



## Ms. Debra M. Howard

May 22, 1959 - December 7, 2025

Debra Marie Howard was born on May 22, 1959, to the union of Mary Lee Howard (Creamer) and Louis Howard in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Debra received her formal education within Milwaukee Public Schools, graduating from Washington High School.

She furthered her education at Milwaukee Area Technical College to pursue a career in childcare development.

Debra had many talents and loved children. She was employed by daycare services for children for over 20 years. In her leisure, she loved to garden in her backyard and go fishing and camping with her family.

Debra loved family gatherings and was so fun to be around.

Debra Marie Howard departed this life in peace, at home, on December 7, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her: mother, Mary Howard; father, Lewis Howard Sr.; and 4

brothers, Lewis Howard Jr., Clarence Howard, Raymond Howard, and Jeffery Jerald Howard.

She leaves to cherish her memory: partner of 40 years, Jerry Watkins Sr.; children, Dean

Howard, Jerry Watkins Jr., and Shamik Watkins; 5 siblings, Mary Howard, Marion Howard,

Jeanette Williams (Devani), Zandrea Howard, and Dale Howard; 3 grandchildren, Dasia

Watkins, Malayah Watkins, and Samayah Watkins; and a host of cousins,  
nieces, nephews,  
and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel - Milwaukee  
6630 W. Hampton Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53218  
(414) 462-6020  
[northwestfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northwestfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

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“ Turner family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Debra M. Howard.

Turner family - December 22, 2025 at 08:10 AM

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“ Turner family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Debra M. Howard.



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“ My mother was my best friend . I don't know how I'm going to get thru the rest of this life but I pray that you continue to protect me . Love you momma

shamik watkins - December 15, 2025 at 10:24 AM