



## Diane Short

July 14, 1948 - April 13, 2012

" Everything must change - nothing stays the same." Diane passed away peacefully on Friday, April 13, 2012 at St. Mary's of Michigan. Diane was born July 14, 1948 in Saginaw, MI to Lorenzo Short and Mamie Oretha Moton Short. She was preceded in death by her father. Diane was educated in the Saginaw Public School system, graduating from Saginaw High School in the class of 1966. She received her B.A. degree from Fisk University in 1970. She attended Texas Southern Law School and received her Masters Degree from the University of Detroit in guidance and counseling. She retired in 2008 from Delta College, where she was director of the Multi-Cultural Center. Upon retiring she became CEO and President of the Counseling Education Center. Diane was an active participant at the First Ward Community Center, where she was one of the sponsors of the "Taste of Soul" and Young Champions (a youth mentoring program). She dedicated her life to the care of children and older people. Diane was a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, P. David Saunders, Pastor. She was affectionately called "Miss Diane", "Lady Di" and "The Coordinator". She was admired for her beautiful and unique earrings and her fabulous hats. She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Mamie O. Short; aunts, Rosena Ford, Leonzy Porter, Frances M. (John) Carter, Ruby Faith Clark and Beulah Bolton, all of Saginaw, MI, Annie Mae Short, Bonnie Jean Kimble, Eddy Pearl Cunningham, Dorothy Jean Cunningham, Daisy Lee Cunningham, Evelyn Tuggles and a special cousin, Annette Thompson, all of Los Angeles, CA; a host of nieces, nephews and special friends, Lucy Cain,

Dallas, TX, Tara Woodward, Flint, MI, Patricia Terrell, St. Petersburg, FL, Marion Hardaway, Saginaw, MI, Hill family and Hall family. Diane requested that there be no formal funeral service. A private family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to express a special thanks to St. Mary's of Michigan medical staff for the beautiful care rendered to Diane during her brief stay and to Hospice Advantage for their care, comfort and compassion to the whole family. "Que' Sera Sera", whatever will be, will be, the future's not ours to see, "Que' Sera Sera"

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ MRS. MAMIE & FAMILY...DIANE WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH, WHEN WE WERE YOUNG DIANE WOULD SHARE LOTS OF THINGS WITH US. SHE WAS A MENTOR TO MANY. ( GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN .) RIPH OUR LONG TIME FRIEND..

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**rita williams** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ What a wonderful friend and person she was - i see her smile to this day and her joie de vivre - joy of life - so sorry to see her life cut so short - I'm so glad i had the chance to know her - hear her life and watch her grow - i was so impressed to see all that she achieved at our class reunion - our 40th several years back - you all must be very proud of her -so hard working and fun loving - may she sit at the right hand of God and have everlasting peace and love -

*Love Patty-Jo*

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**Patty-Jo Rutland** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ TO MRS MAMIE AND THE REST OF THE SHORT FAMILY.I LOVE YOU ALL .I REMEMBER HER SMILE HOW SHE WOULD LIGHT UP THE WHOLE ROOM.HOW SHE WAS ALWAYS GIVING US ADVICE WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.DIANE WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON IN AND OUT AND THAT IS WHAT MADE HER SPEICAL TO.I PRAY FOR ALL OF YOU.NANCY WILLIAMS AND FAMILY

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**NANCY WILLIAMS** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I worked with Diane for many years while at Delta College. She was a special lady and will be missed dearly.

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**Betty Lopez** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your love. May the Lord keep and comfort you during these tenebrous times. I'm confident that the thousands of young lives that passed through Dianes office at Delta College will carry on her legacy that "tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today".

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**Al Holston** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Iwas so sorry to hear of your lost. Know that my prayers are with you and your family

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**Carolyn Quinn - Allen** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ At times like this, We can't help remembering how fragile life is... May you find strength in the Love of Family and in the warm embrace of Friends. In Deepest Sympathy.

*Best Regards,*

*Paul, Kathy, & Muggie*

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**Paul Woodyard** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ You will tryely be missed.

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**Pearl Carter** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ A Wonderful woman. I enjoyed many great times with her. Working for her was not working, she made everything fun. My condolences to the family. Also just found about Pete a real character, they will be missed.

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**Linda Ross** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We had a chance to meet Diane through the Hickory Rib Inn. A very good and nice person.

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**Denise and Michael Thompson** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I just loved Diane's sense of humor. She always made me laugh. I loved her spunky personality and unique way of saying things.

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**Barb Hulon** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mamie and the Short Family for your untimely loss. Still find it hard to believe that she's no longer with us. Hold onto all your precious memories as I will to sustain you during this difficult time. I'm praying for your continued strenght.

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**Audrey W. Savage** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To The Family of Diane Short,

*Diane was a good friend and classmate and we had many happy days together during school and during our journey of adulthood. She will be missed and I pray for your continued strength in the Lord. My prayers are with you all.*

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**Lois Scott** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Family of Diane Short,  
So very sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. She was a vibrant person who enjoyed life. She was a caring and giving person who thought of others. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Our prayers are with you and the family. Remember you loved her here on earth but God wanted her with Him in that heavenly home, so he decided to call her home to rest from a job well done. She was a good and faithful servant who answered the call of the Lord. God will guide you through this period of bereavement, lend on Him now and forever. May she rest in peace.  
Melvin and Audrey McKandes

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**Melvin/Audrey McKandes** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I will always remember Diane's kindness to me as a colleague at Delta College, and to my daughter Robin.

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**Elizabeth Dewey** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I'm sorry to hear about Diane's passing. She was always friendly and great with the college students. I'm glad she was able to retire and hopefully enjoy her short retirement. Everyone will miss her smile and caring attributes.

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**Betty Rickey RN, MSN Professor of Nursing** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I had the honor of serving on several committees with Diane at Delta College over the years. Her enthusiasm was infectious and she always made me smile. May you find strength in the memory of such a wonderful person.

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**Maria Sablo-Yates** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Ms. Mamie and the entire Short family. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you during this time of endurance. I will truly miss Lady Di, I always looked for her latest hat fashion and only wished I could wear one with such grace as she did. Diane will be missed by many and truly remembered in our hearts. May God bless and keep you during this time. Stephanie Hall and The Hall Family.

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**Stephanie Hall** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Diane ALWAYS greeted me so warmly, even when just passing in the hallway! Maybe she just knew I needed mothering, somewhere deep down. I never knew she had attended Fisk--my father taught at Vanderbilt when I was little and one of my finest memories is a Christmas Choral concert we attended at Fisk.

*It is so sad that I did not know she was suffering from pancreatic cancer, something I have dealt with (though with better outcome, so far) for 8 years. So wish I could have spoken with her before her passing! Diane was one of my deeply treasured colleagues!*

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**Margot Haynes** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ It was always such a treat to see Diane on campus. She had such a wonderful smile and was always so nice to me. You will be missed, Diane.

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**Reggie Rinderer** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Diane Short's passing. For many years we served together as judges for the Martin Luther King Talent Contest. She always had a smile and a greeting for me when we passed in the hall. She was always "up" when I saw her and I would imagine she was quite an inspiration to the students she worked with at Delta. I think the college and the community will be diminished by her passing. I had several discussions with her about Willie Thompson's funeral. I know she too will be "waving at Jesus" and "waving WITH Jesus".

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**Robert Mee** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Diane, my coworker, my friend, may you rest in peace. All who really knew you will miss you. Thank you for your friendship. Mary Ellen

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**Mary Ellen Torrez** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ *Diane was the lady extrodinaire always and that is how I always referred to her up on getting to be a friend while at Fisk. I am blessed that I was able to see and share a moment with her at our last reunion in 2010.*

*May she rest in eternal peace and may God bless her family in these times.*

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**William C. Bowen, Sr., Esq.** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We too was in total shock to hear of Diane's passing. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Rich & Connie Colvin** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Ms. Mamie and Family:*

*I come as a former co-worker and as a friend. As her co-worker, the Student Engagement Staff wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and the family. We are in total shock to hear of Diane's transition but we also know that God makes no mistakes. As a friend, I have been knowing Diane every since I was a young child. She would be over to Ms. Daisy's when ever I would visit. I will always remember her as a woman of class, respect and wisdom. Our prayers are with you Ms. Mamie and we know that God will give the strength to endure the days ahead.*

*Humbly Submitted  
Delta College  
Office of Student Engagement  
& Sylvia, Marcus & Johnathon George*

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April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU*

*When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears and hug your sorrow to you through the years. But start out bravely with a gallant smile, and for my sake and for my name live on and do all things the same. Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each walking hour in useful ways. Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near. Never, never be afraid to die for I am waiting for you in the Sky.*

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*<http://youtu.be/3MceyLe3Z0U>*

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April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Mamie Short and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I pray God's blessings will comfort you during this difficult time.*

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**Mrs. Mary Bailey-Fifer** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Jah bless and sustain you during your time(s) of need.

*Diane, R.I.P.*

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**Joselyn Jordan-Ford** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ To family and friends: I have known Diane for such a long time and I do remember she smiled a brilliant smile. Oh yeah, there were times when she showed a scowl, but smile or scowl, I so enjoyed knowing her! She cared for the kids and wanted the best for them. She will be missed by many.

*When she left, I know she wore a beautiful crown (hat) upon her lovely head.*

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**diedra m knox** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Short Family. You are in my prayers.

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**Joseph Isom** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Aunt Retha:

*Words cannot express the love my children and I had for Diane. We really loved her. She was the star of all our family functions. She always thought highly of my children as well as myself. Diane had a beauty spirit and thats what God looks at. She will be truly missed and may God be with you always. Be Strong!!!!*

*Love you always, your niece*

*Marcia Rankins-Porter*

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**Marcia Rankins-Porter** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I just found out today April 21 that Diane was gone she help me out a lot with my Dad I had her on my mind and I wanted to talk to her I am so sad she had my Dad pay for my books she was so special and loved by many I am so sad to find this out I would have been there for her like she was there for me I will miss her Barbara.*

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**Barbara Hickman** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Aunt Retha: Words cannot express the love my children and I had for Diane. We really loved her. She was the star of all our family functions. She always thought highly of my children as well as myself. Diane had a beautiful spirit and thats what God looks at. She will be truly missed and may God be with you always. Be Strong!!!! Love you always, your niece Marcia Rankins-Porter*

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**Marcia Rankins-Porter** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ WE do not know the time or day when we will be called.  
BUT what's important for us now is to give God our all.  
DOING so will assure us a life on the new paradise earth.  
FOR God has said those trusting in him will be graced with a new birth.  
SOME will live their lives in a new spiritual heaven.  
OTHERS may very well greet relatives where God has chosen them to gather.  
SOON, tears will be wiped from every eye, as found at Revelation 21:4.  
NEITHER death nor mourning nor outcry nor pain be any more.  
THE former things have passed away, is what he has said.  
GOD'S love for us will erase the bad, and bring back the good dead.

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**Barbara Ann Miller** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ So Sorry to hear of the home going of Diane, May she rest in Peace. what a Beautiful Person . John Sanders niece.

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**Gwendolyn D. Perry** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM