



Mrs. Delores Gwendolyn Parr

January 7, 1948 - November 23, 2018

She was born Delores Gwendolyn Hooks, January 7th 1948, In Jasper Alabama. The first of 5 children born to Nathaniel Hooks and Emma Lou Hooks. Very shortly after her birth, Nathaniel and Emma Lou made their way North, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by way of Chicago, Illinois. In Milwaukee they established roots and went on to add Marcus, Jack, Nadean, and Terry to their loving brood. Delores stepped into her role as "Big Sister" and never ever left it. She loved all her brothers and sister dearly. Delores, who was most affectionately called "Dee", was a devout Christian. raised catholic. She accepted Christ as her Savior, and absolutely loved the Lord. Delores attended 4th Street Elementary and St. Benedict the Moor Junior High & High School, graduating in 1964. Delores went on to college at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Although she had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and a strong commitment to higher learning, she only completed her freshman year at that time soon finding herself back home in Milwaukee. at the age of 17 she was thrust into a career position at Northwestern Mutual

Life Insurance Company. She developed a diligent work ethic gained some lifetime friends and bought her first car a Red Pontiac Convertible.

That convertible took her away from her parents' home to create her own life, and eventually transported her into the arms of her future husband, Melvin Parr. Meeting through Melvin's cousin Adolphus in 1965 was the beginning of their life together. After almost 6 years of courtship and the birth of their first son Eric, Delores Gwendolyn Hooks wed Melvin Louis Parr on December 8th, 1974. Five years later came the birth of their second son, Melvin Parr Jr.

In the midst of life and trials happiness and struggles, Delores found the time to accomplish so much. She worked 20 plus years with Milwaukee County before retiring. She was a natural entrepreneur. Managing two bar businesses and realizing her lifetime dream of opening her own boutique, Big Legs and Pretty Things. In addition to her entrepreneurial endeavors, she also went back to school. In 1996 she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree

from Alverno College and went on to receive her Masters from Cardinal Stritch University Delores sat on the boards of many community and non-profit organizations always willing to give of herself.

Delores was so loving, caring, and rich with character, if you met her once. you weren't t soon to forget her. She always left a lasting impression on people

wherever she went So intelligent and willing to help whoever, however. She was always there for family and friends loving unconditionally and fully. She never liked to do anything halfway, always thorough, always Classy. always learning and teaching and showing and participating. Delores could help you understand the lesson in any situation or circumstance. A Prayer she used to say: Father - Please allow our trials to shape us, not break us. Help us to emerge stronger, wiser, and more reticent - In Jesus name!!!

Delores departed this life November 23rd 2018. She was preceded in death by both parents. Nathaniel In 1995, and Emma Lou just 1 month and 10 short days before Delores' own homegoing.

Delores is survived by her devoted Husband Melvin Louis Parr Sr. (who she so

lovingly called M.L.; her Sons Eric Parr, Melvin Jr. (Sonya) Parr, Bobby Parr, and Devery (Shonietta) Travers; her Daughters Carmen (Robert) Darnes and Zitelka Raye Parr, Special Daughters LaTasha McKennis. Teresa Butler and Yata Naigow: her Grandchildren Mariah, Little Ricky, Amaya, Imani, Meliya, Orlando, Lauren. Alexia, Whitney, Britney, Shantel, Xavier, Jarvis, John, Jordan, CaVon and Ci'Andra (Ci Ci Sparkles); many Great Grandchildren; her two narnesakes/nieces Gwendolyn Marie Hooks and TaSonia Delores Hooks-Hendrix; a host of Nieces, Nephews, COUSinS, Aunts, and Uncles; her loving Sister-Wifey Manon Wardell; her Brothers; Marcus, Jack, and Terry: and her Best Friend & Sister Nadean Hooks.

Delores will also be missed by a host of other relatives and friends that should be mentioned, all of whose lives have been touched by her in one way or another.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Restoration Christian Church
11248 W. Mill Rd
Milwaukee, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Melvin, When I say that I truly know what you are going through, "I know what you are going through". i also know that it does get better with time. Just how two old Hayti boys could deserve such beautiful companions is beyond me. Maybe there is a good streak in us somewhere. Dee was such a good person. did you ever think that maybe god wants some good people too? Let's just be thankful for the time we had such beautiful wives in our lives. If you need to get away I would love to have you come and visit with me and we could maybe visit Macon in Yuma, Arizona. My number is 623 544 9110. that number is available to you 24/7/365. Albert Mosley, Jr. 16169 w. Ironwood st. Surprise, AZ.

albert mosley jr - November 30, 2018 at 02:54 PM

AM

“ We will cherish the memories of Dee and her love for Connecting the members of the Hooks family. Let's pay tribute to Dee's legacy by continuing to connect even more especially in 2019 in Atlanta. Think about it...if we don't connect the family members under the age of 50,very few will know each other. Thank you Dee for being a connector!

Angela Moore - November 29, 2018 at 10:37 AM

MJ

“ I was a fool to take our time together for granted! I just knew that I would have you in my life forever. I know I know that would never be possible but the thought of you leaving me “pooterdune” so soon never crossed my mind. I regret not taking enough pictures with you, spending more time with you, talking to you more, gaining more knowledge from you, getting more kisses, more hugs, more time with my mommy! You are the smartest most brilliant, most beautiful person inside & out. Losing you is absolutely the hardest thing I think I will ever have to deal with. I am in disbelief, I cannot believe you left me here. I know you thought that I would be strong enough to handle it but mommy this is hard! I’ve been crying everyday & you know I’m not a cryer! For you I am going to take care of daddy & make sure he’s good but sometimes I need you to intervene in anyway you can from up there. I’m gonna try my best to keep Ricky on the straight & narrow & again I’m REALLY gonna need you to help me a little with that. I’m going to make sure your grand babies do what you wanted! College then success! But I honestly think I can do this because you’ve instilled in me so many things! All my life you’ve dropped jewels on me! Thank you! Man Ma this hurts so bad! I miss you so much!!!!!! I’m crying now just writing this! So I’m gonna stop but this won’t be the last! Please visit me in my dreams!! I love you so much mommy!! Sweet dreams!! Later!!

melvin I parr jr. - November 28, 2018 at 09:23 PM

DH

Make memories always with your love ones.

Delores Dee Hervey - November 29, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Delores Gwendolyn Parr.*



November 28, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ *Constance Whire lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delores Gwendolyn Parr*



Constance Whire - November 27, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *My friend, we met at 4th st Elementary school way back when and became reacquainted in the past few years, not only reacquainted but best friends. Shortly after my husband passed you gave me a poster you had made with his and my picture on it and a beautiful poem...and I love the "lady in red" statute you gave me for my bday...you said " this is you"...I appreciated the attention you gave to my great grandson DJ Delores, you were so considerate and caring to everyone around you
..you will be missed Delores, I love you my friend. My sincere condolences and prayers to Mel and the rest of the family. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy*

Beverly Lewis Moses - November 27, 2018 at 08:28 PM

MH

“ Auntie,
We always had great conversation even when we were not speaking words. Just by looking into your eyes I understood when you needed my assistance, a hug, or for me to tell a corny joke. It was your heartwarming support that always reminded me how special your farther Nathaniel was and how your father was the cornerstone of the Hooks family. Auntie, I am truly going to miss how your laughter and smiles as I did things that allowed you to Reminisce on his life. Now we the Hooks-Parr family reminisce over you. Who’s going to call me HBO, or tell Dee Dee to tell me to shut-up. Our time together was extremely short, but I will cherish your memory. Me and DeeDee heard your wishes Auntie.

We know your rejoining being Reunited with your love ones.

Warmest Sympathies,

Maurice Hendrix AKA HBO!

Maurice Hendrix - November 27, 2018 at 05:32 PM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson-Jones lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Delores Gwendolyn Parr



Cathy Wilson-Jones - November 27, 2018 at 01:05 PM

TH

“ *AuntyMa I will miss your words of wisdom, sarcasm, love, support and encouragement. This one really hurts. I love you forever!*

TaSonia Delores....Dee-Dee

TaSonia Hooks Hendrix - November 27, 2018 at 11:39 AM

MW

“ *Marilynn Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delores Gwendolyn Parr*



Marilynn Ward - November 26, 2018 at 01:08 PM