



Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush

September 14, 1944 - February 20, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of Yvonne Clarice Wynn-Rush:

Yvonne C. Rush was born on September 14, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan, the only child of the late Rev. Robert C. Wynn and Rosa L. Brent Wynn-Williams. She was the delight of their lives. Yvonne graduated from Detroit Public Schools and, because education was a benchmark of her family, she went on to higher education. Yvonne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's in Education from Wayne State University; she was a PhD Candidate in Educational Administration at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

In September 1964, Yvonne was united in marriage to James Rush; they had no living children. The marriage ended in divorce but, in later years they became companions again and renewed a loving friendship.

Yvonne was well-educated, self-directed with great integrity and an uncommonly strong work ethic. Highly skilled in written and oral communications, she became a grant-writing machine for many professional, civic and faith-based organizations. Her many successful grants regularly funded various outreach programs for thousands of children, youth and their families over the years as part of the national "No Child Left Behind" mandate. Other grants provided services to seniors and programs to address maternal and child health care and the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

Her mother, Rosa L. Wynn-Williams, was an educator and her father, Rev. Robert C. Wynn, was a minister. Yvonne was a preacher's kid. In addition to being highly educated, she was steeped in Christian ministry and was actively involved in the church all of her life. She was a cornerstone member of the Conant Avenue United Methodist Church where she served passionately in many ministries, mostly in leadership positions, including the United Methodist Women, Christian Education Director, Sunday School superintendent, Board of Discipleship Ministry, Senior Ministry and other work in the church. She was directly responsible for the ADAPT (Advancing Development of Pediatric Training) program.

She was affiliated with many civic, cultural and community organizations including: the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Foundation of the Museum of African American History, Delta Manor - Senior Living Residence, Detroit Links and Linkages Coalition, Lakeside Chautauqua in Ohio, Metropolitan Christian Council of Detroit/Windsor, National Conference of Artists, Southeastern Michigan HIV/AIDS Council and others. She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - Detroit Alumnae Chapter. Yvonne was known for her gift of gab, good humor and her warm, loving heart - unselfish in serving God and humanity.

Also known for her great love for all things African, especially African Art and clothing, it is entirely fitting that she passed during Black History month. She proudly wore her African garb in life and so she leaves in one. This dedicated, committed and competent Christian woman met life head-on with love, humor and great self-esteem.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Feb. **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

Tuesday, Feb. **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Conant Avenue United Methodist Church
18600 Conant Ave.
Detroit, MI 48234

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I just learned of Yvonne's passing today (as I was doing volunteer work at Hotel Lakeside). I will always remember Yvonne for her wonderful, bubbly personality and for her devotion to God and to God's people. I was fortunate to serve on the Lakeside Education Advisory Team with Yvonne and loved her breadth of knowledge. Each time we met we would hug as we greeted each other. And, yes, I loved her wardrobe so it was good to know that folks' last image of her would have been in one of her colorful African outfits. She brought smiles wherever she went and I am certain that continues in heaven.*

*Bill Smith
Lakeside OH*

Bill Smith - May 18, 2017 at 12:14 PM



A great person my old bubbly friend from Cass Tech. Always frndly and smiling whenever we met. May God bless and keep you and your family. Ronald Macafee CT1962.

Ronald J Macafee D.D.S. - May 13 at 01:58 PM

MD

“ *Melinda Dixon lit a candle in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Melinda Dixon - March 21, 2017 at 09:10 PM

MD

Yvonne was a wonderful woman, a beautiful soul. I only knew her through work and she was always a joy to work with. I enjoyed talking with her and partaking of her wisdom and her laughter. May her spirit fly high and may her soul rest in peace.

Melinda Dixon - March 21, 2017 at 09:19 PM

JC

“ *Yvonne was a great lady and I will never forget her. She was a blessing at the Detroit Health Department and I will always thank her for her support there. May God grant her eternal peace and joy in heaven Joann Clinchoc*

Joann Clinchoc - March 14, 2017 at 08:23 AM

LH

“ *Ms rush was a teacher at Burroughs Jr high school. She taught me my first African dance. I loved her and will never forget the joy and fun I had in her class. Rest in peace.*

Louise Hamm - March 01, 2017 at 06:35 PM

SB

“ *Stella Bayless lit a candle in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Stella Bayless - February 28, 2017 at 09:26 AM

CA

“ *Caleb lit a candle in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Caleb - February 27, 2017 at 01:30 PM

BO

“ *Aunty Yvonne. Soror Yvonne. In popular culture, it was Erykah Badu who showed young women of the diaspora how to rock an African head wrap along with their everyday wear. But for me, it was Yvonne Rush who encouraged me to do so. She was the American woman who introduced herself to me as my aunt, my father’s sister, when I was almost in middle school. I wondered how it was that my father, George, had a sister I never knew of. And how my West African father had a sister with an American accent. As I grew older, I came to understand that Yvonne was not my aunt by blood, but rather by bond. She was there in comfort as I cried upon learning that my Grandpa Sam was headed back to Ghana and that I may never see him again. She was there on my wedding day to remind me that the ancestors would protect my union too. I don’t know if I ever said “Thank you” for being my aunt. But, I’m saying it now and I know she can hear me...Thank you Aunty Yvonne. I love you. Rest in Peace.*

Love, Boatemaa Ntiri-Reid (and on behalf of Lawrence Reid, Ellington Ntiri-Reid and Shana, Peter, Yaa, Kwame and Ama Ansong-Manu).

Boatemaa - February 27, 2017 at 01:23 PM

CB

“ *Cordelia Blake lit a candle in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Cordelia Blake - February 27, 2017 at 12:10 PM

CL

“ *Claudia Lee lit a candle in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Claudia Lee - February 26, 2017 at 11:48 AM

HB

“ *Old friend, thanks for the help and good times we had. Thanks for the earrings; I still have them. God bless you. Harriett B.*

Harriett Billingslea - February 25, 2017 at 11:39 AM

PP

“ *Yvonne Rush will never be forgotten by all of us who pledged Delta Sigma Theta with her in 1968 at Wayne State University's Tau Chapter. We , of the Fine Line of 29, knew that she was a rare and unique individual. She got us organized; she was our cheerleader and motivator.*

Gifted and talented, Intelligent, and full of enthusiasm, Yvonne loved life! Generous to a fault, she would give you her last dime. She touched our lives, those of her many students, friends, co-workers, her family and even strangers.

Always marching to the beat of her own drum, Yvonne was a Christian woman! Now that she is with our Lord and Savior in Heaven, He will greet her with, "Well done though good and faithful servant! Your task on earth may be complete, but your legacy will live on!

Peggy Pennock - February 24, 2017 at 12:24 PM

P.

“ *With Deepest Sympathy : May the God of all tender mercies and hope sustain the family at this sad time. 2Corinthians.1:3,4.*

p.smith - February 24, 2017 at 12:09 PM

JR

“ *James Rush purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush.*



James Rush - February 24, 2017 at 11:49 AM

LM

“ *Robert Thomas,*

It is always sorrowful to know someone's Mother has transformed from us... Albeit, she will be here with you, forever... My Mom transitioned 15 years ago and just last night I thought of one of her many idiosyncrasies and it brought laughter to me... Please know that you will have forever memories of your Mom. Smile often and be strong, all ways.

Lawrence Muhammad

Lawrence Muhammad - February 24, 2017 at 08:13 AM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope now and in the days to come when as Rev 21:4 promises - soon all our sorrows, even death, will lie far behind us. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Ms Laverne - February 23, 2017 at 04:48 PM

SK

“ *Sandra King sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms Yvonne Clarice Rush*



Sandra King - February 23, 2017 at 10:52 AM

SK

When we talked, Yvonne was always sincere, and shared her knowledge sincerely. She gave me some gifts that have butterflies on them and I will cherish them and keep the memory of our friendship forever present in my heart. I will miss her so much.

Sandra King - February 23, 2017 at 10:55 AM

CL

*William and Claudia Lee,
With Deepest Sympathy: may you find comfort in the special memories of the one you (we) loved so much. May the memories you have kept permanent in your in your heart wrap you Rosa in comfort and bring you to a special peace. We love you family. We will miss her.
Grace,Peace and Power,
William and Claudia Lee*

Claudia Lee - February 26, 2017 at 11:46 AM