

HONORING THE LIFE & SPIRIT

OF

MS. DAPHNE DIANE PAGE-AARON



Descended
August 15, 1946

Ascended
August 22, 2021

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021
10:00 AM**

**Holloway Memorial Funeral
Home Chapel
2502 NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713**

**Rev. Jerome J. Washington, PhD,
Officiating**

Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
1007 South Roxboro Street
Durham, NC 27707

**FAMILY VISITATION
CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER

MUSIC

Beethoven's Ode to Joy

Ave Maria

**PROCLAMATIONS AND
PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

SOLO

Ms. Joanne Rogers

EULOGY

Pastor Jerome J. Washington, PhD

RECESSIONAL



**LAST RITES AND
COMMITMENT**

Beechwood Cemetery

*Drivers in the procession, please
turn on your headlights for safety.*

Daphne Diane Page-Aaron

August 15, 1946-August 22, 2021

For Daphne Diane life began as a beautiful lyric and ended as a beautiful self-composed song for the world that she experienced.

Diane, as the family knew her, was born the second of four children to Burly Randolph Page, Sr. and Juanita Campbell Page. Her father distinguished himself as the first Black aviator in Durham County, North Carolina. Diane, as did each of the four children, learned from him that one's passions in life are achieved only with determined effort. It was from her beloved Mother's teachings, by way of example, that Diane received revelations on human qualities of love, compassion, sacrifice, and an abiding faith in the Creator.

Advancement through some form of education was deeply ingrained in the Black ethos even before the Emancipation of the people. Diane attended grade schools in the segregated public schools of Durham. As a Hillside High junior, she won a Model United Nations speech competition that earned her a trip to New York City and Washington, DC in April 1963. Diane and her older sister, Sandra, graduated from Hillside High School with honors, one year apart. The high levels of excellence with which they completed their studies confirmed that Black folks were highly capable of educating their own when granted equitable funding and resources.

Diane and Sandra attended what was then called North Carolina College at Durham (later North Carolina Central University). They were co-founders of the *Ex Umbra* in 1964, NCC's first literary magazine. Diane became the first editor-in-chief. Her literary career also included publication of a collection of her poetry in Black Poets of the Sixties by Stephen Henderson of Howard University. While still enrolled at NCC Diane was selected to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a North-South exchange student. Diane earned her BA in English with honors from NCC in 1968 and her MA in American Literature from the University of Cincinnati in 1971. Diane met and fell in love with Moses Eugene Aaron while pursuing her graduate studies at UC. He planned to attend the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for an MBA. Daphne and Eugene married in Cincinnati in July 1971 before departing for Philadelphia.

Diane briefly worked in an agency which provided assistance to the elderly. In 1972 she took a position as a Field Advisor for the Girl Scouts of Philadelphia. Upon the completion of his MBA, Eugene accepted a position with the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware. Diane later took a position as an assistant to the Provost at the University of Delaware. That position required the use of her writing skills as an editor of the Provost's journal. Diane and Eugene made Wilmington their home. Family and friends were a priority in their lives and the inspiration for much of their travel throughout the United States and to Europe.

Diane earned a second master's degree, an MA in Education from Widener University. She also received certification in Elementary Education and taught in the Wilmington public schools system for

25 years. It was her work as a teacher and guide for youthful minds that was the most satisfying in all her professional career.

Diane's interests were an expression of her creativity. She was a writer and an avid reader which informed her writing. How she perceived imagery and form was conveyed through sketching and photography. Her passion for photography was also influenced by Eugene, an avid and highly skilled photographer himself. Diane also had a deep appreciation for classical music and opera. She was knowledgeable of the work of many classical composers, taught herself piano and how to read music, and spent many hours practicing their works.

Family was central to Diane's identity. It was the environment that nurtured the life song that she composed for her world. Her love for her mother, father, much beloved big sister, Sandra, and her younger brothers, Burly, Jr. and Carlos, was deep and abiding.

Diane had very healthy lifestyle practices throughout her adult life. That influence came at an early age while growing up in a household which relied on simple foods that provided dense nutrients. Juanita raised her family the way she was raised in rural upcountry South Carolina. The healthy nutritional practices taught by Juanita had an enduring effect on Diane.

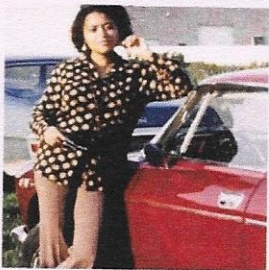
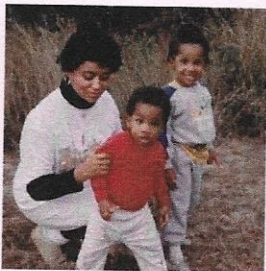
After 20 years together, Diane and Eugene dissolved their marriage as their lives grew in different directions. Diane loved teaching her sixth grade students. Eugene had taken a position with the United States State Department. He was posted to several foreign countries over the course of his career. They continued to maintain a cordial and respectful relationship after their marriage ended.

The illness that eventually brought an end to the beautiful song called Daphne Diane began a slow, insidious journey within her even as she devoted her life to others. For Diane, life on Earth ended on August 22, 2021, exactly one week after her 75th birthday.

Diane's end of life was preceded by the death of her father, Burly Randolph Page, Sr. (2013) and her beloved sister, Sandra Jean Page Vickers, by just eleven months (2020). Surviving family members are her mother, Juanita Campbell Page of Durham, NC; two brothers, Burly R. Page, Jr. of Chapel Hill, NC and Carlos J. Page, MD, of Baltimore, MD; brother-in-law, Leroy Vickers, MD, of Cincinnati, OH; niece, Lee Melanie Vickers of Dallas, TX; goddaughter, Nicole Young of Wilmington, DE; and many loving relatives and friends.

Many Blessings for
your transit through
life, death, and
rebirth.





PALL BEARERS

Burly R. Page, Jr.
Carlos J. Page, MD
Moses Eugene Aaron
Leroy Vickers, MD

FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends



The family of Ms. Daphne Diane Page-Aaron acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratitude the many acts and expressions of care and kindness shown during the life, illness, and death of our loved one.

- The Family



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