



## Mrs. Thelma Diane Straley

May 27, 1941 - May 4, 2013

### Her Journey:

Thelma Diane Straley was the first born of Rosemary (Straley) James on May 27, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan.

As of Christmas 1942, she became the foster daughter of Rev. Solomon D. and Mary O. Ross. She was now a permanent member of their family. Diane (as she preferred to be called), shared her life with both families.

Diane accepted Christ at an early age. Rev. S. D. Ross baptized her at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church. In her late teens, she played piano for the Sunday School and taught the kindergarten level class.

Mostly educated in Detroit, she graduated from Cass Technical High School (1959), and eventually earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Wayne State University (1974).

March 1962, Ms. Thelma D. Straley was employed by Detroit Receiving Hospital as a Medical Laboratory Aide. Her tenure with the City of Detroit, gave her the opportunity to remain with her employer and change the field of work to social work with the Neighborhood Service Department in July 1965. There she continued to work and was promoted to Community Services Assistant until retirement in June of 1992.

Since retirement, Diane worked as Stanley (Stanhome) representative, Direction worker with the City of Detroit Election Commission and Census Enumerator with U.S. Census Bureau (2000).

Her hobbies included playing the piano, crocheting, collecting vintage jewelry and tending house plants. She and companion, William Render, became members to TAAP/Retirees Social Group.

# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Wednesday, May 8. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

Wednesday, May 8. 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Diane Straley*

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“ *Mrs. Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Thelma Diane Straley*



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**Mrs. Dawson** - May 07, 2013 at 09:34 AM