



Debra Blowe McCray

April 23, 1954 - March 18, 2017

Debra Blowe McCray (Debbie Faye), age 62, entered into peaceful rest on March 18, 2017 at her residence. Debra was a native of Brewton, AL and was a longtime resident of Tallahassee. She graduated from Deerfield Beach High School in 1972. After high school, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Bethune-Cookman College in 1976. Later, she received a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. Finally, she was All But Dissertation (A.B.D.) while working on her doctorate in Higher Education at the Florida State University.

Debra began her professional career in Guidance and Counseling at Broward College, then spent several successful years at Palm Beach State College on the Eissey Campus, and subsequently retired after sixteen years of distinguished service from Tallahassee Community College. While at T.C.C., Debra received numerous honors and awards, including but not limited to, the N.A.A.C.P. Black Achievers Award, Advisor of the Year for the Florida African-American Student Association, Inc., as well as the President's Award. She retired from Tallahassee Community College in 2007, where she was a Counselor and Coordinator of the Dual Enrollment Program in Gadsden County. Debra was especially beloved by members of the Gadsden County School Board, students, and community at-large.

Debra was a faithful member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and a

member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Survivors include: Dr. April McCray (daughter), William "Conrad" McCray (son), Azia and Irihanna April McCray (granddaughters), Anne Blowe (mother), Bettye Perry (cherished aunt), William Earl Blowe (brother) and a host of other family and friends. The family will receive guests Monday, March 27, 2017 (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) at Bevis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2017 (12:00 p.m.) at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, with entombment to follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tallahassee Community College Foundation, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304 to the Debra McCray Memorial Scholarship Fund. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
224 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL

Tribute Wall

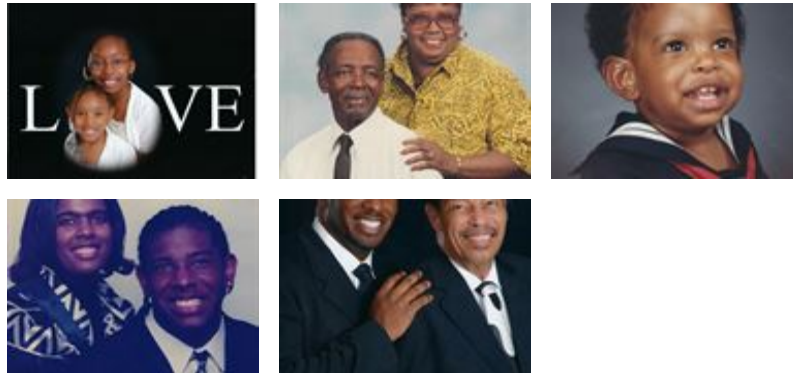


“ I am heart broken to hear of Debra Death. I attended Bethune-Colman University with her and I was one of her roommates. We also pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Inc. together. She was a great individual. I remember her as a hard working person who loved her life and her family and friends. She will forever live in my heart and memories. My condolences to her family and just know " Earth has no sorrows, that Heaven can not heal.

Gwen Hunter - October 18, 2017 at 01:02 PM



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Bevis Funeral Home - March 24, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ April & Conrad,

I am sorry to hear that a friend and colleague for 16 years has passed. I know you both loved your Mom very much, I hope you have plenty of support during this difficult time.

Terry Cox

Terry Cox - March 23, 2017 at 04:21 PM

DA

Dear Conrad and April, I am deeply saddened by your mom's passing. She was an energetic and passionate advocate for students and a consummate professional at all times. I pray God's arms provide comfort and strength to you and the love of family and friends enfold you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Debra Austin

Dr. Debra Austin - March 23, 2017 at 08:55 PM

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*Brother Conrad and the McCray Family,
You our most sincere and deepest sympathies on the passing of your mother. I never met her, but you are evidence that she was an exceptional mother and person, her works are evidence in the person that you are. God bless you and know that God's love will see you through this time along with the love and care of all of us who are praying for you.*

Sincerely Alice Mathis and Family

Alice Mathis - March 27, 2017 at 03:40 PM

MJ

Dear April and Conrad,

I am saddened about the passing of your mother and I am so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing woman and was always so supportive! She raised two phenomenal children. She will be profoundly missed. You and your family are in my heart and mind.

My deepest condolences,

Monique M. Jones

Monique Jones - March 28, 2017 at 12:51 AM

SR

So sorry for you loss, talked to your Mom, when I was at Ms.Bettye's house, Sweet lady.

Sharon Reeves - April 02, 2017 at 08:04 PM