



# Demetrious Yolanda Roberson

April 15, 1971 - August 4, 2023

## Demetrious Yolanda Harris-Roberson Life's Journey

Demetrious Yolanda Harris affectionally known as “Metra” was born on April 15, 1971, to the late Wilton and Elnora Harris in Austin, Texas. She was the third child born to this union. The Harris family were lifetime members of Wesley United Methodist Church where Metra gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was baptized under the leadership of Rev. Freddie B. Dixon, Sr. She sang in the youth choir under the direction of the late Geneva Rawlins, minister of music. As teenagers, she and her older sister Rosilynn were lead musicians at Webberville Road Baptist Church under the pastoralship of Rev. Charles Easley Sr. Metra played the piano while Rosilynn played the organ. Metra also served as a junior usher under the guidance of Mary Kimbles.

She grew up in Austin, Texas where she attended Norman and Walnut Creek Elementary, Dobie Junior High and Lanier High School. During her years at Norman and Walnut Creek Elementary Schools she was very active in Girl Scouts and known for her kickball skills. At Dobie Junior High, Demetrious discovered an interest in music and enjoyed playing the trombone and became trombone section leader. While attending Lanier High School she was a member of the debate team and student government council. Metra graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1989. She attended Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton, Texas where she pursued and obtained a double degree in Mass Communication and Business Administration. She

published articles in the student newspaper, "The Lasso." She also served as student ambassador for TWU and was a proud graduate in the Class of 1992. Demetrious met the love of her life, Kerry Albert Roberson at Morse Street Baptist Church while attending college. They were engaged to be wed after their third date. During their courtship Metra joined Morse Street Baptist Church under watch care and became very active. Kerry and Demetrious became one on September 26, 1992, when they shared their vows at Wesley United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas with Rev. Dr. Freddie B. Dixon, Sr. officiating. Shortly after their marriage they relocated to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California due to Kerry's military assignment in the United States Marine Corps. After two years they returned to Dallas, Texas. Upon their return to Dallas, Texas, Metra joined Morse Street Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Donald Hayes with the Roberson family, who were devoted charter members at that time. They began their family and were blessed with their first-born Baleigh Marie and two years later their second daughter Kennedi Danielle Mary completed their family. At Morse Street Baptist Church, Metra served faithfully as the college ministry manager under the leadership of Reverend James Kelly. In this role, she advised, encouraged, and assisted students with their post-secondary education goals. Demetrious had a passion for business and finance which lead her to embark on a career with several major companies including but not limited to JC Penney's Corporate Office, Dallas Morning News where she was Senior Commercial Credit Manager for over twenty years, Denton Area Teachers Credit Union and most recently with Lawn & Garden LLC, where her specialty was Credit Approval and Collections Management. Metra was civic minded and very involved in her community through commitment of Girl Scouts as troop leader, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Band Booster Mom at Harpool Middle School and Denton Guyer High School. Demetrious had the Harris Blood in her veins. She loved to talk and could elevate to whatever level of conversation she was in. She was an inspiring motivational speaker like her daddy and big brother. Metra was considered the Roberson's official itinerary

travel planner. They were avid travelers and shared many vacations together as their most recent one was to the Dominican Republic in July 2023.

Demetrious loved her family and friends, more importantly, Demetrious loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Demetrious was preceded in death by her parents, Wilton and Elnora Harris; paternal grandparents, Robert and Rhoda Harris; and maternal grandparents, Frank and Bernice Oliver.

Demetrious leave to cherish her memory: Her husband Kerry Albert Roberson of 3 years, two beautiful daughters, Baleigh Marie and Kennedi Danielle both of Lewisville, Texas; one brother, Wilton Daniel Harris, Jr., Austin, Texas; one Sister, Rosilynn Ann (Anthony) Harris-Aldridge, Austin, Texas; one sister-in-law, Faye Ellen Roberson-Norman, Denton, Texas; three aunts – Clarece Long, Texas City, Texas; Sally Oliver, Henderson, Texas; Louise Oliver, Henderson, Texas; Special Cousin, Nicole Harris and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives, friends and colleagues.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

# Previous Events

## PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
1164 San Bernard Street  
Austin, TX 78702

## Celebration Service

AUG 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
1164 San Bernard Street  
Austin, TX 78702

# Tribute Wall



“ *Demetrious Yolanda Roberson*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Joyce Akins lit a candle in memory of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson*



**Joyce Akins** - August 14, 2023 at 01:31 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**A Life Celebration by Franklin** - August 12, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *I can't believe that you aren't here. You were there for me for one of the most important days of my life. I know that you are right next to God, your mom and dad smiling, letting us know that you are just fine. Always in my heart!❤️*



**Kenyetta Barrett** - August 12, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



August 12, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Madlyn W. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



**Madlyn W.** - August 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Madlyn W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*

**Madlyn W.** - August 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *There is no words for what our heart is feeling for your loss, but God makes no mistake. Her beautiful smile will always be remembered. Our love and prayers for strength to the family. Love Madlyn Wilhite and family*

**Madlyn Wilhite** - August 11, 2023 at 11:09 AM

AW

“ Oh my dear, sweet Dee! Gosh I am going to miss you so much! I remember first meeting you and the girls at a Troop 8766 Brownie meet. Our group of moms will forever be known as "The Brownie Moms" even as the girls moved on to be Girl Scouts and became life long friends. We have shared many laughs and many tears. Many walks around the blocks, many glam and photo sessions, many memories were made and luckily I have some of the photographs to look back upon and remember when. Thank you for being there for me through my toughest times and now it's my turn to be there for Kerry and the girls. Rest in Peace my beautiful friend. Your light is still shining bright here on earth.

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**Andrea Weilacher** - August 11, 2023 at 10:53 AM

WR

“ With love, Erica Riggins purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.



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**With love, Erica Riggins** - August 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Veronica Arnold lit a candle in memory of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson



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**Veronica Arnold** - August 11, 2023 at 02:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *I'm going to miss her beautiful smile and her one of a kind sense of humor. She always made you feel special and her laughter was contagious. She was one of a kind and will be missed by many friends and family.*



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**Eunice Brazell** - August 10, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*

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August 10, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *My most memorable thoughts of Dee are of her sharing the excitement of having her children and renewing her vows to Kerry. So many long and loving talks about her family. And God knows I remember our Jamaica fun! Dee, I will miss you!*

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**Sonja Cason** - August 10, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *Tammy and Brian Cook purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



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**Tammy and Brian Cook** - August 10, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Tammy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*

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**Tammy C.** - August 10, 2023 at 04:06 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Wooten lit a candle in memory of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson*



Sheila Wooten - August 10, 2023 at 02:12 PM

SW

*My Soldier you will truly be missed*

Sheila Wooten - August 10, 2023 at 02:14 PM

TF

“ *The Wooten Family-Rockwall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



The Wooten Family-Rockwall - August 10, 2023 at 02:09 PM

LW

“ *Lucretia Whytus purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*



Lucretia Whytus - August 10, 2023 at 01:45 PM

LW

“ *Lucretia Whytus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson.*

Lucretia Whytus - August 10, 2023 at 01:45 PM

CR

“*May God be your strength and comfort as your family grieve the loss of your beloved Demetrious. Though the tears flow and the questions of why are in your head, know God will bring you peace in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*”  
Charmaine Sauls Respass

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**CHARMAINE L RESPASS** - August 10, 2023 at 01:44 PM

TS

“*May our God of comfort and peace be with you all. I loved Metra so much, and I know that your hearts are hurting, but we will see our sweet Metra again! May you rest in the arms of God until we meet again! Love, Terri and The Shaw Gang* 🙏👉💕💕



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**Terri Shaw** - August 10, 2023 at 01:04 PM

FR

“*You were always my sister-in-law, but our hearts said sister-by-love. I already miss your text and calls. May you rest in love! We got Kerry & the girls.*💕💕

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**Faye Roberson-Norman** - August 10, 2023 at 11:21 AM

EH

“ My Metra.....we just shared words a few weeks ago and you peacefully slipped away into the arms of Jesus. You always made me feel special. You were so vibrant and full of life. You would walk into any room and it would light up. To Kerry, Baleigh, Kennedy, Ro, Pebbles, and the entire family my prayers are with you during this time of great loss. Rest in love our sweet Demi.



*Evelyn and Danielle*

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**Evelyn Holland** - August 10, 2023 at 08:11 AM

CP

“ *Cherryl Nealy Priestley lit a candle in memory of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson*



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**Cherryl Nealy Priestley** - August 08, 2023 at 05:23 PM

TB

“ *Timothy W Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Demetrious Yolanda Roberson*



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**Timothy W Blackwell** - August 08, 2023 at 06:25 AM