



Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector

August 6, 1963 - November 18, 2022

Deirdre Kelly Hector was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 6, 1963, to the proud parents of Melvin and Zelma Kelly. She was the youngest of five children and according to her the most personable and talented.

Deirdre grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1981. Higher education was always emphasized in the family home and Deirdre always excelled in school. Following graduation, she went on to earn an Associate Degree from the University of Cincinnati, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dyke College, and a Master of Health Care Administration from the University of Chicago. Always a hard worker Deirdre began her professional career working for the Cleveland Health Department until she was offered a position with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as a Public Health Advisor. She hadn't worked there long before supervisors noticed her leadership skills and her ability to get along with others. This allowed her to quickly get promoted to Program Analyst and Management. Throughout her career, Deirdre worked in five different health departments: Ohio, Detroit, Palm Beach, Chicago, and Atlanta. Over the years she was asked to head many projects for the CDC and finally retired after 33 years of public service in September 2021.

Deirdre met and married the love of her life Michael G. Hector in April 1990. To this union three children were born, Michael Jr., Marcus, and Courtney

Michelle. Deirdre loved her family and couldn't wait to update anyone who listened about what each one was up to. She was happiest when she was surrounded by her kids and grandchildren.

Family meant the world to her which included blood family members and her adopted family as well. Anyone who knew Deirdre grew to love her as she loved them. Her door was always open to those who either needed a hot meal, a place to stay or just someone to confide in. She never turned anyone away and was always there to extend a helping hand. She had strong opinions about how she wanted to live her life and she did it her way.

Deirdre lived life to the fullest and enjoyed traveling, cooking, playing games, watching reality TV, entertaining, hanging out with friends, planning family vacations and reunions, discussing politics, and vacationing with her Mother and sisters. She was always the life of the party, and she will be dearly missed!

Deirdre accepted Christ and was baptized in 1979 at Mt Gillion Baptist Church. With her belief and strong faith, she strived to live her life as such. She moved to Atlanta in 2001 where she joined Salem Missionary Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member until her homegoing.

Deirdre departed this life and received her wings on Friday, November 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her father Melvin Kelly Sr., her brother Melvin (Sheila) Kelly Jr., and sister Lorraine (Tom Sr.) Shoulders.

She leaves to cherish her life, her husband Michael G. Hector, sons Michael Jr., and Marcus, stepson Antwuan, and daughter Courtney Michelle. Grandsons Ace Kelly Powell and Zaire Adonis Hector. Loving mother Zelma Kelly. Sisters Bwendolyn (Leroy) Turner and Cheryl (Carl Sr.) Jordan. Nephews Tom Shoulders Jr., Carl Jordan Jr., Craig Jordan, and Miles Kelly. Nieces Myla Kelly, Jessica Hector, and Denita Ray. As well as a host of

extended family and friends who adored her as well.

She will be sorely missed.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons and Crematory
Lawrenceville 770-338-5558

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Family Hour (6PM-8PM)

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Salem Baptist Church
4700 Church Street
Lilburn, GA 30047

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Burks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Sharon Burks - December 12, 2022 at 08:46 AM

DG

“ Deborah Gould lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Deborah Gould - December 09, 2022 at 04:52 PM

DI

“ Danny Wade, II lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Danny Wade, II - December 08, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DI

“ Sincere prayers and condolences to Deirdre’s family. May God’s peace and comfort cover them and us all during this extremely difficult time and in the future. May memories of her bring joy in the midst of healing. She was a great friend and a wonderful co-worker.

Danny Wade, II - December 08, 2022 at 09:06 AM

SS

“ On behalf of the Watsonian Society, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Shannon Souvinette - December 07, 2022 at 01:22 PM

KL

“ Kimberly S Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Kimberly S Lane - December 06, 2022 at 09:10 AM

AC

“ Anissa Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Anissa Copeland - December 06, 2022 at 08:52 AM

SM

“ Sharon A Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Sharon A Martin - December 06, 2022 at 07:59 AM

EH

“ *Ercila Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector*



Ercila Harrison - December 06, 2022 at 05:44 AM

TM

“ *Tonya D Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector*



Tonya D Martin - December 05, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.*



December 05, 2022 at 04:21 PM

AR

“ *Arun lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector*



Arun - December 05, 2022 at 04:04 PM

RB

“ Roslyn Q Buffington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector



Roslyn Q Buffington - December 05, 2022 at 04:00 PM

RB

I met Ms. Kelly Hector through the years, while working at CDC, in the earlier days. I am sadden at her loss and my prayers go out her family and many friends and coworkers. I remember meeting Deirdre when working in Field Service and the old NCHSTP center at that time. She was a dynamic person to know. Such happiness and much encouragement to do your best, for those who knew her. She will be missed.

Roslyn Buffington

Roslyn Q Buffington - December 05, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



December 02, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



December 02, 2022 at 12:12 PM

DM

“ Deirdre, It was truly a pleasure working with you on many projects at CDC and your retirement! I'm so glad I had an opportunity to speak with you and your sister a few weeks ago just to hear your voice one more time. Take care my friend and GOD Bless You and Your Family during this time!! Denise M.

Denise McCullough - December 02, 2022 at 12:11 PM

TD

“ Tondeleo, Donnine & Aziza Day purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



Tondeleo, Donnine & Aziza Day - December 01, 2022 at 07:48 PM

DD

“ Deidre you are so missed 😭. I could not have shared a grandson with a kinder person. We became family and I will forever love you and your children. We will ensure that Zaire remembers you as his Big Ma. I know when you arrived at the pearly gates God said “Well done, you can come on in”. To the immediate family, when the well wishes stop coming and you feel alone in your grief, please know that we will forever share in your grief and that we will forever be here for you. RIP my dear friend. ALL MY LOVE - Donnine Day

Donnine Day - December 01, 2022 at 07:25 PM

LT

“ Love, your LVM team purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



Love, your LVM team - December 01, 2022 at 03:13 PM

JA

“ Julia, Elizabeth, Antwuan and Andrew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



Julia, Elizabeth, Antwuan and Andrew - December 01, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ I met Deirdre when I was a freshman at the University of Cincinnati. She was roommates with one of my childhood friends. Deirdre though we were so naive. and we were very naive. She would just laugh and shake her head at us. Years later, I was interviewing for a position with CDC and had to go to Detroit for the interview. As I am walking down the hall, I hear this familiar voice from my past yelling, Yolonda! It was Deirdre. Throughout the years, we have worked in the same cities.

Deirdre had at times, a hard exterior but a heart of goal. She had a smile that would light up a room and personality bigger than life. She wanted the best for those in her life. She loved and was so proud of her family. Deirdre left her footprint on our hearts and will be missed. To Deirdre's family, may the memories you shared bring you peace during the rough days and know she is smiling down on you with that wonderful smile. Rest in peace my dear homegirl!

Yolonda Freeman - November 30, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ James Poore, Kelly Montgomery, Tony Lett purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.



James Poore, Kelly Montgomery, Tony Lett - November 29, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.*



November 29, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family of my former co-worker. May God bless and strengthen you during this time of loss.*



Marguaree Durden Pyoas - November 29, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Praying for the family. RIP Deirdre.*



Yvonne M Young - November 29, 2022 at 06:04 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector.*



November 28, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DJ

“ *Dawn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deirdre Kelly Hector*



Dawn Jackson - November 28, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DJ

“ *I met Deirdre in November 1989 when CDC transferred her to Detroit. I was from Detroit but she taught me Detroit field investigative work because she was that good! We maintained a friendship I will always cherish and sending my love to Mike, children and grandsons.*

Dawn Jackson - November 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM