



*Homegoing Service for
Vanessa Hartsfield
Thursday May 7th 2020, 2:00 P.M.
Tri-Cities Funeral Home*



Order of Service

*Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thanksgiving in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16*

Prelude – Preparation for Worship

“Order My Steps”

GMWA Women of Worship

Song of Worship

“Brighter Day”

Kirk Franklin

Opening Prayer

Obituary Reading

Victoria Calhoun

Remarks

Mia Roberts, Sister

Keera Riddick, Niece

Sharon Bodrick, Cousin

Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Cousin

Song

“Shackles”

Mary Mary

Reading of Scripture

Psalms 51:1-12

Luke 18:9-14

Reverend Patricia Ford

Prayer for the People

Charles Adkins, Ph. D

Song

“Stir Up the Gift”

Joe Pace & Colorado Mass Choir

Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Margaret Martinez Ventour

Song of Praise

“Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood

Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Celebration of Life~

Vanessa Lucille Walker-Hartsfield

Sunrise: January 22, 1958~Sunset: April 27, 2020

Psalm 103:1-4- Bless the Lord, O my soul: And all that is within me, Bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

Vanessa Lucille Walker-Hartsfield was born on January 22, 1958 and was the daughter of Bernard Dockery Walker and Annie Blanche Walker. She was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and was the youngest of three daughters. Vanessa was brought up in a Christian home. She graduated from Cass Technical High School in the Chemical/Biological Program. At the age of 16, Vanessa entered the Dual Degree Program with Spelman College and the Georgia Institute of Technology. In these institutions she completed a Physics Degree at Spelman and a Mechanical Engineering Degree at Tech. She then completed her education in engineering as one of two women in the mechanical engineering school. Vanessa worked in the telecommunications and chemical industries for 15 years. She was the first female to work as a central office engineer at her telecommunications company. She was the only female for four years in manufacturing floor support, working with the responsibility for all three shifts. In 1991, after recovering from injuries, Vanessa completed a certification in Massage Therapy from the Atlanta School of Massage where she also taught for three years. She completed certifications in sports massage, deep tissue, neuromuscular, and cranial sacral balancing. After having received advanced training in China in the art of massage therapy, she worked with the Atlanta School of Massage to provide training, therapy and support for the athletes during the 1996 US Olympic Games hosted in Atlanta, Georgia. She later authored a theology- based book called ***Stress Management for Christians: A Biblical Perspective (1998)***.

On March 7, 1981, Vanessa married her late husband, Mr. Eddie Hartsfield and to this union one son, Bernard Walker Hartsfield, was born.

Vanessa was a middle school science teacher for approximately 12 years and was completing her first year as a high school science teacher. She was a devoted member of Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral in Austell, Georgia where she served the Lord through many ministries. Vanessa enjoyed gardening, blogging and family reunions. Every year, she volunteered to teach young ladies at her schools how to dance.

Vanessa leaves to cherish her fond memory, one son, Bernard Walker Hartsfield (NY), two sisters, Rev. Dr. Margaret Martinez (Mich.) and Mia Roberts (Mass.); one aunt, Janetta Trice-Gadsden ((Danny(NY), one niece, Keera Riddick (Christopher)(MI.),one nephew, Brian Roberts (CO), two great nephews, D'Juan Riddick and Christopher Riddick and one great niece Tierra Riddick (MI) She is survived by a host of other grieving relatives and friends.