



Mrs. Paula Yvonne Best

October 11, 1949 - June 7, 2025

Paula Yvonne (aka, Tiny) passed away peacefully on June 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 11, 1949, in Washington, DC to Karion Norman Lyons and Lewis Ross.

Paula was baptized at an early age and began her journey as a Christian at St Paul Baptist Church in Washington, DC. She received her religious education at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, in Washington, D.C. Prior to her failing health, Paula was a faithful member of the Mount Moriah Baptist church and a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Paula graduated from Mckinley Sr. High School in 1967. She went on to study at Federal City College in Washington, D.C.

Paula held positions at several local companies including Providence Hospital, NRECA, Beta Press Printing, HR Block and George Washington Hospital. In 2023 Paula retired and spent her time enjoying her favorite activities.

Paula enjoyed music, learning how to play the piano at an early age. She was the only one of her siblings that took her piano lessons from Uncle Purcell (Purcell N. Norman) seriously. She was also an avid reader. Her Kindle reader was always by her side. She also spent time knitting and playing chess to relax.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Gregory H. Best (d. 2016) and her first husband Robert J. Wade (d. 2024).

Paula leaves to mourn ,her father Lewis Ross, one son Robert J. Wade, Jr., two daughters, LaToya B. Best and Wendy L. Wade, three brothers, Douglas L. Kay Jr (Sher'Nae), Kelly Ross, Jonathan Ross, six sisters, Althea Wiggins, Joy Compton, Robin Pugh, Diana Kay (Terrance), Kimberly Terry (Ralph), Rosalyn Ross, four grandchildren, Beanita Durbin (Gregory), Robert J. Wade III, Malik Sinclair, Mya Best, one great-grand son Malike Sesay, Step-Mother Gerri Ross, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many family members and friends.

Tiny will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Avenue
Suitland, MD 20746
(301) 568-5400

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
1636 East Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20003

Funeral service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

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