



Delcina Yvonne Teel

July 3, 1939 - March 3, 2024

Delcina Yvonne Teel, 84, of Buford, GA passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2024. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, March 23, 1 :00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event:

<https://vimeo.com/event/4176750>

A visitation will be held Friday, March 22, 2024, from 12:00 PM- 8:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel. Interment will be held at Memorial Park South, 4121 Falcon Pkwy, Flowery Branch GA 30542. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770) 338-5558.

DELCINA YVONNE TEEL was born to John and Alyce Davenport on July 3,

1939, in Neptune, New Jersey. She received her elementary and secondary education at Star of the Sea Academy in Long Branch, New Jersey.

Her mother, Alyce, was a music teacher, and her father, John, worked for the railroad and was killed in a runaway train accident when Delcina was eight years old. Her stepfather, Samuel Ford, whom she grew to love as her father, was a Baptist minister.

In her early twenties, Delcina converted to the Catholic religion. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Athens, Georgia.

Delcina's mother directed several choirs, which she and her younger siblings were often required to perform. They even had a singing group and performed on local radio and television shows.

Although sickly as a child, Delcina surprised everyone when she left home after high school to attend the New York Institute of Dietetics. In New York, she met her future husband, James Teel. To this union, two children were born. James and Delcina divorced several years later but remained close over the years.

Delcina moved to Montgomery, Alabama, and while there, she concentrated on working and raising her children. However, she did make many friends in the process. She even had the opportunity to serve as an extra in the movie, "The Long Walk Home," starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek.

After many years working in the retail food industry, Delcina found the opportunity to work in her chosen profession. She accepted a position as Assistant Food Service Manager at Morris Brown College and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She worked at several colleges in the AU Center before accepting her dream job as Food Service Manager for DeKalb County Schools, working at Chamblee High School until she retired.

Delcina enjoyed helping others and, for many years, spent her summers volunteering at the soup kitchen located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown Atlanta. In 1996, she volunteered for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Delcina enjoyed reading, cooking, and baking, which she excelled at. She created many confections (i.e., cookies, candies, and cakes), which she often gave away as gifts.

Delcina Yvonne Teel departed this life on Sunday, March 3, 2024. She was 84 years old. Her parents and siblings preceded her death: William Johnson, Clifford Johnson, Constance Dorsey, John Davenport Jr., Mary Kennedy, and Virginia Jefferson.

She leaves to cherish her memory, children, James Anthony Teel and Alyce Yvonne Teel Burton (Glenn); sister Alyce Warrick-Smith; sister-in-law Elizabeth Johnson; cousin James Eley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Delcina worked while it was day and did her work willingly, completely, competently, honestly, dedicatedly, and lovingly.

Humbly Submitted...The Family

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Funeral Homes & Cemeteries South - Flowery Branch

4121 Falcon Parkway
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Celebration of Life

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ Reflection of our Dear Cine – Alfred Mays

I have had the fortunate circumstance of being an extended family member of Cine. Through the marriage of William “Bill” Johnson to my sister, Elizabeth, Cine not only became somewhat of a sister but it always felt like she was a dear AUNT!

Cine always had words of wisdom and insight to share with the younger generation. She often told stories about her lived experiences that included challenges as well as successes. These stories were often tied to historical lessons. Her voice was always filled with sincerity and concern but also filled with a sense of being matter of fact and direct. I always admired her ability to almost share a complete story but stop just short of an ending just to get a reaction before coming to an end. It was as if you were being challenged not only to ensure that you were hearing her but to ensure that you were listening to her. She often reminded me of the distinction.

One of the more playful definitions of an Aunt is that only an Aunt can give hugs like a mother, keep secrets like a sister, and share love like a friend. To my broader family as well as my immediate family, Cine was simply the best of this definition. We all know that Cine was a beloved natural mother to her children, but we also understood she was an extended mother in the community, in the church, and in various professional roles.

In recent exchanges with Missy and in reflection of Cine, I thought of a story shared by Bishop Carlton Pearson – The story of Mother Sherman. Mother Sherman was an elder in the ministry as Bishop Pearson was growing up and he shares how contact with her impacted him as a child. He shares how meaningful the memory of her became so influential in his life. It does not take much for meaningful exchanges to have influence on our lives. In the story of Mother Sherman, she simply encouraged a young Carlton Pearson at various stages of his life by offering small gestures of giving a

little money and asking the question “YOU YET HOLDING ON”? He would reply, “Yes Ma’am, I’m yet holding on!” Mother Sherman would end the exchange with “Then you keep on keeping on baby”.

Oh how our families and communities need Mother Shermans. Cine was a Mother Sherman to me and my sons as I’m sure she was to so many of you. Cine always expressed concern for me and my young sons as they dealt with a very structured and stern father. When I reached out to them to talk about our time with Cine, this is what they shared...

Aunt Cine’s love and affection was unconditional. Always a genuine kind and uplifting spirit. They also noted that she and their Uncle Bill possessed a unique quality to make anyone they spoke with feel cared for. Souls like Cine’s help create and maintain the community and village that plays an influential part of our lives in the smallest of ways. It may seem to go unnoticed, but over the sum of our lives, we recognize the depth of their impact. The seeds of their wisdom and love is planted in us all and it is through us that growth continues to occur.

Our elders are special and will leave us. If it is God’s wish, we too will become elders and have similar influences on others.

*Rest Cine. We’ll be Yet Holding On Until the Morning!
With Deepest Sympathies – Alfred, Ryan, and Jordan Mays*

Alfred Mays - March 29, 2024 at 04:49 PM

YB

“ *Yolonde Holt and Sandy Bart purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delcina Yvonne Teel.*



Yolonde Holt and Sandy Bart - March 22, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delcina Yvonne Teel.*



March 21, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jo Teel lit a candle in memory of Delcina Yvonne Teel*



Jo Teel - March 18, 2024 at 08:09 PM



James Jr. and Alyce my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of bereavement. Love Aunt Jo

Jo Teel - March 18, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Delcina was one of my most favorite people at Chamblee Charter High School. She was a dear person - kind, hard-working, reliable and always willing to help others. I do know that God has gained a new angel. May God give you and your family comfort and peace.*

Sheila Thompson - March 16, 2024 at 05:35 PM

EJ

“ To Alyce and James: Condolences and Sympathy in the loss of my Sister - N - Love ❤️. We shared so much. Many happy moments and memories. I will miss her kind spirit, sharing her recipes especially her chopped liver and her love for her Church (St. Joseph). May she rest in peace with her brother William and other family members. Lovingly, Aunt Liz



Elizabeth Mays Johnson - March 16, 2024 at 04:46 PM

AF

“ To The Teel Family sending condolences and sympathy in the loss of your Mother. She was considered Aunt Cine by my children and played an integral role in our lives. Always giving advice and guidance to the next generation especially as it related to education and family love. She touched my life . Be comforted as you Remember The Moments.



Alfreda Mays Rogers & Family - March 16, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ JAMES TEEL purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Delcina Yvonne Teel.



JAMES TEEL - March 15, 2024 at 11:42 PM

JT

“ JAMES TEEL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delcina Yvonne Teel.

JAMES TEEL - March 15, 2024 at 11:42 PM