



Deborah Jean Howard

August 30, 1954 - October 8, 2020

Deborah Howard (66) transitioned from this life on October 8, 2020 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC. She was the first born child of the late James Whelly and Bernice Parker Howard of Hertford County. At an early age, she joined Nebo Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, NC, where she was a faithful member until her demise. Deborah's formal education was received in the public schools of Northampton County, at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University in Greensboro, NC where she received a BA degree and Ohio State University where she received a master's degree in Family Relations and Human Development. In August 1979 Deborah started her career with the Hertford County Cooperative Extension Services, remaining there until retiring in 2009 as the Director. She loved her family, church and community. She was always willing to extend a helping hand when needed.

Left to cherish her loving memories are siblings, James D, Howard (Yvonne), Carson "Sand" Howard, Wayne (Jackie) Howard, Shelton Howard and Regina H. Glaspie; aunt, Clarice Hawkins (William); nieces, nephews, cousins, a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Reynolds Funeral Home
321 Maple St. N
Ahoskie, NC 27910
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Funeral

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Nebo Baptist Church
10555 US Highway 258
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Burial

OCT **15** (ET)

Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery
Perdue Hatchery Road
Conway, NC 27820

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Jean Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ *Joyce Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Joyce Wiggins - December 01, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Jo Farmer lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Jo Farmer - November 02, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *MS GERILDINE DICKERSON lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



MS GERILDINE DICKERSON - October 21, 2020 at 07:51 AM

JA

“ *Jasmine E. Anthony lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Jasmine E. Anthony - October 18, 2020 at 03:26 PM



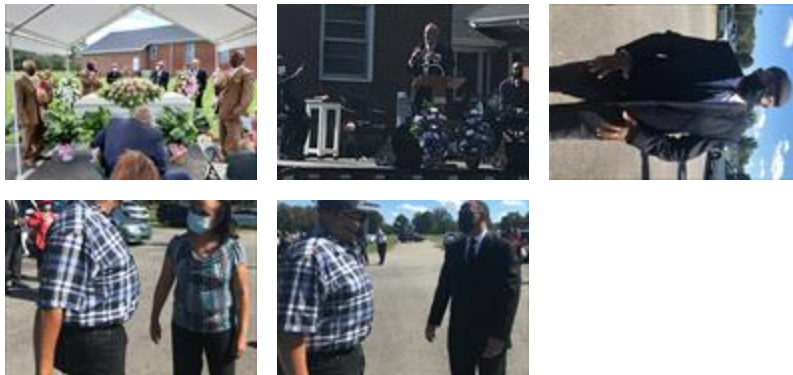
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.*



October 18, 2020 at 03:24 PM

MM

“ *18 files added to the album Memories Album*



Marian MORRIS-GRAHAM - October 16, 2020 at 03:36 PM

LQ

“ Although I didn't get to work with Deborah often (we were in different districts) she was always smiling and positive. Her leadership and educational services influenced many youth and adults throughout her career. May God bless Deborah's family with peace and wonderful memories. Lynne Qualls (fellow county director)

Lynne Qualls - October 15, 2020 at 11:53 AM

DD

“ Danyce Dicks lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Danyce Dicks - October 15, 2020 at 11:15 AM

YM

“ Yvonne Mullen lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Yvonne Mullen - October 15, 2020 at 08:54 AM

VS

“ Velma Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Velma Stephenson - October 14, 2020 at 04:18 PM

VS

“ Verlene Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Verlene Stephenson - October 14, 2020 at 08:20 AM

LW

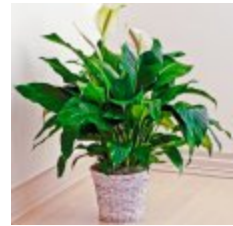
“ Lillian Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Lillian Whitaker - October 13, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.



October 13, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.



October 13, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DS

“ *Daisy Smith lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Daisy Smith - October 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DS

My thoughts an prayers to Deborah brothers an sisters.She will be missed.

Daisy Smith - October 13, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SN

“ *Sheby & Jay Newton purchased the White Standi ng Spray for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.*



Sheby & Jay Newton - October 13, 2020 at 04:10 PM

MS

“ *Melanie Storey sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Melanie Storey - October 13, 2020 at 03:21 PM

MS

It was a pleasure working under Deborah's leadership for many years at Cooperative Extension. I have lots of wonderful memories of good times shared with her and our office family. Deborah taught me many valuable lessons in leadership and life.

Melanie Storey - October 13, 2020 at 03:32 PM

Jo Ann Zimmerman

“ *Jo Ann Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Jo Ann Zimmerman - October 13, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MM

“ *Margaret Boone Melton lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Margaret Boone Melton - October 13, 2020 at 01:11 PM

OF

“ *Ola Mae Boone and family purchased the Europe an Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.*



Ola Mae Boone and family - October 13, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DC

“ *Deborah M Crandall lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Deborah M Crandall - October 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *Pink Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.*



October 13, 2020 at 08:59 AM

AB

“ *We extend our condolences to the Howard Family and wish them comfort at this time. On behalf of the Northeast Extension District, we thank you for your lifetime of dedication in service to the people of Hertford County.*

Art Bradley - October 13, 2020 at 07:59 AM

LD

“ *PRAYERS & STRENGTH FOR THE HOWARD FAMILY. GOD BLESS!!! LETIA DICKERSON & THE DICKERSON FAMILY.*



LETIA DICKERSON - October 13, 2020 at 12:57 AM

DB

“ *Deborah's smile and passion for life made a difference with all the families she worked with through Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Programs, as well as her coworkers across the state. It was my privilege to have shared some time in my professional journey with someone so sincere in her efforts to help families. May all of her family and friends feel the love and prayers of Deborah's Extension family during this time of loss.*

Denise Baker - October 12, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Howard.*



October 12, 2020 at 07:47 PM

RG

“ *Deborah Howard was a joy to everyone. She loved working with people and would do anything to help people improve their life. She helped me out as I started my Extension career. We road to many Extension Conferences and roomed together. She will be missed. She is in a happier place, sharing her smile and Aggie pride with all.*



Prayers for the family,

Reba

Reba M Green-Holley - October 12, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Great Memories and Laughs in Extension!
Thank you for creating a path for us to follow!*

*Much Love, Tyrone Fisher, Orange County
Extension Director*



Tyrone Fisher - October 12, 2020 at 06:56 PM

KH

Deborah will be missed. She was a light in the lives of all that knew her.

Kathy Hester - October 12, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ *I loved this woman! many fun memories. She could “relate!” I was just starting a presentation to an audience of about 200 child care providers. I had brought my 7 year old son with me and he was sitting on the front row with a backpack of things to “keep him busy.” He saw me starting to speak and came up to stand next to me. When he looked at the audience realizing what he was doing (standing in front of 200 faces), he wondered what to do. Deborah appeared and asked him if he wanted to go outside and play. He happily followed her. So sweet and insightful!!! Saved the day! Will miss you Deborah!!*

Karen DeBord - October 12, 2020 at 06:35 PM

ED

Evelyn Deans DeLoatch

Deborah will be missed by her family and friends. As one of my traveling buddies on many occasions we shared stories and much laughter. My family and I offer our sincere condolence to the family.

Evelyn D. DeLoatch - October 14, 2020 at 07:54 AM

GK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Deborah in NC Cooperative Extension for many years. She was such a kind, hard working individual who cared for her community. She will be missed by all who knew her. So happy that our paths crossed and I'll see her again one day. Prayers of comfort are extended to her family.

Georgia Kight - October 12, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Deborah Howard. I knew Deborah as a fellow colleague in NC Cooperative Extension. Although we didn't work in the same county center, I always found Deborah to be kind and warm whenever I encountered her at district or state meetings. Our loss is certainly heavens gain, and I pray that Deborah will rest in power and in peace.

Deborah Taylor - October 12, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ FineChyna Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



FineChyna Simmons - October 12, 2020 at 05:37 PM

JW

“ Deborah was my coworker in the 80's and 90's in Cooperative Extension. I admired how she was an advocate for women and children in rural North Carolina. We shared lots of smiles during our twenty years together. My heart goes out to the family.

Jewel Winslow - October 12, 2020 at 05:15 PM

UC

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Howard Family. Deborah was a school mate at Northampton High East and a work colleague of Agricultural Extension Service of Winton, North Carolina. We became very close friends, her intelligences and expertise helped her to be an exceptional colleague. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten. You are in God's loving arms now.*



*Sleep on my friend,
Ueritta & Billy Crocker*

Ueritta & Billy Crocker - October 12, 2020 at 04:58 PM

PL

“ *Oh, I am so sad. Deborah was such a wonderful person and I know she will be missed by her family and friends. I was a former coworker and she was a friend. I had not seen her in a number of years as I live in Raleigh. The last time I saw her was on Main St. in Murfreesboro. We both parked and got out of our cars and spotted each other and just hugged and chatted. She was a great person to work with at the Hertford County Extension office. I am so glad she came into my life. Love you Deb.*

Penny Lewter - October 12, 2020 at 04:53 PM

GL

So sorry to here this. I, along with Penny, worked with Deborah at the Hertford County Extension Office in Winton. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family.

Gloria Vinson Lassiter - October 12, 2020 at 05:31 PM

GT

“ Gene, Linda, Randy, And Rodney Tann lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard



Gene, Linda, Randy, and Rodney Tann - October 12, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RC

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Howard family. Deborah was a special lady. Go rest high on that mountain Deborah.



Rebecca Castello - October 12, 2020 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ My sincere condolences to the Howard family. Deborah was my school mate, sharing the same classroom each grade level up until high school. Very smart, intelligent and ambitious. I'm sure she has earned her rest. Rest In Peace Deborah, and God's blessings to the family.

Debra Gatling Brown - October 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM

DJ

“ Deborah was a great person who cared about and helped others. She will be truly missed.



Diana James - October 11, 2020 at 09:34 AM

CS

“ *Condolences to the Howard family on the loss of your love one.*

Gilbert and Charmont Hall Stephen



Charmont Stephen - October 11, 2020 at 12:58 AM

WC

“ *My deepest condolences to the family* 🙏🙏
She will be missed 😞



Westelle Cherry - October 10, 2020 at 11:57 PM

LW

“ *Lillian Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Lillian Whitaker - October 10, 2020 at 11:51 PM

CS

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Condolences to the family. "Aggie Pride"*



Corelette Smith - October 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

VB

“ *Viola Benthall lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Viola Benthall - October 10, 2020 at 01:21 PM

FL

“ *Frieda Lassiter lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Howard*



Frieda Lassiter - October 09, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JW

“ *I am deeply saddened to read of the loss of Deborah. I will always treasure our friendship. I missed her so much when I moved to Maryland and was no longer able to share our weekly visits at Just Hair. We always had so much fun. I will always remember her outstanding contributions to Hertford County. There were so many. I express heartfelt sympathy to the family,*

Julia Whitaker - October 09, 2020 at 05:08 PM