

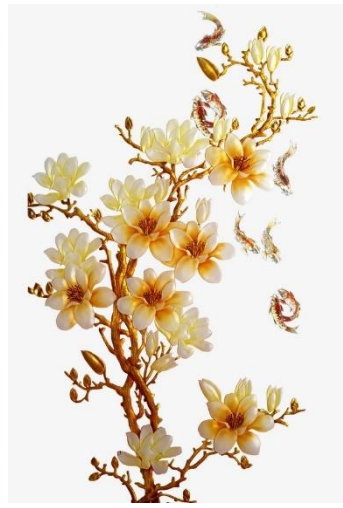
Remembering the Life of Ms. Deborah Keaton

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,
one of the finest this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind,
these are the memories he leaves behind...*

Ms. Deborah Elaine Keaton, affectionately called “Debbie”, was born in Iredell County on May 13, 1961, and was the daughter of the late Mary Keaton Black. She departed this life on Wednesday April 1, 2020, at her home.

She was a 1979 graduate of Statesville High School and attended Mitchell Community College. At one time, she was employed by J. C. Penny as a Jewelry Department as a Supervisor. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her sister, Carolyn Smyre Jones; a brother, Clinton Mills, Jr.; a grandson, Taizel Whren.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her son, Taj Dujuan (Ebony) Keaton of Statesville; her daughter, Latieka Smith of Statesville; two brothers, Larry (Valerie) Keaton of Troutman and Jerry Kimbrough of Greensboro; three sisters, Diane (James) Millsaps of Harrisburg, Pa., Margaret (Charles) Neal and Judy Chambers, both of Statesville; grandchildren, Qualin Keaton, Tyja Green, Enani Greenm Zykere Turner, Chanon Imes, Tylin Keaton, Jaunyae Smith, Jhazyah Smith and Jamiyah Smith; a godson, Jordan Fowler; two sisters, Shon Murdock and Shontay Nicole Simpson; a special son, James Kinney; a special daughter, Miracle Brown; of host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



**Wednesday, April 8, 2020
2:00 p.m.**
**Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina**
Apostle Carl D. Lykes, Sr., Officiating

The Order of Service

- The Processional
- The Invocation Bishop Aljamel Stephens
- The Selection Christ Cathedral Choir
- The Scriptures Reading: Minister Penny Stephens
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- The Prayer of Comfort Pastor B urrell Brooks
- The SoloSister Dyneka Glaspy
- The Obituary *(Read silently)*
- The Remarks *(Limit two minutes please)*
- The Poem
- The Commemorative Presentation The Funeral Director
- The Solo Sister Sharhondria Thomas
- The EulogyApostle Carl D. Lykes
- The Selection Christ Cathedral Choir
- The Committal
- The Recessional Selection

**At The Belmont Cemetery
Statesville, North Carolina**
*The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure*

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections, and fasten your seatbelts for safety.





A Celebration of Life for *Ms. Deborah Elaine Keaton*



With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Debbie and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

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