



Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease

July 25, 1961 - October 4, 2022

Peacefully passed on October 4, 2022. Beloved wife of Larry Otis Mease, Sr., loving mother of Reginald Whitelocke Mease, dear daughter of Doris Whitelocke. Also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
5120 Whitfield Chapel Rd
Lanham, MD 20706

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Lanham
5120 Whitfield Chapel Road
Lanham, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

“ The loss of Rhonda is heartbreaking. Losing her leaves a huge hole in our lives. It was a joy to work with Rhonda at Goddard. Rhonda Whitelocke was a valued member of the GSFC Safety and Mission Assurance Team for the past 12 years. During that time, she was a key contributor to the following NASA Missions:

- NASA's Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESAT-2) embarked on a three-year mission to measure the ice of Earth's frozen and icy areas after a successful liftoff from the Space Launch Complex-2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. With permission from the ICESAT-2 Project Manager she was able to take her son Reggie to witness the launch.
- Rhonda led the GSFC Safety and Mission Assurance (SMA) Team's support for the Delay/Disruption Tolerant Networking (DTN) loosely known as the internet of space.
- She led the SMA Team's support for the Ocean Color Instrument (OCI) the primary sensor for the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean, Ecosystem (PACE) Mission. OCI is a highly advanced optical spectrometer that will enable continuous measurement of light at finer wavelength resolution than previous NASA satellite sensors.
- The NASA Lucy Mission was the first spacecraft launched to explore the Trojan asteroids, a population of primitive asteroids orbiting in tandem with Jupiter. She provided software assurance support and recently for Lucy, as part of the Mission Operations Assurance Team provided post launch operations support.
- The Lucy spacecraft carried an instrument, called L 'Ralph ("Lucy Ralph"). This instrument will investigate Jupiter's Trojan asteroids, which are remnants from the early days of the solar system. The L 'Ralph instrument suite will study this diverse group of bodies.
- She also supported Hubble, JPSS and numerous other missions and projects for her colleagues.

[Rhonda's Safety and Mission Assurance (SMA) Team support expertise provided: auditing the software teams to ensure that they were abiding by NASA's and Goddard's requirements and standards. She went to the test labs witnessed testing of the software to ensure the requirements and standards were being followed and documented. Also, made sure the software Teams

were following their processes and assisted them to become and remain compliant.]

Rhonda was dedicated to her mission work, but also to the teams she supported. She was dependable, friendly but able to be assertive when necessary to ensure quality of customer support and products.

She was always willing to support her fellow software assurance and mission operations colleagues when asked to help out. She was supportive of me my colleagues many times, on and off the job. One time in 2014 while I was preparing for major breast cancer surgery, she walked with me every day until we achieved 10,000 steps a day. I was so healthy after surgery, that the doctor wanted to release me the next day but as well as I felt, I needed at least one more day to adjust to the surgery in the hospital. Another time after surgery Rhonda encouraged me to exercise, by accompanying me to my Tai Chi classes at Goddard.

Those that knew Rhonda were well aware of the love and dedication she had for her son, Reggie. She was a devoted mother and worked to achieve a strong work/life balance that ensured she was able to manage her work tasks, while also playing an active part in his education and care.

Those fortunate enough to know Rhonda and form friendships with her, have fond memories of a woman that was easy to talk with, one who only spoke positively about others. Rhonda will be greatly missed by the SMA team. Rhonda will always be in our hearts and memories

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. We share the burden of your loss and pray the family can have courage and find peace during this time of sorrow.

Contributors: Her Axient and SMA Family

Elaine Gunter - October 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM

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“*Rhonda was a beautiful Human Being. She will be sorely missed.*”

Kristine Barbieri - October 17, 2022 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Kristine Barbieri lit a candle in memory of Rhonda Whitelocke Mease*



Kristine Barbieri - October 17, 2022 at 02:09 PM

“ *A Cherished Friend*
Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease

By Wanda H. Drake

Eighteen years were not long enough...

Rhonda Whitelocke Mease and I met in 2004 at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), where we both were pursuing Master's Degrees in IT and Computer Science. Rhonda was brilliant, and she graduated with honors. We became friends quickly and easily. Taking some of the same courses, we were like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, two peas in a pod, and we were more than good friends. Rhonda was my sister, and we helped each other faithfully throughout our sisterhood. Rhonda and I would review each other research papers, brainstorm about work, and solve all types of issues. Rhonda was the one, who would shorten the papers, and I added in the detailed information; therefore, we gave each other nicknames, "Shortcut" and "Detailed," which we still used today.

Rhonda was always looking for ways to help society and make the world a better place. She was smart, a deep thinker, and could see far beyond the surface. Rhonda and I worked together at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) on the Safety and Mission Assurance Support (SMAS) Contract as Senior System Software Quality Assurance Engineers where we worked on different flight and ground system projects and missions. Rhonda was a highly intelligent Quality Engineer who could solve any problem and had all the answers.

Rhonda and I talked about a lot of things, especially God. We prayed and praised God together. I could always count on Rhonda to deliver a powerful prayer. Our families became friends, supported each other with school activities, family events, graduations, and

birthdays, and called each other often just to say "Hello." Whenever there was something that needed to be done, Rhonda would help eagerly.

Rhonda loved her aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends. She shared so many funny and loving stories about her family. One special event was about Rhonda and Larry's wedding at the hospital in South Carolina. She loved telling me about her wedding; it was a beautiful love story. Rhonda and I had many conversations on the phone and ended our calls with Rhonda saying, "I will call you back; I need to call "Ma" before she goes to bed." Rhonda loved her Mother, Doris, dearly.

To tell you about Mrs. Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease, I would have to use fewer words as possible because that would be how Miss Shortcut, Rhonda, would write it. Therefore, I would say that Rhonda is a loving Christian who loves God, her husband, son, mother, family, and friends. Rhonda's husband, Larry, was her strong and smart hero, her son, Reggie, was the apple of her eye, and her Mother, Doris, was the wind beneath her wings and the flowers of her heart.

Rhonda helped many people and loved her neighbors as herself. Rhonda was my angel friend here on earth, but now Rhonda is an angel in heaven for God. I will miss her. Fly high, my sister; I will always love you and thank you for the eighteen glorious years.

*Your Loving Sister,
Wanda*

Wanda Drake - October 15, 2022 at 09:35 PM

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“ Dear Whitelocke and Mease Family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers with heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one, Rhonda. We pray that the Lord will tenderly hold you in His loving arms and give you peace. Rhonda was a devoted friend and sister, and she will be missed. May the family takes comfort in knowing that we share in your loss. We pray that God gives you the strength to face each day. Rhonda will be in our hearts and memories forever.

*God bless you all,
Matthew, Wanda, and Jamal
The Drake Family*

The Drake Family - October 15, 2022 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Matthew, Wanda & Jamal -The Drake Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.*



Matthew, Wanda & Jamal -The Drake Family - October 15, 2022 at 11:22 AM

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“ *I cannot even begin to understand what you're going through right now, but I would like to offer my prayers and condolences.*



Denise Douglas - October 14, 2022 at 02:59 PM

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“ From Rhonda's SMA family (NASA) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.



From Rhonda's SMA family (NASA) - October 14, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ CMIT North High School purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.



CMIT North High School - October 14, 2022 at 10:44 AM

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“ PACE Project and SMA Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.



PACE Project and SMA Team - October 13, 2022 at 09:44 PM

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“ Susie Pollard, coworker at NASA-GSFC purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.



Susie Pollard, coworker at NASA-GSFC - October 13, 2022 at 02:06 PM

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“ *Whereas Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease was a great granddaughter of the late Valmus McCall Coleman; and whereas she was a direct 5th generation descendant of William (Henrietta) McCall, born 1855 in the State of Texas and raised in Society Hill, SC; and whereas she supported and participated in the McCall Family Reunion; come we now, therefore, to issue this statement of bereavement acknowledging our deep sense of loss; and to further resolve that Rhonda Theresa will be sorely missed and remembered at future gatherings of McCalls.*

The McCall Family - October 12, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.*



October 12, 2022 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ *Larry and family, please accept my profound condolences. May GOD extend solace to you and your family.*



Melvin Calhoun - October 12, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhonda Theresa Whitelocke Mease.*



October 12, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - October 10, 2022 at 05:50 AM



“ *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 - October 07, 2022 at 03:53 PM