



Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony

January 21, 1952 - May 4, 2026

Deborah Ann Delaney Anthony

Deborah Ann Delaney Anthony was born on January 21, 1952, in Atlanta, Georgia, at Grady Memorial Hospital to the late Myra Delaney and Willie Amos Delaney. She was the second of four children and was preceded in death by her brothers, Willie “Punkin” Delaney and Ronald “Ron-Ron” Delaney, and her sister, Delores “Dede” Morrow.

Deborah was educated in the Atlanta Public School System. She attended Frank L. Stanton Elementary School and graduated from H. M. Turner High School in 1969. She later attended Morris Brown College, where she proudly became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. Deborah earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1973 and later received her master’s degree in early childhood education from Georgia State University in 1980.

Teaching was more than a profession for Deborah. It was truly her calling. She devoted her career to the children and families of the DeKalb County School District, where she taught kindergarten, first-, second-, and fifth-grade students with patience, warmth, and care. Throughout the years, she served at Rowland, Rockbridge, Pine Ridge, Stone Mill, Redan, and Atherton Elementary Schools. Even after retiring as a full-time educator in 2018, she

continued working as a substitute teacher and reading specialist because she simply loved being around children. The many former students who remained in contact with her throughout adulthood reflected the lasting impact she made in their lives. Deborah lived by the quote, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." She demonstrated this daily through her patience, compassion, and unwavering dedication to every child she taught.

Deborah was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her children were the center of her world. She welcomed her daughters from a previous marriage, Andrea Dionne and Alana Shalise, in 1974 and 1978, and together they were affectionately known as "The Three Musketeers." In 1987, Deborah married the love of her life, Roger Lee Anthony Jr., and together they shared 38 beautiful years of marriage. Their union was blessed with their son, Roger Lee Anthony III, and Deborah also lovingly embraced Shelia Michelle Philpot as her own daughter. Though her children often joked about who was Mama's favorite, the truth is she made each of them feel like they were.

Deborah accepted Christ at an early age at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, where the foundation of her faith was established. Throughout her life, her relationship with God remained steadfast and unwavering. She later worshipped at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, The Light of the World Christian Ministries, and Voices of Faith Church. Deborah eventually stood faithfully beside her husband, Bishop Roger Lee Anthony Jr., as Lady Anthony of Greater Peace Deliverance Ministries. Prayer was second nature to her, and her faith touched everyone around her. She never hesitated to encourage others, offer wisdom, or lift someone in prayer.

On Monday, May 4, 2026, Deborah peacefully answered God's call to eternal rest. While her passing was unexpected for those who loved her, her family finds comfort in knowing that God's plan is always perfect.

Deborah lived with joy and gratitude. She loved sports and faithfully supported her Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta Hawks. She enjoyed bowling, laughing with family, long conversations, FaceTime calls, sharing funny social media posts, and preparing meals for the people she loved most. She especially loved supporting her family, cheering on her daughter's coaching, attending her son's art shows, and proudly showing up for her grandchildren's performances and special events. Her presence brought comfort, wisdom, and light into every room she entered. She had a beautiful spirit that drew people to her naturally, and those fortunate enough to know her will forever remember her kindness, her humor, her strength, and her unwavering love.

More than anything, Deborah loved her family wholeheartedly. She poured herself into the people she loved and made each person feel seen, valued, and cared for. She was a woman of grace, faith, and compassion whose life reflected the love of Christ daily.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted husband, Roger Lee Anthony Jr.; her loving children, Dionne McGee (Kevin), Alana "Lani" Allen, Roger "Roggee" Anthony III, and Shelia "Chelle" Philpot; granddaughters Kayla and Amaya McGee, and host of sisters in law, brothers in law, nieces, nephews, relatives, dear friends, former students, and all whose lives were blessed by knowing her.

Though her earthly work is complete, Deborah's love and legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched. Her smile, laughter, wisdom, and faith will never be forgotten.

“And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9

Cemetery Details

Kennedy Memorial Cemetery

2500 River Road
Ellenwood, Ga 30294

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Homegoing Celebration

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Philip AME Church
240 Candler Road Southeast
Atlanta, GA 30317-3436

Burial

MAY 11 (ET)

Kennedy Memorial Gardens
2500 River Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - May 09 at 05:38 PM



“ Thank you for the heartfelt love and kindness that was extened to Lawrence and I. You also loved my two grandsons. Thank you. We will miss you.

Much Love, and memories, The Perrino Family

Sandra Perrino - May 11 at 12:35 PM



“ My Condolences to the family may you find comfort in her loving memories 🙏❤️ Betty Virden

Betty Virden - May 09 at 03:20 PM

CJ

“ Center, Pastor R. Dave & Lady Bea Jones purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.



Center, Pastor R. Dave & Lady Bea Jones - May 08 at 03:35 PM

LC

“ Love, Starla & Malachi, Sherrell, Cindra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.

Love, Starla & Malachi, Sherrell, Cindra - May 08 at 02:10 PM

LC

“ Love, Starla & Malachi, Sherrell, Cindra purchased the Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.



Love, Starla & Malachi, Sherrell, Cindra - May 08 at 02:10 PM

SB

“ Your mother's love and legacy will live on through everyone blessed to know her. Holding the family close in our thoughts and prayers during this time. We love you guys. - Starla, Sherrell, Malachi & Cindra

Starla Bailey - May 08 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.

May 08 at 12:59 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.



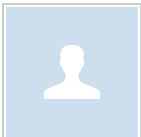
May 08 at 12:59 PM



“ With Love from Sweet 16 purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.



With Love from Sweet 16 - May 08 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.

May 08 at 09:55 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Delaney Anthony.



May 08 at 09:55 AM

JR

“ My sincere condolences to Roger Sr.,Dionne, Alana, Roger Jr. and entire family. I’ve known Deborah since our days teaching at Rockbridge Elementary together. I am so saddened by the passing of my friend. She certainly loved you all so much and she touched with kindness all that she met. I will miss that beautiful smile!! Peace be with you all!!
Jackie Reese Randolph❤️



Jackie Reese Randolph - May 08 at 08:14 AM

EN

“ Ms. Anthony and I taught kindergarten and first grade at Pine Ridge Elementary school. She was very kind and was a good listener. After she retired the second time, we kept in touch each time she called me or sent texts. She loved her family very much and light up when she talked about them. My prayers go out to her family.



Eddie Mae Ntifo

Eddie Mae Ntifo - May 07 at 07:27 PM

MB

There's no sorrow, that heaven can not heal🙏. To Bishop R. Anthony and family, may God's love and comfort surround you and keep you lifted up now and down the road. Our dear sister will forever be in our hearts. Her smile, her laughter, her quite spirit, and her love for the Lord, and her family. When this earthly house has dissolved, we have a home not made with hands. Take your rest and we'll see you on that great day🌹

Sincerely submitted,

Maqor Shalom Global Assembly of Ministries ✨

Maqor Shalom National Board - May 08 at 08:04 AM

CJ

The whole Delaney Family was rare in so many good and godly ways, their contributions to life will be solely missed! Rest in peace with your family in heaven!
-from the Johnson family

Curtis and Linda Johnson - May 09 at 09:04 AM