



Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley

July 25, 1935 - May 12, 2017

In Loving Memory Of Diadra Olivette Redley:

Diadra Olivette Mary Coleman Redley was born on July 25, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Officer Isaac S. Coleman Sr. and Gertrude M. (Barber) Coleman. She was the youngest of eight children, seven girls and one boy.

Just 9 years later on May 21, 1944, she was baptized at St. Anselm Catholic Church in Chicago where she also received her First Holy Communion on May, 28, 1944. A year later on November 6, 1945, she received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Diadra attended Betsy Ross Grammar (elementary) School and graduated from Englewood High School on June 26, 1953. After graduation she worked for Illinois Bell Telephone Company from 1953-1960 as a long-distance operator and typist. In 1956, she received the Miss Voice, District 3 Award. She was also the first black long-distance supervisor in her office.

In 1955, Clarence Willard Redley was visiting his cousin, Mayme Tyler, in Chicago. It was Mayme who introduced Clarence to Diadra during that visit. Clarence and Diadra were married on August 6, 1960 at St. Anselm Church. That same day, they travelled to Detroit to begin their life together. Later that year, she joined SS. Andrew & Benedict Catholic Church where she was a life-long member. She was also employed by the Immigration and

Naturalization Service in Detroit from 1961-1966. Although she adjusted to life in Detroit, her memories of the south side of Chicago were always close to her heart.

Clarence and Diadra were joined in holy matrimony for almost 57 years. One daughter, Dr. Clarita Anissa Redley Hughes, was born of this union.

In her spare time, Diadra enjoyed crocheting afghans, reading, swimming, golf, bowling, traveling, and most importantly, spending time with her large family. Everyone knows her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren, Brandon, Nichole, and Miles Hughes. Graciously she was a second mother, helping to raise them from infancy through their adolescent years.

Diadra peacefully transitioned from this life on May 12, 2017. She was a doting wife, affectionate mother and grandmother, and a genuine friend.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, May **27**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Saints Andrews and Benedict Church
2430 S. Beatrice St.
Detroit, MI 48217

Funeral Service

Saturday, May **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hello,*

This message is for Clarita.

Hi Clarita!

it's Ange Willis from Aquinas High School. I am so saddened to hear about your recent loss. Your mother was always so kind and even funny when she would pick me up and let me ride to school with you. I wanted to take time and share my warm wishes of strength and encouragement towards you and your family.

I see that all that sleep you put into storage over the years did indeed pay off. I was laughing with my family and sharing the memory of you saying that you slept so much during high school on the weekends because you were going to be a doctor and would need to get all the sleep you could get then, to help you when you became a doctor. Congrats to you.

I'd love to hear back from you. I can be reached directly at 248-254-0658.

Take Care,

Ange Willis

Ange Willis - December 04, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley.*



May 24, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley.*



May 24, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *To the Family of Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley -*

Please accept my deepest sympathy during this time of difficulty. May you find comfort in knowing that God promises that those "powerless in death" will live again (Isaiah 26:19)

EH - May 22, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss Clarence.*

Bernie Fine

Joyce Aldred - May 16, 2017 at 08:23 PM

RO

“ I extend my heartfelt symiathies to the grieving family . God extends His Comfort through His words at Isaiah 41:10.

Rosa - May 16, 2017 at 04:47 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Diadra Olivette Redley.



May 15, 2017 at 03:36 PM

ML

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope as we all look forward to the time when even death will be no more - Rev 21:4. You have my deepest sympathy.

Ms Laverne - May 15, 2017 at 07:08 AM