



Diane Cameron Gray Daniels

November 23, 1946 - August 1, 2025

Sister Diane Cameron Gray Daniels was born on November 23, 1946, in Lake City, South Carolina, to Lutherine Cameron and Levy Gray, Sr. of Lake City, South Carolina, and was the first of five children. She also had four older siblings from her father's previous marriage to Ms. Edna Brown (Gray).

The family attended Greater St. James AME Church in Lake City, SC, where Sister Diane accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. During her teenage years, she taught children's bible study, focusing on scripture memorization and Christian songs. She was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Northwest Washington, DC for several years. In 2018, Sister Diane joined Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she was a member of the senior choir.

Sister Diane completed her elementary, middle, and high school education in Lake City, SC, graduating with honors from Carver High School on May 28, 1964. During high school, she also took sewing classes and made her own clothes. In 1966, she relocated to Washington, D.C. and secured a position as a seamstress at G Street Fabrics in Northwest Washington, D.C., where she created suits, wedding gowns, curtains, and other garments for several years.

In 1975, Sister Diane enrolled in the District of Columbia Teachers College (now the University of the District of Columbia). While in college, she became a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, though she was inactive at the time of her passing. Sister Diane graduated on May 14, 1978, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Following graduation, she worked at various daycare centers. In the early 1980s, she was hired as an elementary school teacher with the District of Columbia Public Schools, teaching at Parkview Elementary School in Northwest, Washington, DC, until her retirement. After a brief retirement, Sister Diane accepted a teaching position with the Prince George's County Public Schools, working at Accokeek Academy Elementary School in Accokeek, MD. She retired from Accokeek Academy in 2017. Sister Diane was passionate about teaching and received numerous accolades for her service. During her

tenure at Parkview Elementary, she provided clothing, coats, and shoes to students in need, offered financial support to single parents, and participated in fundraising efforts for the school and/or individuals.

In 1967, she married Charles Daniels (Chester), III. They primarily resided in Prince George's County, Maryland, where they raised their children, Douglas, Marcus, Felicia, and Charles. Sister Diane was known for her generosity and dedication to helping others, particularly family and those in need.

Sister Diane provided meal services to senior citizens, the general public, and the homeless population. Additionally, she enjoyed reading the bible, gardening, shopping, watching British movies and shows, and maintaining connections with family and friends via Facebook. She was considered the family's historian, recording and tracking her family ancestry on Ancestry.com.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Daniels, III, her parents, Lutherine and Levy Gray Sr., and siblings Fred, Caroline, Jacqueline, Levi Jr., Geraldine, Gladys, and James.

Sister Diane is survived by her children, Douglas (Pamela) Daniels, Marcus (Sheila) Daniels, Felicia (Tyhe) Daniels Smith, and Charles Daniels; her sister, Evelyn (Calvin) Barr and sister-in-law Sarah (James) Gray, along with 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2409 Ainger PI SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 678-0884

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LG

“ *Love The Mars Hill Church Family, GA purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



Love The Mars Hill Church Family, GA - August 14, 2025 at 03:29 PM

LG

“ *Love The Mars Hill Church Family, GA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*

Love The Mars Hill Church Family, GA - August 14, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 14, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 14, 2025 at 03:06 PM

RS

In Loving Memory of Ma Daniels

Sunrise: — Sunset: August 1st

*Ma Daniels, our guiding light,
A heart so warm, a soul so bright.
Through every smile, through every tear,
Your love has wrapped us year to year.*

*Matriarch, pillar, our family's crown,
You lifted us up when we felt down.
To nieces, nephews, sisters too,
Each moment was special, each bond was true.*

*To your daughters, both by blood and heart,
You gave a love that will never depart.
You taught us grace, you taught us care,
And how to stand strong when life feels unfair.*

*Now you have your angel's wings,
Heaven's choir is the song you sing.
Though we will miss your gentle hand,
We know you rest in a better land.*

*So we'll carry your love, we'll keep it near,
And feel your presence year after year.
Forever in our hearts you'll stay,
Until we meet again one day.*

Ranceenia Sesker

Ranceenia Sesker - August 15, 2025 at 07:42 AM

JF

“ *Jacob Green and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



Jacob Green and Family - August 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM

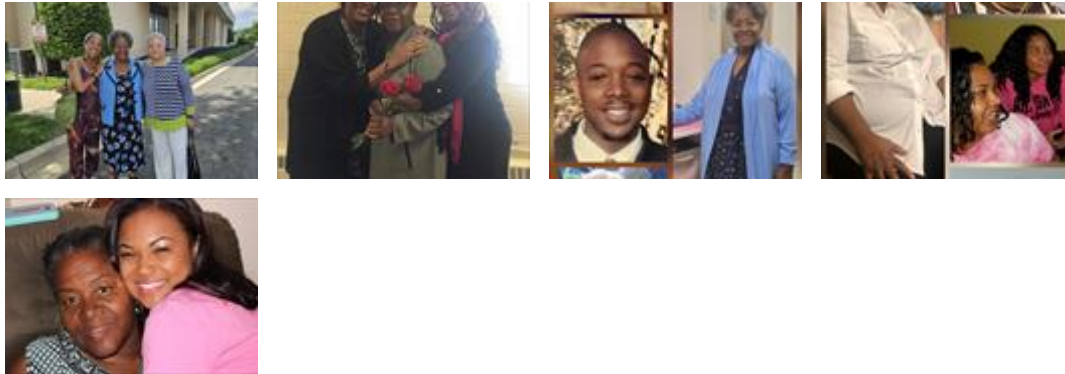
LE

“ *R.I.P. Auntie Diane. Your resilience, wisdom and your transparency will be greatly missed! I love you and I'll miss you and I'm so happy that your energy lives on in our lives* ☐ *Love Always, Your niece, Kimmie*

Leisa - August 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM

DA

“ *6 files added to the album tribute wall*



Daughter - August 13, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*

August 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 13, 2025 at 12:12 PM

ND

“ *Nephew*



Nephew Dywanne - August 13, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 12, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



August 12, 2025 at 06:32 PM

SF

“ *Smiitty and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.*



Smiitty and Family - August 12, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ Josiah, Faith, Shayla, Tarek & Stacey purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.



Josiah, Faith, Shayla, Tarek & Stacey - August 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DA

“ 54 files added to the album tribute wall



daughter - August 11, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KB

“ Kali & Cedrick Blue purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Diane Cameron Gray Daniels.



Kali & Cedrick Blue - August 11, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



Daughter - August 11, 2025 at 02:59 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 - August 11, 2025 at 02:04 PM