



## Ms. Delores Ann Pruden

March 2, 1944 - August 14, 2022

Link for the Live-streaming for Ms. Pruden. Click here -> <https://youtu.be/uQGspFRV3I4>

Delores Ann Pruden was born to Onelia May Carter Pruden and Willie Artis Pruden in Washington, DC, on March 2, 1944. Her upbringing was filled with the love and devotion of a close-knit family, and this closeness remained a significant part of her life right until the end. She shared many fond memories from her early life on Seventh Street Northwest, where she tagged along with her elder sister Lillian and friends before the family moved to River Terrace, where they would remain for over seventy years. There, she and her sister Eunice (“Hope”) would build an extended family of friends and neighbors. Delores was as proud of her family as she was to be a native Washingtonian. Throughout her youth, Delores attended DC Public Schools, graduating from Eastern Senior High School before going on to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree from her beloved alma mater, Howard University. She went on to earn a Master of Social Work degree from the University of the District of Columbia. A commitment to education, a loving and devoted family, a community of loyal friends, as well as a supportive church, prepared her for a life of humility, success, and a rewarding career.

During high school, Delores began working for the Federal Government with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. While in college she worked for the Federal Communications Commission. She started her professional career at

the Department of Labor. She spent 45 years in steadfast commitment to excellence in her public service career. Delores tirelessly served at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Special Assistant to H.R. Crawford, the Assistant Secretary for Housing Management. Among other positions including Program Advisor to several Deputy Assistant Secretaries for the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs. Continuing as Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Insured Multifamily Housing Development. Lastly, Delores retired in 2010 as Director of Neighborhood Networks for the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs.

Delores first began worshipping at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church at the age of four years old and this church community continued to be a part of her extended village throughout her life. In adulthood, Delores went on to join the Usher Guild and to sit on the Trustee Board of FABC.

Delores will be fondly remembered for her generosity, her incredible network of beloved friends and colleagues, and her future-focused mind. She always knew she was going places, and she was willing to bring anyone along who wanted to join her on her journey. Delores touched the lives of people all over the globe, deliberately extending her reach and her network to support people and causes she held dear. Delores was an encourager, especially of young people, and was always willing to share advice and a good time with those she loved. In addition to her family, Delores dedicated her time and energy in service to her community. Among her many activities, leadership roles, and memberships, Delores was a Member of the Board of Directors of Project North Star; a Member of the Board of Directors of the Young Audiences Organization; a Commissioner for the DC Taxicab Commission; Secretary of the Howard University Alumni Association; and Vice President of the Howard University Alumni Club of Washington, DC. At the time of her death, Delores was an active member of the Board of the Bettye Bouey Yates Educational Foundation, of which she was a former Board Secretary and Vice President. In her spare time, Delores enjoyed traveling the world, especially to the Bahamas, United Arab Emirates, and South Africa; attending events to

support her favorite charities; and sharing a good meal with her friends and family. Delores knew how to have a good time and to share her joy with others.

On Sunday, August 14, 2022, Delores Ann Pruden transitioned into eternal rest with family close at hand. Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Wille A. Pruden, Onelia May Carter Pruden, and a sister, Lillian Ivey.

Cherishing her memory are a devoted sister, Eunice "Hope" Pruden; three nieces, Tracy Outlaw, Sherone Ivey, and Lory Ivey Alexander; a nephew Cameron Alexander; special friend, Harold Bradshaw; devoted mentee and friend, Janel Stephenson; and a beloved cousin Beatrice Johnson. Delores was lucky to have a close and dedicated extended family of cousins including Joan Johnson, Rhonda Fox (Michael), Gayle Thurston, Marilyn Carter Johnson, Andre Carter, Stanley Carter, and Ronald Carter and their families; Tyona Harris and her family; Tishaun Harris-Ugworji and her family; Joyce Carter Byrd, Tracy Carter and their family, and a host of other friends and relatives who will remember her for years to come. Her family extends to include childhood friends Annette Wilson, Aurelia Martin, and Gloria Quick-Alexander; and close friend Elaine Bourne Heath. Delores left a profound mark on so many lives that it is impossible to name everyone who will remember her fondly, but this list includes many dear friends and countless colleagues from all stages of her life, including her many close friends at Waterside Towers and HUD.

To honor Delores's legacy, we ask that donations be made to the Howard University Annual Fund or Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation at [BBYatesedufoundation.org](http://BBYatesedufoundation.org).

The Pruden family sincerely thanks you for the love and support shown during this time of bereavement.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Howard

University Annual Fund or [BBYatesedufoundation.org](http://BBYatesedufoundation.org).

Johnson & Jenkins observes CDC regulations for COVID-19 pandemic.

# Cemetery Details

## St.Paul Rock Creek Church Cemetery

Rock Creek Church Rd & Webster St NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
(202) 726-2080  
<http://www.acswebnetworks.com/stpaulsrockcreek/cemetery/article347762.htm>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 20.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida Avenue Baptist Church  
623 Florida Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 667-3409

*\* for parking will be available on Howard University Hospital lot.*

## Funeral service

**AUG 20.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Florida Avenue Baptist Church  
623 Florida Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 667-3409

*\* for parking will be available on Howard University Hospital lot.*

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Deeply saddened to hear of Delores' passing.



*She was truly exceptional. Her way with people , her character , her grace. meant a lot to me personally and my family to know her, We were Blessed to know such a unique person. If you met Delores for the first time, you couldn't help but have affinity and respect for her in just a few interactions.*

*Only over time, did I get glimpses into what struck me as an extraordinary career of accomplishment. Not because she talked about it , I never asked to much, never knew the details, just what came out around the edges, if you knew of government careers, you could tell she was among the select few highest and best accomplished.*

*Struck me that in the context of her time of doing so, There ...undoubtedly had to have been uphill moments. Still she thrived. Made it sound easy.*

*You always felt better after a call or visit with Delores than you did before.*

*My condolences to the family.*

*How proud she was talking about her sister.*

*I can still see the beam in her face when she talked about her cherished her niece.*

*Too soon.*

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Ray - August 25, 2022 at 12:23 AM

HR

“ To the family,  
The Howard University Alumni Club of Greater Washington, DC heart is broken to hear the passing of our dear member Delores Pruden. We know that Delores put in countless hours serving and promoting Howard University, her mission and students. God has called Delores home to rest from her labors. We thank God for sharing Delores and her talents with us.

*You have our deepest sympathy as we lift you, the family in prayer, during this time of bereavement.*

*Chaplain Hazel Robinson. Howard University Alumni Club of Greater Washington, DC*

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**Hazel Robinson** - August 19, 2022 at 08:13 PM

MM

*It is a shock to me to learn of Delores' transition. She was my Howard classmate and served, with awesome enthusiasm, as my Vice President of the DC ALUMNI Club (1990-92). Her warm smile and sincerity will be missed. Peace with BISON LOVE, Family*

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**Marsha L. Moore** - August 20, 2022 at 06:16 AM

DN

“ Dear Family,  
I was saddened to get the news as are so many. Delores and family are an intimate part of our Florida Avenue Baptist Church family. She lived and served faithfully and with excellence in all that she did. My last engagement with Delores was as we had served as members of the AARP Southwest Waterfront DC Chapter. The pandemic years made it difficult for all of us to come together as before. Now these memories will be cherished even more. Take the time to let someone know that you care. Delores did. She will be missed. May Our Lord, who provides Sufficient Grace, comfort, strengthen, and keep you, Eunice and The Pruden family. Sincerely,  
Doris Newton

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**Doris Newton** - August 19, 2022 at 07:29 PM

DL

“ Delores, you will be missed! I pray for her family and many friends.  
With Love, Debby Lindsey-Taliefero



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**Debby Lindsey-Taliefero** - August 18, 2022 at 04:20 PM

MP

“ OUR MEMORIES: Delores, our hearts are sad and broken. We shared so many wonderful events and travel. We would not change a minute of the time we spent together. We will celebrate again one day soon.  
Always, Margaret Pemberton & Mattie Giles

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**Margaret Pemberton** - August 18, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *I knew Delores from my days at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We often shared lunch together. Her positive spirit and sunny disposition were always a balm to my not so sunny days. I'll always remember her bright smile, the warmth she exuded, and her winning ways. Rest in peace Delores. I'll always carry you in my heart. ❤️*

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**Kitty Woodley** - August 18, 2022 at 10:57 AM