



Ms. Doris K. Wells

March 14, 1949 - February 27, 2015

Doris Alonia Kennerly Wells was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, on March 14, 1949. She was the younger child of James Edward Kennerly, Sr, and Eulilian Kennerly. She received a B.S. degree from South Carolina State University and completed a Masters degree in Library Science at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta). Doris married and soon gave birth to her daughter Tami, her pride and joy.

She was the first African American hired to work and serve in the DeKalb County Public Library System. Ms. Wells initially worked in material processing, and later became a branch manager. Doris developed a number of outstanding and unique community programs, most notably an annual Kwanzaa Awareness Festival. She was chosen to open the Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Branch with its identified focus on African American oriented materials in 1992. While serving there, she and her daughter Tami created a Jubilee of Readers Conference to bring together various book club members that were formed in South DeKalb County and beyond. That event is still being held.

In 2006, Ms. Wells retired from the DeKalb County Library System. In the same year, the rear entrance street of the Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Branch, was named “Doris Wells Way” in her honor. She received numerous other awards and honors. She continued to mentor and help train numerous

other library workers. Truly she was a living legend among them.

She enjoyed travel, especially on cruises, and had visited Europe and Africa. She loved to read, collect a variety of African and African American cultural artifacts, hold teas, organize community events, and play with her grandchildren. She continues to leave her stellar legacy, her devoted daughter Tami, son-in-law Mark Thomas; grandchildren, Nathan and Grace Thomas, her brother James Kennerly, Jr. his wife (Gwendolyn) their children, Jasmine, Marsha, and Kim Kennerly; great-niece Tyla Robinson, and great-nephew, Damion Kennerly; her sorority sisters of Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and her chosen children and members of the DeKalb County Libraries. She was a member of Clifton United Methodist Church in Decatur, GA, and an associate member of New Light United Methodist Church in Neeses, SC.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
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Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Clifton United Methodist Church
2918 Clifton Church Road, Southeast
Atlanta, GA 30316

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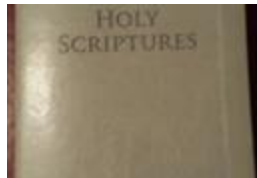
JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope during this most difficult time. May Jehovah, the God of all comfort, the love of your family and friends give you the strength you need to endure. (2 Corinth. 1:3,4)

jane - March 05, 2015 at 07:27 PM

DA

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family during this time of grief. Know that God is for you a refuge and strength during the coming days. His word has been a source of comfort for us at times of sorrow. The bible says "Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld". Almighty God promise to bring an end to Death forever.
1 Cor 15.26 -- Rev 21:4 -- Heb 11:1



Dave - March 03, 2015 at 02:05 PM

YW

“ I started working for the Wesley-Chapel branch and had the privilege of having Doris as my manager. She was soft spoken and carried a BIG stick, but she was fair and compassionate. When she reached Heaven's door I hoped they did not speak to her until she put down her purse!
R.I.H Doris



Yvonne Woods

Yvonne Woods - March 03, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Doris K. Wells.



March 02, 2015 at 09:49 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Doris K. Wells.



March 02, 2015 at 09:05 AM

AW

“ Doris was my library "sister"...we shared personal and professional highs and lows since we met and bonded in September 1974...she taught me many things over the years and I was looking forward to her teaching me to be a good grandmother, as Tami had given her two beautiful grandchildren and I have just become a grandmother for the first time....I'll think of Doris and the way she loved taking care of Nathan and Grace and remember her calm and patient manner of handling all things....she was a great friend and although I will miss her, I will remember the wonderful years I was fortunate to have with her.....Love you always, Alison

Alison White - March 02, 2015 at 08:43 AM



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March 02, 2015 at 08:29 AM

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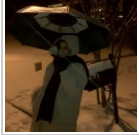
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janet - March 01, 2015 at 06:10 PM

HW

“ May the peace of God be with the family during this time.
Henrietta W. White, Sorority Sister

Henrietta White - March 01, 2015 at 05:26 AM



“ I offer sincere condolences and encouragement to the family and friends of Ms. Wells. Remember... "God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." (1 John 4:9). Jesus said... "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11:25)



Beulah Parks - February 28, 2015 at 04:54 PM