



## Ava-Denise Whitfield

November 9, 1956 - September 29, 2015

Ava-Denise Whitfield was born to Juanita Whitfield and James Dixon on November 9, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois. She was lucky number seven of eight children but firmly held her place among the clan with an everlasting loyalty to her siblings.

As were all of Juanita's children, Ava was baptized at an early age at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, under the auspices of the late Pastor J.C. Austin Sr. She later became a member of The Hyde Park Christian Alliance, and lastly, Liberation Christian Center under the leadership of Bishop James E. Dukes, where she attended until her mobility became an obstacle. Ava was educated in the Chicago Public Schools System and a graduate of Englewood High School. She studied many different things throughout her life, including Biology, Literacy, and Behavioral Science, with an endless passion for learning. Ava delightfully read, studied and interpreted the Bible and was anchored by the word of God.

"Ava D." was devoted to the enrichment of Disabled Adults and spent most of her years as an employee of the Abraham Lincoln Centers and Ada S. McKinley Lighthouse as a Developmental Instructor. Truly enjoying her work, she became a trusted confidant to all that she serviced and could recall any little detail, about any one of her students, on any given day. Ava whole heartedly forced that same spirit into the lives of her family and friends. She

elated in helping any of us where she could, even if that meant going beyond her own means. Ava was a second mother to her nieces and nephews, a cheerleader for her many grand-nieces and nephews, and a constant support to us all. She knew every name, (even the correct spellings), birthdates, and summons Santa Claus to all of them as often as she could.

Ava D. was a joyful woman, and despite her many health hindrances, she didn't pity herself and had forbidden others to as well. She lived her life as a giver, a child of God, and a redeemer of the Holy Spirit. She was funny, extremely witty, and could cook a 10 course meal from the comfort of her chair. Ava was not a victim of her circumstances, she was a conqueror and her job was well done when she departed this life, "Glory-Bound" on September 29, 2015. She was crowned at the gates of Heaven by her parents, sisters: June, Clara, and Rita; brothers: Roscoe and Linton; her nephew: Linton MyShawn "Ping"; and a special friend: Monica Kyles.

"AA" leaves to cherish her memories, sisters: Irene and Bettye; nieces: Iyeta (Kevin), Ajah, LaTina, RaShida, Lizzette, Nakeya, Juanita and Kourtney; nephews: Andre (Corrina), David (Lenny), Bo and Deon; one aunt: Lula Mae Brown; cousins: The Housers, Roberts, Clemmons, Rogers and Browns; a dear friend: Ms. JoAnne Hawkins; and a host of extended family and friends. Last but not least, her grand-nieces and nephews (here we go): Elijah, Shahtyana, Brandon, Shawn, Emanuel, Khori, Shawnice, Azariah, Amari, Anaya, Terryon, Aliyah, Braniya, Ashton, Khaila, Kaelynn, Khaliah, Khyler and Shaniya.... They were all very special to her.

But may the God of all grace who has called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you. -Peter 5:10

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ava-Denise Whitfield*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Could someone from the family contact me? I was an old friend of Ava's.*

*Mike 773-589-9582  
mikekoob@yahoo.com*

**Michael Cobb** - January 15, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *I was trying to contact Ava for a few months, and when my Christmas card came back today, I was afraid that this is what happened. I knew her for 25 years. She was real special, and this hurts.*

**Michael Cobb** - January 13, 2016 at 02:33 PM



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