 2018 at 12:44 PM