









A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR

*Delmarshae*  
*Deborah*  
*Deans*  
*ring*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022  
12:00 NOON

GREATER MT. CALVARY M.B. CHURCH  
1400 ROBINSON ROAD, JACKSON, MS 39209  
REV. JOHN E. CAMERON SR., PASTOR

DR. CARL HUNT, OFFICIATING



# *A Precious Life*

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

REVELATIONS 21:4

**D**ELMARSHAE DEBORAH DEANS IRVING, commonly known as “Deborah,” was born on March 8, 1955. The oldest child of Mrs. Melvina and Hillary Deans, Deborah was educated in the public schools of Mississippi where she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from Jackson State University in 1976, also receiving a commissioning in the United States Regular Army as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Deborah had a distinguished career as an Army officer receiving several decorations, medals, and honorable citations while serving our country for 20 years and reaching the rank of Major. Fulfilling the US ARMY mantras “Be All You Can Be,” Deborah, while serving full time, continued her education and received her Master’s Degree.

In 1997 she moved back to Jackson, Mississippi after the death of her sister Patricia Deans Bradley. There she began another chapter of her life with a second career as a biology teacher in the Jackson Public Schools District for the next 5 years. Deborah also rejoined her home church of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi where she attended faithfully and became a member of their Gospel Choir.

In 2002 Deborah was joined together in holy matrimony to Wallace Irving, her husband of twenty years, and later moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She achieved a second retirement from the Gwinnett County School System as a Special Needs Instructor.

Those left to cherish her life include her husband Wallace Irving; Mother Melvina H. Deans; two (2) sisters Sharon Hill (Fabian) and Terrice Blackwell (Joey); three (3) brothers, Charles Deans, Chris Deans (Glenda), and Alexander Deans (Pamela); a host of relatives, friends, and the Irving family.







# Order of Celebration

Processional..... Clergy and Family  
*Music by Jackson Revival Center Choir*

Scripture Reading.....Pastor Charles Bradley  
*Pleasant Grove M.B. Church, Bentonla, Mississippi*

Song.....Jackson Revival Center Choir

Words of Encouragement.....Sis. Joyce Hunt

Song.....Lilly Davis  
*Niece*

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Song.....Jackson Revival Center Choir

## REFLECTIONS AND EXPRESSIONS

### AS A CHOIR MEMBER

*Bro. Dowell Taylor*

### AS A CO-WORKER

*MSG (Retired) Tonja Ancrum*

*United States Army*

*Phyllis Poellnitz-Polk*

*Gwinnett County School System*

### AS A FRIEND & SISTER

*Zendajah Perkins (Friend)*

*Terrice Blackwell (Sister)*

Solo.....“My Soul is Anchored”  
Rev. Christopher Deans

Eulogy..... Dr. Carl Hunt  
*Green Pastures Church, Jackson, Mississippi*

Recessional..... Funeral Directors  
*Music by Jackson Revival Center Choir*  
*David Thigpen, Saxophonist*



*To My Darling Wife...*  
*I'll See You Again*

It seems like only yesterday that our laughter filled the air  
and whatever I was going through, you were always there.

How you gave of all your love and time to those who were in need,  
in my heart you will always be a part of me.

Sometimes it is hard for me to deal with you not being here.  
I rejoice that you have reached a place of peace  
and rest where there is no fear.

Heaven has become a little sweeter just because you are there.  
We'll meet again in that place so bright and fair.

Love Always,  
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*To Auntie with Love*

*In the cherished memories of our Auntie*

Time can never blur the memory we have of you.

As we fondly remember, you have touched and impacted our lives from  
multiple points of view, often not even aware of your importance in our  
lives.

The memory of your laughter, wisdom, and hilarious stories that you shared  
with us will live in our hearts forever.

We love you Aunt Deborah...  
*Your Nieces and Nephews*



