



Mrs. Debra A. Smith Paul

February 4, 1953 - November 1, 2021

Obituary

Debra Ann Smith Paul, 68, was born on February 4, 1953 to the union of Leon Gates, Sr. and Ruby Virginia Walker in Kansas City, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Twana Smith, three brothers, Louis Smith, Anthony Dewayne Johnson, and Leon "Butch" Gates, Jr. and four sisters, Demetria Morgan, Darlene Morgan, Demetia Morgan and Delores Brown Morgan.

Debra was affectionately known as Debbie was educated in the Kansas City Public Schools, she later went to Manual Career Tech Center receiving her CNA certification.

Debbie was united in marriage to James Smith and to this union four children were born, Twana Smith, Telina French, Tyrone Smith, Sr. and Terry Smith, Sr. The marriage was dissolved and she later united in marriage to Kenneth B. Paul, Jr., January 25, 1996. The two just recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

Debbie accepted Christ thirty seven years ago and was baptized. She

attended the Whole Truth House of Prayer. She was employed with Favorite Nursing for twenty years until she retired.

Debbie departed this life on Monday, November 1, 2021 at Providence Medical Center.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Kenneth B. Paul, Jr.; her children, Telina French, Tyrone Smith, Sr. and Terry Smith, Sr.; daughter/niece, Shanise Morgan; six siblings, Donna Dudley, Dorothy Morgan, David Morgan, Denice Gamel and Dehanna Clark, all of Kansas City, MO; Sharon Woods, Detroit, MI; love of her life, ten grandchildren, Darrell French, Derek French, Darlene French, Danielle French, Tyrone Smith, Jr., Jeremy Smith, Terry Smith, Jr., Aiden Alkire, Jerica Smith and Azaria Alkire; fifteen great grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11:00am at New Rising Star MBC. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. 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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