



Minister Sandra Feva - Dance

May 14, 1947 - June 26, 2020

In Loving Memory Of;

Today we say farewell to Sandra Feva-Dance, an elegant firecracker. She was full of life, always had a way of focusing on the good things in life and others. Even when she punched you with the truth you knew it was because she cared. She was devoted to her family and did her best to let you know she loved and cared about you. This lady was a shining star in her family, singing career and even brighter star when Christ saved her and used her in ministry. Minister Sandra Feva-Dance loved to preach and teach The Word of God and strengthen other believers in their walk of transformation. Many of us here today got to watch her transformation from stage to pulpit and have witnessed her love for God, people and ministry.

Sandra Arnold was born to Ruth Arnold in Los Angeles, California on May 14, 1947. She was the oldest of five siblings. Later her family moved from California and she spent most of her childhood raised in Detroit, Michigan. It was here in Detroit as a young girl that she discovered her love for singing.

An excerpt from Sandra's memoirs:

"When I was 6 or 7 years old this lady named Ms. Dudley who stayed next door with her granddaughter named Carolyn would take me to church. She asked my mother one day could she take me to join this choir. She told my mother she would make sure I got there and got home and it would give me

something to do. So I was in the choir for about a year and Ms. Hendrix of New Mt. Mariah would hear me sing. Ms. Elma Hendrix founded this community choir for children. The community choir was called C.Y.E., Community Youth Ensemble, we had children from 5-22 years old.

We had to learn bible verses, do devotions, prayer, and sing hymns. So when Ms. Hendrix found out I could sing she wanted me to sing by myself and I started crying. She went to the piano, got a milk bottle, told me, "to cry in the bottle and when I finished, I still had to sing." In those days as children you did what you were told. After I finished crying and wiped my tears and all the kids were laughing, I sang. I've been singing ever since. Then I started to like it! I liked singing and harmonizing. I could not wait to get to rehearsal! We had long rehearsals and traveled all over. We sang for many different churches."

Singing was a powerful gift God gave Sandra and she would spend her life singing and people hearing her voice all over the world. Her life's vocation was as a singer/song writer, arranger and background vocalist/studio vocalist for herself and some of the greatest performers who ever lived, including Aretha Franklin. Sandra had a long career of singing, performing and recording then in 1982 she became a core background vocalist for Aretha Franklin. She spent nearly three decades traveling and performing with Aretha as well as many others.

In the year 2000 Sandra suffered a serious stroke and things would never be the same. The stroke caused her to reevaluate her life, drew her closer to God and she began taking her walk with jim more seriously. She more strongly connected with her church home Third New Hope Baptist Church where she was eventually licensed as a minister on May 17, 2009. Studying, teaching and sharing The Word of God became her joy, it's what she loved to do. She got excited about sharing God's love and Word to those who were suffering. She would volunteer at nursing homes to sing and minister to the elderly and

sick. She would also give whatever she could to those who did not have. Minister Feva-Dance put together a team to go to Flint, Michigan to give water to families during the Flint water crisis. She was something else. Her own suffering with her health challenge of kidney failure did not discourage or stop her from being a blessing to others and all with a smile, song and encouraging words.

Besides all that, she loved her family unconditionally. She married her best friend Tonie Dance on August 1, 1981 and became Mrs. Dance. They were married 38 years and held the family together through thick and thin. She was always checking on and worrying about us despite her own challenges. This lady was the strongest lady I've ever known in my life. She took a licking' and kept it moving, praising God all the way. Mom you will always be an example to us when life gets hard and we are weary. You showed us that God is bigger than any problems we face and that trusting in Him is what will keep us strong. You will be so missed and you are well loved. These words are not enough, but we gave it a try. We love you wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, colleague and more to many. Rest now with our Lord and we will see you again.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Jul. 8. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Third New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
12850 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Minister Sandra Feva - Dance* ”

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Bogins Family lit a candle in memory of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance* ”



Bogins Family - July 08, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Dorothy Mccoy lit a candle in memory of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance* ”



Dorothy Mccoy - July 08, 2020 at 06:21 AM



“ *Jennifer Ballard lit a candle in memory of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance* ”



Jennifer Ballard - July 07, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ Sandra had a voice and talent beyond comparison. She blew everyone away that heard her sing and she was humble and spiritual. Sing with the angels Sandra. I am shocked, hurt and can't believe you are gone but will remember you fondly forever.-Brenda Williamson

Brenda Williamson - July 06, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance.



July 06, 2020 at 12:56 PM

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“ To the Family of our Beloved Min. Sandra Feva-Dance, We all will miss her voice and songs of praise as she sang with true love of the Lord. Much Love and Peace.

L. Cook, Ministry Leader, TNH Communion-Baptism Servant's Ministry.

Loretta Cook - July 06, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LM

“ Love, Rose and Luke Mangiameli purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance.



Love, Rose and Luke Mangiameli - July 02, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance.*



July 02, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *Our Condolences and Prayers to the Dance Family, From the Whole Entire Roland Family*



Evangelist Frances Roland and Sister Bea - July 01, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Joyce L Twyman Skillman lit a candle in memory of Minister Sandra Feva - Dance*



Joyce L Twyman Skillman - July 01, 2020 at 02:53 PM