



## Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston

January 14, 1926 - February 6, 2022

Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston  
(Mom - Oma – Miss Yvonne)

Yvonne was born on January 14, 1926, to Mr. Bernard Wilson Pryor and Mrs. Rosetta Bruce Pryor in Washington, DC. She grew up in Georgetown, attended D.C. Public Schools (Benjamin Banneker Junior High and Dunbar High School), and obtained her bachelor's degree from D.C. Minor Teacher's College. She taught First Grade at Van Ness Elementary School where she positively influenced many children to be successful including a current Washington, DC judge who still credits her for her inspiration.

Yvonne married her high school sweetheart James Leon Colston where together they raised four children: Ladd Gregory, Kim Vonetta, and Guy Leon in the Brookland Washington, DC neighborhood and Petra Yvonne in Frankfurt A/M Germany. Yvonne was always active in local social groups (e.g., The Fashionettes, her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority) and exercise programs both in D.C and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For years, Yvonne was employed by the Downtown Y.M.C.A. to initiate and facilitate the very popular S.A.S.S.Y. (Seniors: Active Spirits Staying Young) Program which was featured in a Washington Post Newspaper article. Yvonne also delivered nutritious food to shut-ins for over 30 years with the Meals-on-Wheels Program operating out of Providence Hospital.

Yvonne loved to travel with her husband and family across the country and around the world. During her stay in Germany, she visited France, England, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Thailand, and the Netherlands. Traveling later with children and grandchildren, she visited Ghana, West Africa and Belize, Central America. She was an active tennis player, ice skating enthusiast, and loved swimming and walking. She also loved Sudoku and Word Search Books as well as playing her favorite card game – “Kings in the Corner”.

To her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Yvonne was known as “Oma” – a popular German name for grandmother that she inherited from her stay in Germany and her sister-in-law (Irmi Pryor) who was born and raised in Germany. She is survived by her four loving children, her daughter-in-law - Wanda, son-in-law - Darrell, her grandchildren – Zyrus, Millicent, Zarnez, Deserie, Zynesia, Kobi B., Cortni, Micah, Kyla, Devyn, Melanie, Kyle, and her great grandchildren – Jenasis, Sol, Kobi C., Cameron, Courtney, and Elijah.

Yvonne was well respected by all who knew her. She was a caring, knowledgeable teacher who didn't want to hear a lot of talking but sincerely appreciated seeing action and completed projects.

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Cemetery

Adelphi, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia  
4217 Ninth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20011  
(202) 723-1250  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marshallmarchfh.com>

## Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston, Please Click the Link below.*



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - February 10, 2022 at 10:59 AM

DM

*I will surely miss her beautiful smile and her quiet presence. We claimed her as our own at Good Hope Union UMC when she visited so often with her daughter Kim*

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**Delores Martin** - February 19, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Evans family** - March 04, 2022 at 04:43 AM

CT

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss. Your Mom brought great joy to many and will be missed. May precious memories provide you with comfort. Call on Him for strength and He will give you rest.

Charlotte Thomas  
115 Darrington Street SW  
Washington, DC 20032  
202 561 8970

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**Charlotte Thomas** - February 19, 2022 at 03:33 PM

HM

“ Sending condolences to Ladd, Kim, Guy, Petra and the extended Colston family. Your Mom was always a beacon of light, wisdom and encouragement. She was personally good to me and a friend to my family for over 60 years. We will continue to hold her in our hearts, and you in prayer. Peace and Blessings, Harlan Magruder

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**HARLAN WALKER MAGRUDER** - February 19, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DD

“ What a wonderful service, especially the remembrances and musical selections. It was an honor to be able to attend the service virtually. Prayers and hugs go out to the family. She was an amazing individual. Diana Denboba.

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**Diana Denboba** - February 19, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston.



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February 18, 2022 at 05:43 PM

GC

“ Gwendolyn Colston purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston.



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**Gwendolyn Colston** - February 17, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ From the Denbobas purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston.



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**From the Denbobas** - February 16, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Mercedes Pryor Colston.



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February 13, 2022 at 10:42 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.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - February 09, 2022 at 02:42 PM