



## Ms. Deborah A. Whitley

August 27, 1959 - November 27, 2021

### Obituary

Deborah Ann Whitley “Debbie” was born to the union of Flennord D. Smith and Barbara J. Whitley on August 27, 1959 in Kansas City, Missouri.

She attended King Elementary, King Middle School, & Lincoln High School in the Kansas City Missouri School District. She loved to cook and always hosted dinners at her house to feed her entire family.

She worked at various jobs as a cook, St. Paul’s School of Theology, Palestine Senior Activity Center, & Benilde Hall just to name a few. She had a love for her family, and always tried to find ways to bring them together. If you stopped by, she would offer you something to eat, or give you clothes out of her closet.

Debbie loved to shop; she had so many clothes, shoes, & jewelry that she could have opened a department store! One thing that she did not miss, was her nail salon appointments, she would get her nails and toes done on a regular basis, always adding fancy designs. Debbie was truly loved, and will be missed by many.

Debbie was preceded in death by her son, Derrick R. Whitley “Mikey Doo”, mother, Barbara J. Whitley, maternal grandparents, John C. Whitley, Ida M.

Patterson, & Oscar Patterson, paternal grandparents Edward Smith, & Glendine M. Smith, two brothers, Wallace D. Whitley "Bull" and Ronald E. Whitley "Fats" , one sister, Ida M. Whitley "Shinky", & niece, My'Isha Whitley.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one son, Antonio D. Whitley Sr. (Ivory), one daughter, Nadia L. Whitley, six grandchildren, Antoniesha Hickman, DelShawn Maxberry, Delvon Whitley, D'Jhea Whitley, Derriona Whitley, & Antonio Whitley Jr. eight great grandchildren, Khloee Burch, Khai Burch, Sh'Nhya Whitley-Smith, Delvon Whitley Jr., Zy'Auna Whitley-Smith, Navy Whitley, Blu Whitley-Smith, & LaZuli Whitley. five brothers, Larry E. Whitley, Flennord D. Whitley, Parrish Smith-Whitley, Pastor Bruce S. Whitley (Bobbie), & Marcus L. Whitley, and three sisters, Tammara J. Whitley, Glenda F. Whitley, & Co- Pastor Kimberly G. Rucker (Larry) and a special friends, Mary Gaston and Angela Beverly, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11:00am at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Private disposition. Visitation will be from 9am-11am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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in memory of Ms. Deborah A. Whitley, please visit our floral store.

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