



Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle

November 24, 1961 - June 3, 2026

Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle, more affectionately known as Cinnie or Cindy, was born on November 24, 1961, in Washington, D.C., to the late Charles Ray Dekle and the late Shirley Elizabeth Dekle. After a courageous battle with cancer, on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, she was rewarded with her ANGEL WINGS and went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Cynthia's life was a testament to her loving spirit, large personality, generous heart, brilliance, dedication, commitment, and determination. She was passionate about learning, teaching, and mentoring. After graduating from Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, she earned an associate's degree from Prince George's Community College and both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland University College.

Cynthia worked at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for 39 years before retiring on November 30, 2023. While employed at the NRC, Cynthia received numerous awards and commendations. Her greatest achievement at the agency was receiving the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Meritorious Award in recognition of her exceptional performance in leadership, project management, career mentoring, and support for human capital and information management services. Cynthia's extraordinary career left an indelible mark on her colleagues, and her influence continues to resonate. She developed some very special bonds with

a few of her colleagues at the NRC, including Laverne Ortiz, Joanne Johnson, Mary Haynes, Mary Glenn Crutchley, Kenny Nguyen, and Ada Bowie.

Cynthia was an amazing daughter, sister, and aunt. Although she was a middle child, she was always telling someone what to do and how to do it, like she was the boss of everyone. She had an enormous heart and enjoyed spending time with her family. Cynthia was a great cook and loved making her special creations and calling family members to stop by and pick them up. She never asked if we wanted a meal; she just told us that she cooked and to stop by and get it. She also loved to bake; her specialty was her famous lemon cake. Cynthia was an avid online shopper. She ordered from QVC, HSN, Amazon, Bath & Body Works, just to name a few. She was also a songbird with a beautiful soprano voice. She sang all the time and knew every genre of music. Her favorite artist was none other than Prince. Cynthia was a football junkie from a very early age and knew about every team and player in the league. She would watch football all day on Sunday and any other time it was on television. It didn't matter who was playing; she was watching.

Cynthia will truly be missed. Her beautiful smile, her thoughtfulness, her compassion, and her wit. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Lowell Longus; her sister, Cheryl Dekle; her niece, LaJuan Jeffries Johnson; and numerous aunts and uncles. Cynthia leaves those she cherished: her brother, Gregory Dekle; her sisters, Concheeta Wright (Joseph) and Tina Hunter (Andre); her aunt, Barbara Adams; her nephews, Dante Jeffries, Gregory Dekle, Jr. (Alicia), Johnathan Exum, and Lowell Longus; her nieces, Theresa Dekle (Kevin), Monique Dekle Ivey (Kenneth), and LaToya Green Davis; her great-great nephew, Derek Jones; her brothers-in-law, Andre Hunter and Joseph Wright both of whom held a special place in her heart; her sister-in-law, Jenith Dekle; her longtime dearest friend, Brenda Rogers; and a host of great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, and other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

1300 Bladensburg Road, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Previous Events

Wake

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2020 St. Joseph's Dr
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Requiem Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - June 18 at 11:11 AM



“ *Gizelke Young purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



Gizelke Young - June 19 at 07:40 AM

BR

“ To the Dekle family: you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cynth and I met at the young age of 13 in Aschaffenburg, Germany. I was shy - she was not, and she wasn't having it! That ended the day we met! She welcomed this country girl into her and her family's lives with open arms. She pushed me to be my best! She wanted me to run for president of Student Council - I said NO but in Cynth's way, she said "Bren, I will be your manager!" Next thing I know, I am Secretary of Student Council because she said you're going to run for something! She saw my leadership capabilities long before I did. I remained in many leadership roles ever since.

I am FOREVER grateful for God allowing me to be a part of her life. I am better for it. I am going to miss her laughter, smile and boldness, but she will always be in my heart.

Rest in peace, my friend 🙏❤️🙏

Brenda (Middleton) Rogers

Brenda (Middleton) Rogers - June 18 at 11:10 AM

JB

“ Dear Deckle Family,

I was so saddened to hear about the loss of Ms. Deckle, and I wanted to reach out to let you know she meant so much to me and so many others.

She gave me my very first chance to be a team leader, and honestly, that opportunity changed the course of my career. I will never forget that she believed in me when it mattered most, and I am forever grateful for that.

What I loved most about her though was just who she was as a person, caring, honest, and someone who genuinely made you feel valued. Working with her was truly one of the highlights of my time at the NRC.

She was one of a kind, and she will be deeply missed. Wishing your family love, peace, and comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jenn Borges

Jenn Borges - June 17 at 10:55 AM

AC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Cynthia. She was so very loved at NRC and beyond. I worked with Cynthia in NRR at a time where life was having its way with me and she always brighten my day. I have never had an interaction with her where she didn't share her beautiful smile and a positive attitude. She was always the same. May she rest in paradise and may God comfort the hearts of all that loved her in this season of loss. Love, Anissa*

Anissa Coates - June 17 at 10:36 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



June 16 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.

June 16 at 04:59 PM



“ *US Nuclear Regulatory Commission purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



US Nuclear Regulatory Commission - June 15 at 10:37 PM



“ *Barbara Jenkins purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



Barbara Jenkins - June 15 at 01:33 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jenkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.

Barbara Jenkins - June 15 at 01:33 PM

AT

“ I first met Cynthia in 2008 while working in OCIO (OIS) at the time. She was such a ray of sunshine and no matter what curve ball got tossed her way during the work day, she always handled it with grace and a smile. I had an opportunity to work with her again while on rotation to OGC. Of course Cynthia was right there to make sure I felt right at home :-)

My daughter and I always joked about how much Cynthia reminded us of her aunt (my sister) Brenda. Yes, Cynthia was just like family!! I can still hear her saying "Hey Aud."

Rest in power my friend.

Audrey Thomas - June 15 at 10:02 AM

AB

“ *May this serve as a tribute to Cynthia’s memory, honoring the remarkable impact she made. Cynthia truly left this world (my world) a better place, and her legacy is reflected in every life she touched. To a life well lived, we celebrate the kindness, strength, and compassion she shared with all of us.*

‘Til we meet again, my friend, your memory will live on as a beautiful tree that blossoms and grows, reminding us of your presence and the joy you brought. We are praying for your family’s strength and resilience during this difficult time. Please know that we are so sorry for your loss and that our thoughts are with you.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Ada*

Ada Bowie - June 15 at 08:47 AM

TM

“ *Tonya, Patty, Margie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



Tonya, Patty, Margie - June 15 at 08:38 AM

AF

“ *Ada L. Bowie and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



Ada L. Bowie and Family - June 15 at 07:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.



June 14 at 08:10 PM



“ Jo A. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.



Jo A. - June 13 at 05:48 PM



“ Jo A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.

Jo A. - June 13 at 05:48 PM



“ Cynthia and I met when she was still attending PG college. She and I worked in the word processing unit and NRC. We hit it off right away and our personal relationship started to blossom. I remember at my wedding Cynthia came and sat up front with my family. As far as I was concerned she belonged there. She was like a sister to me and I am glad that I told her that. I would look forward to talking to her on Saturdays. I wish to ask that everyone keep her family in your prayers.

LOrtiz - June 12 at 06:07 PM

JZ

“ I first met Cynthia at NRC in NRR back in the 1990s and we immediately hit it off. She was a joy to be around and had a wealth of knowledge, helping me navigate many mission support activities. Our paths crossed a couple more times throughout the years, most recently during her time in OGC. During all our interactions we quickly dispersed with business and talked about friends and family. Cynthia, you were one of a kind - I miss you! God Bless!

Jake Zimmerman - June 12 at 10:25 AM

NS

“ NRC Office of the General Counsel Staff purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.



NRC Office of the General Counsel Staff - June 12 at 09:37 AM

CS

“ I got to know Cynthia when she came to OGC and she became a wonderful colleague and friend. Cynthia gave freely of her time and had an indomitable spirit. Her laughter and positivity were infectious - you never left her company without feeling better about whatever it was that was bothering you. There were many days when I went to her office seeking advice or just a listening ear, and she always shored me up, whether it was through advice or a funny story. She was truly a wonderful person and I am honored to have been a part of her orbit. I will miss her.

Rest in peace, Cynthia. My deepest condolences to your family.

Carrie Safford (NRC)

Carrie Safford - June 12 at 08:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



June 11 at 07:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.

June 11 at 07:06 PM



“ *Laverne&Marvin Ortiz & Sherrie Brown purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*



Laverne&Marvin Ortiz & Sherrie Brown - June 11 at 04:55 PM



“ *Laverne&Marvin Ortiz & Sherrie Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia St. Elizabeth Dekle.*

Laverne&Marvin Ortiz & Sherrie Brown - June 11 at 04:55 PM

BN

“ Working with Cynthia Dekle was one of the best experiences I've had in my 30 year career. She was not only an amazing boss and mentor, but she was also a very good friend. We continued our weekly chats long after she retired, and I will definitely miss being able to reach out to her and hear that wonderful laugh of hers. If you spent any amount of time with Cynthia, you knew she loved to laugh, she loved to cook (her seafood salad couldn't be beat!), and above all else, she loved her family. My sincere condolences to her family as they go through this tragic loss.

Brian Newell - June 11 at 09:42 AM

EB

“ My name is Elva BowdenBerry. I had the privilege of working with Cynthia for over 25 years. When she joined OGC, I was delighted. I have missed her every day since she retired, and my heart is breaking knowing that I can't simply pick up the phone to hear her voice and infectious laugh anymore. Cynthia was a fantastic colleague, but an even better friend. She had a rare gift for storytelling- remembering the smallest details with such charm and clarity - and her laughter could brighten even the heaviest day. She carried a big, generous heart, always surprising me with small kindnesses and thoughtful gifts that reflected how deeply she cared for others.

Losing Cynthia leaves a space that can never be filled, but the love, laughter, and memories of her will remain with me forever. My deepest condolences for the family. I pray your memories of Cynthia will warm your hearts and continue to sustain you in the future.

Elva BowdenBerry - June 11 at 09:10 AM

ML

“ Cynthia was a mentor to me when I first began my career at the NRC. She was the kind of person that made everybody else around her happier. A great leader and a great person. I will miss her her tremendously. May God bless her and those that love her <3

Michael Lee - June 11 at 09:02 AM

TM

“ I am at a loss for words but sending my condolences to the entire Dekle family and their close friends. I worked with Cynthia when she was in NRR for many years. When I had my first child and brought my baby into work a few months later, Cynthia saw me and said, "Give me the baby. Babies love me!" :-) And she was absolutely right! My daughter just laid right on Cynthia's chest and fell asleep. I will never forget Cynthia's kindness and humor. She treated everyone with respect and was a devoted and loyal public servant. Praying for God's peace over her entire family and loved ones.

Tanya Mensah - June 11 at 07:27 AM

RG

“ Cynthia was a great friend and mentor to me, and I learned so much from her. I already miss her. I will be praying for her family and hope that they will receive encouragement and support during this time.
Robert Gladney

Robert Gladney - June 10 at 03:23 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - June 06 at 11:27 AM

GC

My name is Grace Canty and I worked with Cynthia at the NRC for a number of years. We became friends and we used to go to lunch for different occasions. She was such a joy to be around and her laughter was infectious. My heart goes out to the whole family. I pray comfort and peace upon the family. Cynthia will be so missed. She was so eager to help people with such sincerity. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

Grace Canty - June 10 at 02:51 PM

LG

I worked with Cynthia at the NRC while I was in OGC. It is hard to believe she is gone. She had such a great spirit, gave great advice and guidance. I will miss her big smile and infectious laugh. I send my condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.

LaTosha Greene - June 11 at 07:59 AM

YE

I am deeply saddened to hear about Cynthia's passing. She was a wonderful colleague and friend during our time together in NRR. I will always remember her warm smile and a bowl of candy she kept to welcome everyone into her office; she had a big heart! My prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Yessie Correa

yessie - June 11 at 08:41 AM

NB

My name is Natalya Bobryakova. I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts about Cynthia and the impact she had on my time at the NRC Information and Records Services Division. Cynthia was not only an outstanding colleague but also a truly inspiring mentor and friend. Working alongside her on our joint projects was always a delight, and I cherished the opportunity to listen to her stories about NRC, as well as the many moments we spent sharing food and laughter. Cynthia will be missed dearly. May she be reunited in peace with the angels and loved ones who passed before her. My prayers and deepest condolences go out to her family and friends during this difficult time.

Natalya Bobryakova - June 11 at 05:09 PM

MC

When I received the devastating news of the passing of my dearest friend, Cynthia (or Cyn as I called her), I was in complete shock. Almost two weeks later, I am still in total disbelief and still asking why. Cynthia and I met at the NRC over 35 years ago and hit it off immediately. She had the best sense of humor, shared hysterical stories, had the most infectious laugh, and a smile that could light up a room. She never missed a beat -- whether you needed to vent or just be silly. She had a huge caring heart and would do anything for anyone. Her work ethic was like no other. She was a great colleague and was a true leader and mentor to many. Her friendship was a rare and precious gift and the world will not be the same without her in it. I will miss her terribly -- hearing her voice, having our lengthy phone calls, especially reminiscing about the past, her never ending stories, her laughter, and her presence. My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to her family and to those who were touched by Cynthia and are grieving her loss. God bless. 🥺💔🙏

Mary Glenn Crutchley - June 14 at 07:33 PM

DG

Cynthia Dekle was more than just a supervisor for the Administrative Assistants in OGC—she was a wonderful mentor. She always offered thoughtful advice and guidance, helping me find the right direction whenever I needed it. Cynthia had an incredible spirit, and her kindness and encouragement made a lasting impact on so many of us. I will truly miss her smile and the positive energy she brought every day. She will be deeply missed.

Delores Greene

Delores Greene - June 15 at 06:32 AM