



Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly

September 17, 1963 - October 22, 2019

Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly, 56, formerly of Peoria, IL, took her rest at Sunrise Hospital, Las Vegas, NV, on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

A Native of Peoria, IL, Deangela was the youngest of 12 children, born September 17, 1963 to the late Florence I. Lilly & Albert B. Lilly a.k.a. "Bird Lilly". Affectionately known as "Dee Dee", Deangela & her family were one of the Taft Homes keystone families, where she developed lifelong relationships and a passion for the people in public housing. Dee Dee went on to pursue a career in Property Management, focusing on Lower Income Based Housing. Dee Dee began as a resident aid, learning the system & working her way through the ranks; property inspector to assistant manager, and finally full property manager. Anyone who knew her knows that Managing Public Housing was not just a career for her but a calling; one that took her from Peoria (having managed all 3 properties, included her own starting point Taft Homes), to Rockford, IL, Phoenix, AZ, & Finally Nashville, TN where she retired only due to health complications.

Dee's life, aside from her career, was defined by two other aspects, Her relationship with God & her Family. Dee Dee was raised Catholic at Saint Mary's Cathedral, but at age 15, she being nose-y, and found her way to a New Hope Tent Revival, where she personally met God. Her New Hope experience gave her a lasting esteem for God, one that was exemplified in how she treated people. Her last church family was The Spirit & Truth Believers Fellowship (STBF) in Nashville, TN, which she attended as able with

her son. And finally, her family; Being the baby of 12, with countless cousins, family was a very important factor for Dee Dee. Nothing brought her more joy than being with her siblings & cousins, close friends who were raised with her like siblings, and nieces & nephews who she revered as close as siblings. Dearest to her heart was her only biological child, Cameron Keith Walls, and Granddaughter Nevaeh Harris, whom she raised.

Preceding Her in death are Her Loving Parents, Florence & Albert "Bird" Lilly; Beloved Grandfather Jerry "Gramps" Wires; Brothers James "Jimmy" Lilly, Al "Jr." Lilly, & Darryl "Bingo" Lilly; and her Dearest Friends/Brother & Sisters: George Welch, Nettie, Lizzy, Barbara & Charlotte Lewis. Surviving are Her Son, Cameron Keith Walls, of Nashville, TN, Daughters, Nevaeh Harris & Shay Brown of Mesa, AZ; Longtime Companion Stevie Griffin of Chicago, IL; Siblings: Gerald (Helen) Lilly & Diane Lilly, of Nashville, TN, Dorene Nelson, Denise Lilly, and Darlene "Mary" Lilly, all of Las Vegas, NV; Dahline "Buck" Lilly, Debrina (Sylvester) Wilson, Darla Lilly, Doris Lilly, & Barbara Cagel-Welch, all of Peoria, IL; 4 additional grandchildren, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

Funeral services/A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at The Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral with a visitation at 9 a.m., where Bishop Timothy Criss is the pastor and Rev. Spencer Gibson will officiate. Deangela will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

Arrangements made with Simons Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Simons Mortuary - November 15, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly.*



November 14, 2019 at 08:47 PM

RS

“ *The Sargent family is so sorry for ur loss of the babygirl of the family. DeeDee was a sweet person. She gave me my first apartment in the Taft back in 91 and a dear friend of the family. My prayers are with Cameron and the remainder of the Lily family!*



Rhonda Sargent - November 14, 2019 at 06:33 PM

CW

“ *Darla and family so sorry to hear of Deangela's passing. I remembered her to be so sweet at the Catholic school. Gone too soon! God bless and comfort you all. In my prayers.*
Carla Walton Warr

carla warr - November 14, 2019 at 12:54 PM

YF

“ *Yvette Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Yvette Ferguson - November 14, 2019 at 12:06 PM

MW

“ *I went to St. Mary's & St. Pat's w/Denise & Debrina and know the loss of a sister. My condolences & prayers go out to the whole family. May god bless.*
Mary Weitzel

Mary E Weitzel - November 14, 2019 at 09:36 AM

AI

“ *Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Annette Irby - November 13, 2019 at 03:07 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Joanie Brown - November 13, 2019 at 12:17 AM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - November 11, 2019 at 09:37 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Mattie Risby - November 10, 2019 at 04:58 PM

LC

“ *LaVerne Clayborn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



LaVerne Clayborn - November 08, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sharing your sadness as you remember DeDe*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - November 08, 2019 at 12:06 PM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



DEBRINA SMITH - November 08, 2019 at 11:59 AM

EE

“ *Earl & Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly*



Earl & Essie Ellis - November 07, 2019 at 06:43 PM

TW

“ Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Theresa Walker - November 07, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Graves Mattie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Graves Mattie - November 07, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly.



November 05, 2019 at 10:02 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Kathy collins - November 05, 2019 at 09:15 PM

SW

“ Sending my Condolences to the Lilly family. I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God comfort you and may you find peace.

Sadie Willingham - November 05, 2019 at 09:04 PM

DH

“ SENDING MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE LILLY FAMILY, SO SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I KNOW DEANGELA WILL TRULY BE MISSED. MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL YOU GUYS. STAY PRAYERFUL AND LEAN ON EACH OTHER FOR STRENGHT. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED DIANE DOTSON-HERRON BLOOMINGTON, IL

DIANE D HERRON - November 05, 2019 at 03:03 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Karen Ashby - November 05, 2019 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ To the family very sorry for your loss. I went to Saint Pats grade school with Dee Dee and Butch. Dee Dee was a very strong determined militant true person RIP my friend you will never be forgotten.

Blake Sain and family

Blake Sain - November 05, 2019 at 06:07 AM

AL

“ Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Annette Lucy - November 05, 2019 at 05:23 AM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deangela "Dee Dee" Jo Lilly



Curtis Shumate - November 04, 2019 at 06:13 PM

PT

Our Prayers and thoughts are with Cameron and the family during your hour of bereavement. All our love.

Pamela Thomas - November 05, 2019 at 01:57 PM