

The Homegoing Celebration for

Diane C. Goodwyn

Sunrise:

October 24, 1954

Sunset:

September 30, 2023



Friday, October 13, 2023

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®

4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Obituary

Diane Carol Goodwyn was born on October 24, 1954, in Washington, D.C., to the late Frank and Alma Goodwyn. She went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on September 30, 2023.

Diane was a loving mother, sister, aunt, and devoted member of her community. She had a fulfilling career as a paralegal with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for 51 years since 1972. Her dedication and commitment to her work will always be remembered.

In 2001, Diane joined From the Heart Church Ministries® and served in the Bookstore Ministry for many years. The woman of God found solace and strength in her faith; and From the Heart was a place where she could worship and find peace.

Outside of work and worship, Diane had a passion for real estate and was an avid member of a book club. She loved immersing herself in the world of literature and sharing her thoughts and ideas with fellow book enthusiasts. Additionally, she had a great love for plants; they occupied lots of space in her home.

Diane will be remembered as a great mom, always helpful and kind, and someone who had a deep love for books. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Diane leaves to cherish her memory her son, Walter Jerome Ruth; siblings: Ora Mae Griffin, Clara Claybrooks, Joyce Ann Lee, Reginald Goodwyn, Larry Goodwyn, Michael Goodwyn, Deborah Ann Fonville (James), and Tawanna Denise Goodwyn; many other family members, friends, and co-workers.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Alma Goodwyn; and brothers, Cleveland Brown and Ronald Goodwyn.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Proverbs 3:5-7
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Ms. Deloris Williams, U CAN-CER VIVE Foundation
Mrs. Patrice Calderon, Niece
Ms. Christina Lee, Niece*

Obituary (Read Aloud) *Ms. Kimberly Griffin*

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Vance Page*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:
*Fort Lincoln Cemetery
8401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Maryland 20722*





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

In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too.
We think of you in silence, We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories, And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.

I'm Free

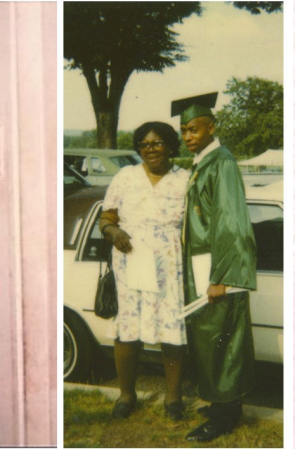
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with membered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me...
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

-Anonymous

Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom – filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little – But not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone. It's all a part of Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me – But Let me Go!









Acknowledgment

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

Love, the family.

Special Acknowledgments

We, the family of Diane Goodwyn, thank you Joyce Page, and sincerely appreciate your kindness to our beloved Diane. You were known to Diane as the coffee lady with the gentle hands, who gave her relaxing foot massages. Diane enjoyed your conversations with her; you are blessed, and a blessing.

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for you.

We would also like to thank From the Heart Church Ministries for the loving kindness they have shown to our family.

Pallbearers

*Charles Ashton, Cleveland Maurice Claybrooks, Ronald Goodwyn, Kenneth Lee,
Eric Overton and Raymond Darnell Overton*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude in Diane Goodwyn's name.

Services Entrusted to:

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home

3910 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746

