

Order of Worship

Musical Prelude - Jamika Cross

The Processional - Clergy and Family

A Final Glimpse 'til Glory - C.A. Dixon III & Sons Staff

Crowning - Darnisa & Darnell, Jr. Williams & Family

Selection - Jamika Cross

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old & New Testament - Appointee

Prayer of Comfort - Appointee

Honorary Musical Solo - Cynthia Clemson

Resolutions - Appointee

Praise Dance - J & D Anointed Ministry

Appointed Expressions of Love

Only Two Minutes Please!

As a Niece - Nickie Cross

As a First Cousin - Joyce Hill

As a Friend - Lilly Owens

As a Niece - April Butler

As a Co-worker

Kem Mitchell | Candy Mack and
Mr. & Mrs. James Womack (Angela)



Poem - "A Poem for Darlene" by: Lillian Cross

Selection - Cross Cousins' Choir

Eulogy - Rev. Carl Gillum, Sr.

Fresh Start Community Church

Funeral Directors In Charge

The Recessional - Clergy, Family, and Friends

The closing chapter to this servant's life's journey, must say,
"That Darlene led a lively, giving, helpful, blessed, and fun-loving
life. She loved her two children, her family, her friends, Houston, and
anyone she came in contact with. A helping hand, she was always willing
to give." She loved God, and she prepared for God's plan. This is her loving
journey. She amazingly lived. God knows, our Darlene (Doll), (Ms. Sukie,
will be missed, beyond words. "Thank you, Darlene Cross-Williams for the
beauty of your life, the many, many memories you shared, and left behind,
your unconditional love, and the loyalty you brought into all our world."
You will remain in our hearts, forevermore. We will always love you, until
the rainbow burns the stars out of the sky. Always!!

The Active Bearers of the Bier

Lead Pallbearer: Darnell Williams, Jr.

Maurice Cross
Bryan Davis
Roderick Kelley

Reginald Cross
Shedrick Harris
Demetrius Clark

The Honorary Pallbearers

Alphonse Cross
Charles Cross
Waufield Kelley, Jr.
Charles Cross, Sr.
Derrick Earthly
Reginald Cross

Ronald Cross
Kenneth Cross
Ronald Kelley
Adell Cross, Jr.
Damien Earthly

Our Sincerest Gratitude

Words of thanks seem so inadequate, for all the kindness, of love and support, that has been bestowed upon our family. We thank you, for the encouraging visits, the comforting calls, texts, the Facebook comments/post, the lovely cards, the beautiful floral arrangements, the food, and the sincere words of solace. We are finding strength, in knowing, that Earth has no sorrow, that heaven cannot heal. Please continue to pray for us, and know, that we are always in prayer for God's richest blessings, for each of you, as well.

Special Thanks: We can never say thank you enough to the medical staff, doctors, nurses, social workers, and chaplains at the Medical City Arlington Hospital. May God continue to bless you for your compassionate care. Special thanks to Word of Deliverance Spirit of Praise Church, "The Best Church this side of Heaven," Diane Cross-Coleman, Ron Kelley, and their families, and to all the parties mentioned in this program. Also, a final thanks to the C.A. Dixon & Sons Funeral Home for their services. Please continue to lift us up in prayer.

~ The Family ~

And She Shall Rest at

Date: May 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive | Houston, Texas 77038

Repast

Please join the family for dinner immediately after service. Here at church, we are still following CDC Guidelines, due to COVID-19. Therefore, all foods, and drinks will be taken with you, in a carry-out container. Thanks for your support, in this matter.



A Celebration of Life Honoring



Darlene Cross-Williams

"Therefore, you now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." John 16:22

Our Gift

August 30, 1952

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant "

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Viewing 9:00-10:45 AM

Services 11:00 AM

Word of Deliverance Spirit of Praise Church

5823 Mohawk Street
Houston, Texas 77016

Associate Pastor, Valton Milton, Officiating

God's Gift
May 9, 2021

Her Loving Journey

The sun rose, on the life of beautiful baby girl, Darlene Cross-Williams, on August 30, 1952. She was the first child, of two, born to Victoria Cross, and Waufield Kelley. She enjoyed a beautiful, and loving childhood; in the Houston's Historic Sunnyside Area. She attended, and graduated from Worthing Senior High School; where she was a majorette, in the Marching 100 Band.

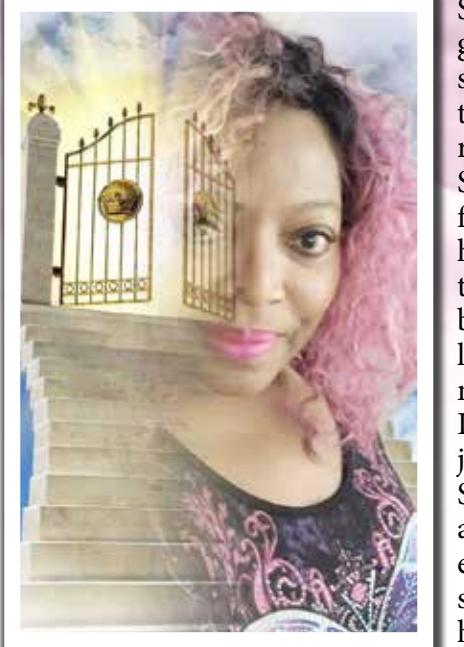
Darlene was reared mainly by her loving mother, Victoria. She also, received ample love, and guardian support from her (late) grandmother, Mable Cross, and her twelve (12) children. They were all part of her loving village, and helped to influence her life. They taught her about the joy of serving the Lord. She surrendered her life to Christ, at the early age of 12. She grew spiritually, at the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church; under the leadership, of Pastor E.S. Branch. Then, she continued her spiritual growth, worshipping in areas, where she resided.

As Darlene flourished into womanhood, she left her footprints on many people's lives. She married Darnell Williams Sr., December 31, 1970. To this union were born, two beautifully, and blessed children Darnisa, and Darnell, Jr. Shortly afterwards, they both relocated to San Antonio, Texas, where he served in the Air Force. Her career also launched in San Antonio, Texas. She worked as a manager, for 19 years, at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Later, she relocated to Dallas, Texas, and worked for American Airlines, for 27 years. She was a dedicated employee, working in the Resolution and Executive Platinum Department. She truly, and faithfully enjoyed working for the company, and with her co-workers. They were like each other's skin, until her demise, on Mother's Day.

The integrity of being a great woman was instilled in Darlene, throughout her life. Therefore, she embodied all the qualities of a great Godly woman, and an amazing mother. She was intelligent, wise, loving, caring, patience, kindhearted, compassionate, hilarious, and extremely generous to those in need. She was also a strong woman, a true fighter, and a Cancer Survivor. She faced, and endured the challenges of Breast Cancer, and Knee Surgery. But, through God's grace, she was able to overcome, and continue on, with strength. She loved her children, endlessly. But, she didn't stop there. She also loved, and shared equally love, to each, and every one of her family members, and her friends, alike.

She was abundantly blessed. So in return, she blessed others. Her heart in terms, measured even more valuable than platinum, gold, and silver. Therefore, everyone was awarded their own, "Special Darlene's Story, and Experience." She indeed had a special relationship, and special bond with each, and everyone, individually. She was an amazingly beautiful lady, with an unforgettably, unique, and jubilant personality, plus some. She always kept a smile, on her face. She had such a beautiful bubbly spirit, and enjoyed talking, "Non-Stop."

Darlene loved to travel immensely, and she indeed traveled. She flew all over the world, at home, and abroad with American Airlines, the



Silver Eagle. People would literally get on her Facebook page, just to see where Darlene's destination of travel was next. She also loved to read, dance, party, and socialize. She was an incredible cook, known for her delicious meals, and warm hospitality. Darlene was so full of life, that she celebrated life in general, all by itself. She lived her life, and her life lived her. She even gave a new meaning to the term, "Living Your Life To The Fullest!" She celebrated just meeting people, for the first time. So, she would personalize a song, a cheer, or a dance fittingly, and especially for them. She never met a stranger. She even celebrated every holiday, with a full theme, and the dress-up costumes to coincide. She

brought her own personalized, special, and unique style to any occasion. Honestly, you probabaly will never, ever meet anyone, in this world, as uniquely loved, and as distinct as Darlene.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021, God dismissed a "Guardian Angel" to summon Darlene Cross- Williams from labor, to reward. She slipped quietly away, into the arms of Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darnell Williams, Sr., her mother, Victoria Cross, her brothers: Charles Edward Cross, and Raymond Kelley.

She leaves in God's care, to cherish her legacy of a well spent life, her two children, Darnisa, and Darnell Williams, Jr.; father, Waufield Kelley Sr., four siblings,Waufield Kelley, Jr., Debra Kelley, (Bernard), Ronald Keley; Diana Moore; two god daughters, Mykira Sullivan, and Journee Green, all her fabulous first cousins; uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives; her BFF's, Alberta Dumas, and Sylvia Butler; other special friends, co-workers and many other people near, dear, and afar.

