



Arleetha Wash

July 12, 1962 - February 17, 2022

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Arleetha Wash left a lasting impression on everyone she met with her joyful personality, distinctive laugh, bright smile, caring spirit, and great sense of style and beauty. We will remember her in this way, on this day, as we celebrate a life well-lived.

Arleetha began her earthly journey on July 12, 1962, in Ft. Worth, Texas, where she was born to Ben Wash and Ellie Ruth Houston. The next year, the family moved to Austin, Texas, where she began making lasting memories with friends and family, and lived a full and productive life. On the afternoon of Thursday, February 17, 2022, Arleetha transitioned peacefully into Heaven, comforted by friends and family who will miss her dearly.

Arleetha grew up as a happy child and could be seen playing outside in the neighborhood park with her friend Tammy Piper and other friends - something that children are not often seen doing today. She possessed many skills and talents including crocheting and knitting and she even knitted herself a "cute pink sweater." As well, she learned to design and sew her own clothing, a skill she picked up from her mother. At 12 years of age, Arleetha was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes; however, she vowed that she would not be limited by its effects, and set her sights on healthy and joyful living. Arleetha attended school in the Austin Independent School District and was an excellent and curious student. She attended Blackshear and Oak Springs Elementaries,

Blanton 6th grade center, and Pearce Junior High. It was in high school, that Arleetha explored more of her talents through her participation in the school's orchestra where she played the violin. She graduated from Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) High School in the spring of 1981, and in the fall of that year, she attended Southwest Texas State (SWT) University where she met some of her best friends.

Arleetha was a faithful Christian woman who possessed a love for God that nothing and no one could sever. She began her Christian walk as a child while attending Simpson United Methodist Church. It was there that she was taught lessons about the power of Christ – lessons of faith that would seamlessly guide her into adulthood. Arleetha joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she was a member for over 25 years. There, she continued her life as a loyal Christian warrior under the tutelage of Rev. G.V. Clark. She relished each Sunday hymn that was sung and every message delivered. She served the church as member of the Finance Team, and as a chaperone for their Kids Across American youth program. For 17 years, Arleetha worked at MCI in the role of supervisor and trainer. There she flourished and was respected for her knowledge of processes and people. She garnered many awards and was even selected for their elite President's Club. From there, she transitioned to the State of Texas where she worked for 13 years in many capacities, including working as an Ombudsman II. In this role, she was able to help those who were in great need and she talked about how rewarding it was to be able to do so as a person of faith.

Arleetha's greatest joy was being a mother to her son, Jordan Dominique Wash – he was the love of her life. He recalls how much she “enjoyed teaching him to cook, about cost-effective shopping, and about making the transition into adulthood.” He remarked that “she was insatiably curious, always excited to learn something new, and about how much she loved to cook, bake, and try new recipes. Jordan knew his mother as one who was “ferociously determined and focused on making things happen” – she never sat on the sidelines of life. She worked hard and was solution-focused on

achievement and excellence, never settling for less.

Arleetha leaves behind her son, Jordan Wash, her mother, Ellie Ruth Evans, her father Ben Wash, her brother Percell Vonrae Evans (Aslyn) and her nephew Jayden Evans. Her brother Malcolm H. Lott, Jr. preceded her in death. She loved family and stayed in touch with her cousins in Dallas. She also had devoted friends. One such friend and work manager, Paige Marsala, offered to donate her kidney to Arleetha for a transplant. Other devoted Christian sisters and friends include Patricia and Tellis Cannon, her neighbor of 25+ years Gwin Robinson, and friends Regina Mitchell and Willie Mae Jones. Her Southwest Texas University sisters and brothers, whom she met in 1981, include Alicia Moore, Angela McCurry, Greg and Maize Hamilton, Jill Drisdale, Jocelyn "Minnie" Walker, and Karla Hill

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public View with CDC GUIDELINES

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Arleetha Wash*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *To the Evans and Wash Families,
Our prayers are with you as you remember the fond memories you have of Arleetha's earthly life. Even though we hadn't spoken in some years, Arleetha was like "my big sister" as teenagers at LBJ High School. I have so many memories of our laughter, watching scary movies at Northcross Mall (and screaming at the top of our lungs), and traveling to the annual (MYF) Youth Retreats to Kerrville in the Simpson van. Even in our quiet, reflective moments, Arleetha and I would always have honest heart to heart conversations.
Love you all,
Kim Madison Brown and Family*

Kim Madison Brown - April 07, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash! I will miss you so much Arleetha. Who's going to give me those advises that only you did daily. Coming to my desk and eat cookies with me and chat. They would always say Elda and Arleetha get to work we would just laugh together 😭 loosing you buddy was one of the hardest thing that hurt me deeply in my ❤️. Always going to remember you*



Elda Santander - March 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

WJ

“ Roy and Willie Mae will remember Arleetha as a doting big Sister.
I am grateful to God for allowing me to spend so much time, during this season with such an inspirational, caring, selflessness, and giving soul!



Often laughter would reverberate through my home. Roy would peek in the room and say, "You must be talking to Arleetha" I was.

Just as a deer panteth after water, I too will thirst for another joyful and therapeutic conversation with Arleetha.

I will always remember Arleetha's unwavering faith in her higher power (God).

Heartfelt condolences to the family and all who knew and loved Ms. Arleetha Wash!

Willie Jones - March 05, 2022 at 10:53 AM

SI

“ Sharon I. lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash



Sharon I. - March 04, 2022 at 03:17 PM

JB

“ We remember you as a loving, supportive mom of Jordan Wash. We honor your memory and are humbled and thankful for your trust in us during his time in Young Men of Destiny. In loving memory, Jonathan and Estelle Brooks

Jonathan & Estelle Brooks - March 03, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JY

“ Jon and Estelle Brooks and YWMOD purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Arleetha Wash.



Jon and Estelle Brooks and YWMOD - March 03, 2022 at 10:09 PM

CB

“ Heartfelt condolences and prayers to Arleetha Wash family. A candle is lite in her honor as a Proverbs 31 Women.



Carolyn Bryant-Moore - March 02, 2022 at 12:05 PM

LS

“ Linda Stephens lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash



Linda Stephens - February 26, 2022 at 08:49 PM

CT

“ *Arleetha, May you Rest In Peace*
Sincerely,
Carolyn Thomas



Carolyn Thomas - February 25, 2022 at 12:37 PM

CT

Arleetha, May you Rest In Peace
Sincerely,
CAROLYN THOMAS

Carolyn Thomas - February 25, 2022 at 12:40 PM

VH

“ *Vonnie Manor Hancock lit a candle in memory*
of Arleetha Wash



Vonnie Manor Hancock - February 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Arleetha. I*
pray that God will give you His peace, comfort, and strength during
this difficult time.

Joey Perry

Joey Perry - February 23, 2022 at 12:21 AM

LJ

“ *Ms. Arleetha you will truly be missed. It was a pleasure working side by side with you. My deepest condolences to your son and family. Beautiful lady with a heart of gold*



Lesley Johnson - February 22, 2022 at 03:46 PM

PA

“ *Pamela sent a virtual gift in memory of Arleetha Wash*



Pamela - February 22, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BJ

“ *Bridget James lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash*



Bridget James - February 22, 2022 at 10:48 AM

PA

“ *Pamela lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash*



Pamela - February 22, 2022 at 10:47 AM

MH

“ *Marcia Houston lit a candle in memory of Arleetha Wash*



Marcia Houston - February 19, 2022 at 08:56 AM