

**Celebrating the Life
of**
Diane Judge "Big Dee"

Sunrise
December 25, 1951

Sunset
April 16, 2023



Friday, May 12, 2023

Family Hour: 10:30 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

*From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

Diane Judge, affectionately known as “Big D”, was born on December 25, 1951, in Goldsboro, North Carolina to the late Richard and Dorothy Crawford. She was their fifth child.

Diane graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1970. After high school Diane moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, and met and married Larry Robinson. From this union they had one daughter, Lakeyser D. Robinson. Diane and Lakeyser moved to Merced, California for a little while then moved to Camp Springs, Maryland where she lived ever since. In October of 1988, Diane met and married Maurice Judge.

In 1994 she dedicated her life to Christ at The Church of the Great Commission. Diane joined From the Heart Church Ministries® in 2014 and served in the Missions Ministry.

Diane had many jobs which she loved. She was a cook at the Navy Chow Hall located on Andrews Air Force Base and she was a host at other fast-food restaurants. Her favorite job was working at a Roy Rogers restaurant close to her home. She loved cooking, being around and meeting new people. She retired from the food service industry in 2000 after being diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. After walking through the doors of Walter Reed Medical Center to receive her chemotherapy treatments, Diane completed chemotherapy with a smile on her face. Diane was not afraid. One of the things she participated in during her health challenge was the “More Than Conquerors Cancer Recovery Group” at her home church, From the Heart Church Ministries®. Diane fought the fight three times and each time she did a better job than before. She knew that once it was her time to go, she was going to heaven. On April 16, 2023, she departed this life and went home to be with the Lord.

Diane was a very straight forward person who spoke her mind and would tell you like it is. She would speak to any and everyone, oftentimes saying, “you better act like you know!” Every time she walked into any building; she would light up the room with her smile.

Diane loved Marvin Gaye and The Isley Brothers. But what she loved the most was being a mother and a grandmother. Diane loved spending time with her daughter, Lakeyser and her granddaughter, Tyese. Her nicknames for them were Kee and Tyeddy. She would often fire and rehire them as her secretaries when she needed things done. Diane and Lakeyser loved watching soap operas and reality TV together. She also loved hitting the road and traveling with her sisters. Not only did she love traveling, but she also loved cooking. She would make the best potato salad and chicken salad you’ve ever had in your life. She was a mother and grandmother figure to many.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful memories, her husband Maurice Judge; her wonderful daughter Lakeyser Robinson; granddaughter, Tyese Cox; sisters, Regina Hemby, Selina Johnson, and Shirley Jones; brother, Linwood “Earl” Crawford; in-laws, Dianna Judge, Wanda Armstrong, Baxter Judge, Jerome Judge and Rochelle Collins; her dog, Lady; and a host of nieces, nephews and close family and friends.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Dorothy Crawford; brothers, Dwight Crawford, Jerome Ragland, and Jimmy Crawford; nephews, Clifford “Deyon” Johnson, Jayquan Crawford, Shon Ragland; and her niece Tonya Johnson.

“Be like God”- Diane

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 121
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Kemiyah Williams, Family Friend
Deborah Wilmore-Stewart, Family Friend
Tyese Cox, Granddaughter*

Poem *Ms. Kemiyah Williams*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Bonnie Rampersaud*

Call to Christ

Committal

Recessional

Family Sentiments

A Motherless Child I Will Never Be

By: Ja'Net Poree-Georgeon

*My Mother is a grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, friend and wife.
That's not where her story ends.
She will love forever through me and mine.
Initially I know I will be fine.
My strength will come.
Diane taught me to never break.
Being here without her my heart just can't take.
Grateful to know her suffering is no more.
Also acknowledging I would give my all to see her walk through my
Door, go to the store, or anything else requested of me.
A motherless child I refuse to be.
So, I just let all the great moments with you live in me.
I can see it now, dialing your number when I have news to share.
You are so vital that my brain and heart will think you are still here.
Oddly enough I get comfort from that.
I'm not ready to accept the fact.
My angel on earth was called home.
I've been blessed to have you this long.
You not being here just seems wrong.
So you can live in me.
The type of mother you are.
A motherless child I'll never ever be ...*

From your daughter, Kee

Grandma Dee,

Dear God, could you do me a favor and tell my grandma this. I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

With love, Kemiya

*It's so hard to say goodbye to her. But I know, **she'll always be with us.** I will remember how it felt to laugh with her and be loved by her and the many days she prayed for me. I was blessed enough to have her as my sister for 45 years and I know those memories will bring comfort to me for a lifetime.*

Love your sister,

Sharon King

My Aunt Diane was the life of the room every time I was around her. She was the type to always encourage a person to do what they wanted and be happy. I'll miss her smile, her vibrant attitude and passion for life. I'm glad she is at peace now and looking over us in the heavenly skies.

Jermaine



Family Sentiments

You were more than a mother and grandmother; you were a matriarch who created a legacy of leadership and courage. That legacy will never end.

Kee & Tyeddy

Mrs. Judge you will always have a special place in my heart. You are the most encouraging person I ever met, and I thank God for our friendship and time we spent together. I miss you and love you so very much! THANK YOU! Love always, Mrs. Sandra Williams aka "Hollywood" the name you gave me! Rest my sister until we meet again.

Mrs. Judge,

There is so much I can say about you. I have known you for many, many, many years. You brought so much joy and sunshine to a room and everyone around you. We are not blood related, but you were my Big Sister! You were there for me in times of need and in time of celebration. I will always remember you. You are gone from my sight, but never from my heart! You are my WARRIOR and GUARDIAN ANGEL! Thank you all for sharing Mrs. Judge with me!

In Mrs. Judge's voice" YOU BETTER ACT LIKE YOU KNOW!" I love you and will miss you...

Your Lil' Pink Sister,

Yvonne D. Jones

Diane,

I know that you are in heaven. I will always love you and miss you.

Maurice Judge

We love you, Diane!! You will be greatly missed! Till we meet again.

Sandra, Deborah, Shelly

Big D/My Di,

You were like a second mother to me. You always called to check on Keith and I and make sure we were good. You welcomed me from day one when I met Kee in High School. You ALWAYS made me feel like family. There are sooooo many memories. You always had me laughing with the stories you would tell me when we talked. You became a friend to my mom and that was so beautiful. You will truly be missed! I'm going to "Act like I know!!!" Love you Di!!

Crystal & Keith

You are truly missed Grandma D. "The beauty of Ms. D is seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides."

The Carter Family

A Much-Loved Auntie (author unknown)- The day that God called your name it broke my heart in two. But Heaven needed an Angel and the one he picked was you. I just wish he could have waited and let you stay with me. But you have left memories in my heart and that's where they'll always be. I just wish I could rewind the clock or make it turn real slow. I could have hugged you one more time before you had to go. No matter how much time will pass, I'll miss you every day. Keep shining bright in Heaven so you can light my way.

Nina Crawford

I'm going to miss your voice and your laugh, and I wish I had been better at spending time with you and speaking with you, regularly. You will forever be missed, but never forgotten, my Auntie D. I love you.

Rico

Thank you for all the good memories you gave me. I love you!

Marcus





Congregational Hymn

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Amen

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today. Love, the family.

Services Entrusted to:

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