



Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen

March 21, 1967 - May 10, 2024

Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen, born on March 21, 1967, in Lexington, MS, gracefully ascended to her Heavenly Father on May 10, 2024. She was the daughter of Ruby May Hodges and Sam Dixon (TC Echols).

She Spent the early years of her life with her Grandparents, Ruben & Louvenia Hodges. It was during this time that she developed a very close bond with her aunts, uncles, & cousins; especially her cousin Liz as they were the two oldest and notably most spoiled grandchildren.

Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen was an exceptional woman whose life can be best defined as a life of service. Early in her career, and for many years, she served as a Certified Nursing Assistant at various hospitals and nursing homes where she was presented with numerous awards and citations. She also learned about podiatry serving for a time as a traveling assistant to a consortium of podiatrist. After moving to Saginaw from Flint in the mid- '90s she brought her talents to the V.A. Hospital where she ultimately became a medical secretary, and named employee of the month on multiple occasions. Her positive impact on staff and residents is too extensive to describe in the time allotted.

Love was the foundation of Deb's personality. Everyone was special to her. She looked for and found the goodness in everyone she met. Her charm and

personality captured all who came too close to her. Giving to others played in big role in Deborah's life; whatever she had, and whatever someone needed. Her time may be the biggest thing she gave. If something significant was happening in the life of a loved one, a phone call was not sufficient, she was there. It didn't matter if you lived in Michigan, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, Virginia or Illinois, or parts in between, she was there, lighting up the occasion.

Deborah had one son Dr. Quincy Allen Hodges, and two step-children, Vernon Allen and Adrienne Allen, after marrying Chester Allen Jr over 25 years ago. Her grandchildren 'her babies' were most precious to her; Quincy Jr., Braxton, and Gianna Hodges, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Quincy, and wife Stacie, provided her with her own room, in their home, where she would spend weeks at a time. This allowed her to create a bond that will never be broken. Nana, is what they call her. Deb's father Sam had more children, most of whom live in the Chicago area.

And finally, there was Deb's church family. She was a faithful member of Word of Faith International Ministries for over 29 years. She sang praises to God in the choir and served in administrative positions as well. She was a friend to all, young and not so young, and adopted many as nieces and nephews. She was dearly loved by her Pastors Dr. Byron and Pastor Chestermae Hayes, and she loved them back.

She also leaves to cherish her memory; brothers, Chris (Keisha) Hodges of Richmond, VA, Terry Hodges of Dallas, TX, Christopher Jefferson of Joliet, IL, Torrance (Erin) Jefferson of Aurora, IL sisters; Linda Jefferson, and Jessie Jefferson of Chicago, IL, Pamela (Phons Taylor) Jenkins of Oak Park, IL, sister-in-law, Lisa Allen of Saginaw, MI, aunts Freida Clark, Florine Randle, Catherine Hodges, & Maxine (Jerome) Boyd All of Lexington, MS, Geraldine Hodges of Durant, MS, uncle Zaidelle Hodges of Flirt, MI special cousins ;

Darlene Hodges, Cherisse (Tracy) Marshall Harris of Lexington, MS, Pauline (Michael) Bullard of Dacula, GA, Paulette (Devin) Powells of Flint, MI and Jacqueline Marshall of Antioch, TN; As well as A host of other dear relatives, cousins, nieces, & nephews and friends including Evangelist Jeannie Morris, Celestia Brown, Miriam Johnson & Pamela Jones; special, nephew Ron Farmer.

Deborah was preceded in death by her mom, Ruby Mae Hodges, dads; TC Echols & Sam Dixon, aunts; Mildred Jean Marshall, Tina Vaughn. uncles; Melvin Hodges, Arthur Lee Marshall grandparents; Ruben & Louvenia Hodges, & cousin, Elizabeth Ann Meeks.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Word of Faith International Ministries, 500 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Dr. Byron C. Hayes will officiate. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen will be shipped to Porter And Sons Funeral Home, 237 Yazoo St., Lexington, MS 39095, (662) 834-3198.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Faith International Ministries
500 N. Washington Ave.
Saginaw, MI

Family Hour

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall

TF

“ We send our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Deborah Allen. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Stay strong Quincey and trust God. So sorry for your loss.



The Parker Family - May 24, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Marcel H. Cormier, Sr. - May 24, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Jennifer Sims - May 22, 2024 at 06:27 PM

TM

“ Tania Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Tania Moore - May 22, 2024 at 10:33 AM

YW

“Wow!. I still can't believe I'm writing this but I absolutely loved this lady right here. I remember with both my pregnancies I would go to her home and eat tacos almost every week for nine months or if we wasn't eating I would be in her room with my feet up watching movies. She has been a auntie to my children for 27 years. I have so many fun moments and memories to last me for a very long time one being a photo of Deb,the girls and I when they were little at Hoyt park just hanging out taking pictures and eating afterwards. This woman never said a negative word towards no one in fact she had a way of making each one feel special to her and that's something I'll forever hold on to. What a remarkable woman she was.



Yolanda White - May 22, 2024 at 07:00 AM

BH

“Bridget Y. Hinds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Bridget Y. Hinds - May 22, 2024 at 06:40 AM

TW

“I will always remember your beautiful and gentle spirit which was a bright light to everyone. You are irreplaceable and will be dearly missed.



Terry West - May 22, 2024 at 03:38 AM

HN

“ HL Brazil Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



HL Brazil Nelson - May 21, 2024 at 09:20 PM

CJ

“ Carlis Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Carlis Jackson - May 21, 2024 at 07:23 PM

GW

“ Tyrone & Gogi West



Gogi west - May 21, 2024 at 06:52 PM

GW

RIP, my sweet sister!❤️🙏 No more pain or suffering. Love you Go Girl, Gogi that's what you called me. My Deepest condolences to the Entire Family may God's peace, comfort and strength be with you'll during this difficult time of loss.🙏❤️

Gogi west - May 21, 2024 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Deborah Allen. We pray your loving memories of Deborah’s joy and kindness comfort you.



Dennis & Jerry Hall - May 21, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen.



May 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TW

“ God's peace to you my brother Chet and Family during this time. Allow your faith and love for Christ be a source of comfort and understanding as you embark this journey. My wife and I send heartfelt love and prayers. Keep the memories close to your heart.

Tracy Woods - May 21, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TP

“ Tresha Peake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



tresha peake - May 21, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ *Deb Was The Most Caring Person She Loved Her Church Family She was The Friendliest Person You Ever want to meet She Loved Taking Photos And Wearing Her Flowers I LOVE And Miss Her So Much I KNOWN HER FOR ABOUT TWENT YEARS*

Judy Marshall - May 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM

TB

“ *My big sister was absolutely amazing from my earliest memories of life until she took her last breath. She always took care(physically..financially, and emotionally) of our mother until her last breath. Sacrificed her wants for her son&family,her brothers,her husband to have what WE needed! Though i..we are devastated....I take comfort in knowing the pain is gone. Love you forever and 2 days my baby. May you forever rest peacefully...GOD knows your earned it!❤️❤️❤️❤️thank you to all her friends & extended family for the love & support! It's appreciated*

Terry allen hodges(youngest brother) - May 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

DH

Sis Deb you will be truly missed, such a beautiful person inside and out. Take your rest my dear.

De'Von Herd - May 20, 2024 at 05:28 PM

DA

“ *Dericka A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Deborah Jean Allen.*

Dericka A. - May 20, 2024 at 11:45 AM

TW

“ Beautiful Lady, such a Sweet Spirit, My Deepest Condolences go out to all of Deborah Family. Sending Prayers and Hugs.



Tracey White - May 20, 2024 at 09:21 AM

PB

“ Patricia (Snow) Boughner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Patricia (Snow) Boughner - May 20, 2024 at 07:45 AM

NA

“ Rest in assured Heavenly Peace. 💕💕💕



Naomi - May 19, 2024 at 12:41 PM

TR

“ Terry Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Terry Richard - May 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Cheryl Cooper - May 19, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - May 18, 2024 at 09:46 PM

PC

“ Rest in Peace Deb.
Your memory will always be in our hearts

Priscilla Craig - May 18, 2024 at 03:12 PM

PC

“ Priscilla Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Priscilla Craig - May 18, 2024 at 03:08 PM

BO

“ *Bertha Omar sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Bertha Omar - May 17, 2024 at 10:47 PM

TB

“ *Tasha Burkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Tasha Burkes - May 17, 2024 at 10:44 PM

EW

“ *Sister Deborah was Such a kind and caring person she expressed Love to all who Knew Her She was such a wonderful woman and Caring person it was A Honor just to know her prayers for her Husband Bro Chet Allen and Her Son Quincey and her GrandChildren.*

Elder James and Ava Weston - May 17, 2024 at 03:17 PM

SC

“ *I met Debra when I started at the VA hospital. She was so sweet and kind always with that huge smile. No matter where I saw her she always came and gave me a hug. My sincere condolences to the family. Rest in heaven Debra*



Sandra coleman - May 17, 2024 at 01:07 AM

RH

“ MY SISTER IN LAW WILL BE TRULY MISSED THE MOST CARING PERSON I EVER MET REST ON I WILL LOVE YOU 4EVER



RHONDA - May 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CP

“ Deborah, I love you so much! I miss you like crazy! You were the best sister in Christ with a big personality! You will truly be missed. Thank you for being my sister! I appreciate you. I'll see you again cause I'm gonna be there too! I know you made it to the pearly gates. See you later baby!



candy pearson - May 16, 2024 at 03:38 PM

VR

“ To my godbrother Chet I am so sorry about your loss of wife she was absolutely beautiful person I have known she was always nice every time I saw her I will keep your family in my prayers your godsister Valerie D Robinson



Valerie D Robinson - May 16, 2024 at 03:10 PM

LP

“ Linda Ann Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Linda Ann Pritchett - May 16, 2024 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL R BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



MICHAEL R BROWN - May 16, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working w/ Deb at the Aleda E. Lutz VA for 5 years. What a beautiful kind hearted soul. We danced to music played on the unit her veterans absolutely adored her. Her smile and personality always lit up a room!
Love and miss you but will see you again
Tall Tina*

Tina Stadler-Taylor - May 16, 2024 at 01:28 PM

EF

“ *Evangelist Stephanie Brison & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Evangelist Stephanie Brison & Family - May 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Velissa Batts - May 16, 2024 at 09:03 AM

CG

“ Charles & Delores Giles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Charles & Delores Giles - May 16, 2024 at 08:35 AM

CM

“ Cheryl Coleman Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Cheryl Coleman Morris - May 15, 2024 at 09:41 PM

SM

“ My mind is numb, my heart is heavy, I love her so much. I am going to miss her dearly. She was honestly caring, loved everybody, never met a stranger. There will never be another like her!



Sandra Morris - May 15, 2024 at 08:46 PM

HJ

“ Deborah was such a Sweetheart. Always Uplifting and Positive. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to Deborah's Family And Friends. It was a Pleasure to Know Her. "To God Be The Glory!!!" Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.



Houston and Elaine Jackson Jr - May 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ *Desiree Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Desiree Sanders - May 15, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JP

“ *James Ray Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



James Ray Pearson - May 15, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SH

“ *Shunda Haygood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Shunda Haygood - May 15, 2024 at 04:37 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Perkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Sharon Perkins and Family - May 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Sandra Dale - May 15, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RB

“ *my condolences to the family, rest on angel you will truly be missed by so many.*



Raecille Brooks - May 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn And Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Carolyn and Bradley - May 15, 2024 at 09:03 AM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - May 15, 2024 at 07:17 AM



“ Gilmer family will be lifting Sister Allen family up in prayers



Richelle Gilmer - May 15, 2024 at 03:18 AM



“ Veronica Roby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Veronica Roby - May 14, 2024 at 11:28 PM



“ Earline J Lucas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Earline J Lucas - May 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Heaven has gained one of the the sweetest and most loving of souls. It was my privilege to have known and worked with Deb at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center. She loved her family. She was supportive to her friends and she was just a very kind person. She will truly be missed - Earline Lucas

Earline J Lucas - May 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

CB

“ Clareeta Burton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Clareeta Burton - May 14, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MR

“ So sorry hear of Deborah passing God Bless you Chet & family..we go along way back my sincere condolences.. OMG have no other words but to say I'm sorry Chester love you.. Marie (Dottie) Robinson 💔❤️🙏🙏🙏



Marie Robinson - May 14, 2024 at 07:11 PM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas 🙏 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas 🙏 - May 14, 2024 at 06:20 PM

SC

“ Shirley Castell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Shirley Castell - May 14, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CB

“ We are going to miss our dear sister and friend. No more great church fellowships. No more long talks. No more fun outings. No more calls and texts. No more Facebook posts and pics. But we are so glad she is not in pain anymore. Praise God ! Love always.

Charles & Celestia Brown

Charles & Celestia Brown - May 14, 2024 at 04:51 PM

FN

“ *Freddie Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Freddie Nowell - May 14, 2024 at 04:42 PM

PD

“ *Pamela J. Dottery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Pamela J. Dottery - May 14, 2024 at 03:27 PM

CH

“ *Cherryl Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Cherryl Henderson - May 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Celestine Lake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Celestine Lake - May 14, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Dr.Donald R. Bradly MD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Dr.Donald R. Bradly MD - May 14, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *Pamela Brown Maloy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Pamela Brown Maloy - May 14, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Desiree Worthy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Desiree Worthy - May 14, 2024 at 09:08 AM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Cathy Wilson - May 14, 2024 at 08:11 AM

CG

“ Cathi Girardot lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Cathi Girardot - May 14, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JH

“ Jacqueline Hill-Hollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - May 14, 2024 at 07:25 AM

TP

“ Tabitha Petty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Tabitha Petty - May 14, 2024 at 06:34 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen



Valerie Foster - May 13, 2024 at 02:23 PM

VP

“ Rest in Heaven Deb. Your spirit, love, laughter and sweetness will be remembered and missed. So glad we got to know one another. My condolences to Chet, and all of your children and connected families, of which I am one of. No more suffering, no more pain. Take your sweet rest in the loving arms of your Jesus.



Valerie Packard - May 13, 2024 at 02:18 PM

SB

“ I I'm at Ms Deb at word of Faith she was always willing to lend a hand compassionate kindhearted and always helpful and saying encouragement condolences and prayers to the family



Sabrina Brittain - May 13, 2024 at 12:33 PM

BM

“ I am saddened to learn of Deb's passing. I worked with Deb at the Aleda Lutz VA. She was a great nursing assistant and ward secretary. Deb was a kind and loving person. Prayer's for God's peace and love for the Allen and Hodges families.

Brian F Moll - May 13, 2024 at 12:03 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Marilyn Bowman lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Deborah Jean (Hodges) Allen*



Larry & Marilyn Bowman - May 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM