



Deborah Whitson Robinson

January 22, 1953 - March 10, 2026

Deborah Whitson Robinson, 73, of Chattanooga, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in a local healthcare facility. She was a graduate of Howard High School, Class of 1971, and worked at a number of companies: Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia; Certified Nursing Assistant in Nashville, and The Shoe Renewry in downtown Chattanooga.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Sammy T. Brown, Jennie Mae Dunnigan, and stepfather, James H. Dunnigan; grandparents, Riley and Alice Taylor; sister, Carolyn L. Whitson; brother, Robert L. Taylor; son, Earl Donnell Robinson, Jr.; stepdaughter, Avonda Robinson; and nephew, Carlton L. Whitson.

As the beloved matriarch of the family, she brought laughter wherever she went with her witty, comical personality, while also caring deeply for those she loved. Also known for her sense of humor, giving out funny unique nicknames, and always bringing smiles to those around her. Deborah was featured on an episode of the A&E TV show “Hoarders”, where she offered guidance and support to a close friend. She enjoyed traveling, listening to music, cooking (best cook in the family), barbecuing (BBQ) on the grill, and spending time with family & friends; always just a call or message away, she kept everyone close, we’re convinced she invented the cell phone.

Deborah centered her life around raising and taking care of her precious granddaughter, Journee (Journ-Journ), they had a very special bond, they did everything together.

She leaves to cherish her memories, brother, Tommie (Murlene) Whitson, Jr. of Coupland, TX; sisters, Mary Morris, Margaret Nance of Conyers, GA, Veronica (Anthony) Beasley of Graham, NC, Linda (Charles) Stinson, and Kathleen (Leonard) Dillard of Fredericksburg, VA; granddaughter, Journee D. Robinson; grandchildren, Marquintae Hobbs, Earl D. Robinson III, Nehemiah Robinson, Major Robinson, Malachi Robinson, Isaiah Robinson, David Robinson, Sr., Jackie Robinson, Ashley Robinson, Jovani Robinson, Sr., Shadara Robinson, and Kiara Robinson; along with many other nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends who will greatly miss her.

Deborah will lie-in-state on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the Chapel with Pastor Ron B. Cook, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR 27. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

A

“ Debra will be truly miss she was a great neighbor. She was always so uplifting and full of life. She would watch over my parents until I got home from work ..she would say she was babysitting for me I will truly miss her.

Angela Mcghee - March 27 at 12:46 PM

V

“ TO MY FAMILY LOVE YOU ALL WE WILL MISS Deborah very much we love you all.

Victoria Griffin - March 26 at 06:54 PM

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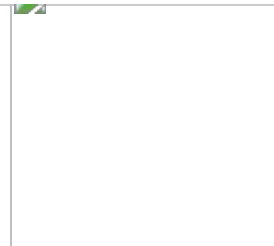
“ To my family my deepest condolences!

Who was Deborah Whitson Robinson to me and my family! Deborah was truly a great daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, auntie, cousin and friend. Deborah paved the way to show us what unconditional love is and how to create a village to support each other. Deborah touched everyone's heart that she met and gave each a memorable moment. Deborah gave us love, encouragement, support, life lessons, fun and cooking lessons...lol! The children were always important to her and my kids loved her. Deborah Whitson Robinson thank you for the memories and your great legacy. I still hearing you say "Hey Sister-in-law". Keep her legacy alive and know the path has been paved. Rest in Peace Deborah Whitson Robinson!

Sabrina Hammond - March 26 at 03:36 PM



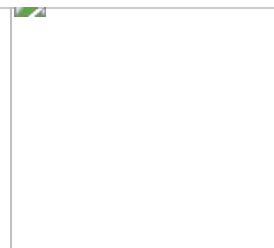
“ *Prayers for the entire family 🙏*
ArLinda Moorer & Family



amoe218@yahoo.com - March 24 at 10:21 PM



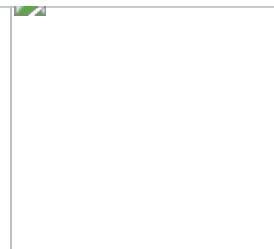
“ *Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Whitson Robinson*



Vickie Thornhill - March 23 at 07:32 PM



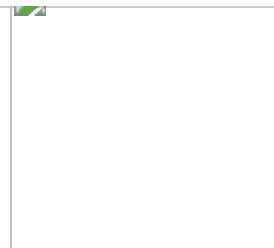
“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Whitson Robinson*



Beverly Sales - March 21 at 02:08 AM



“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Whitson Robinson*



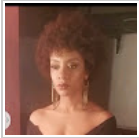
Beverly Sales - March 21 at 02:07 AM

JE

“ Jackie (Davis) Edwards lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson



Jackie (Davis) Edwards - March 19 at 04:36 PM



“ Deb was the funniest person ever. She always treated me nice. I used to love when she would come pick me up from my uncle house to come hang out with her. Everyone in her neighborhood knew who she was. I thought I was with a celebrity 🤩🤩. She made the best spaghetti. I wish I learned her recipe. She will be missed. 🙏

Aja Dillard - March 18 at 08:49 PM

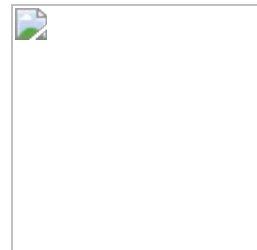
AE

“ Deb was a great Friend To Me And My My Family, She had a way of making you laugh and smile with her jokes !! And she always called me Angie Girl and would call me day and night!!1 My Condolence and Prayers go out to the Family !!!

Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:29 PM

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Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:29 PM

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Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:28 PM

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Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:28 PM

AE

“ *Deb was a wonderful Friend to me and My Family. She had a way of making you Laugh and Smile. She will Truly Be Missed . My Condolence and Prayers Family !!*

Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:20 PM

AE

“ *Deb was a wonderful Friend to me and my Family, She had a way of making you laugh and smile . She will Truly be missed !!! My Condolences and Prayers to the Family !!!*

Angela Evans - March 17 at 11:15 PM

TH

“ *In remembrance of Deborah*

Theresa Hines - March 16 at 06:05 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson*



Marilyn Brown - March 16 at 04:34 PM

B

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson*

Beverly Sales - March 16 at 03:13 AM

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Beverly Sales - March 16 at 03:12 AM

TM

“ *Deborah was full of joy and laughter. She was a long time friend, cousin to Terry Taylor, and we all use to hang out in the neighborhood. Dinky was part of crew. Prayers to family. Amen*

Thelma Murray - March 14 at 07:45 PM

TM

“ *Thelma Murray lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson*

Thelma Murray - March 14 at 02:17 AM

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“ *Audrey High lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson*

Audrey High - March 14 at 01:25 AM

D

“ *Deborah Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson*

Deborah Johnson - March 14 at 12:35 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of my dear friend passing. We were once neighbors on the westside of town. Beautiful person inside and out. Her adorable grandson especially her little mini me. We would talk for hours on a different variety of subjects. Deborah especially loved talking about the Bible. She will truly be missed.

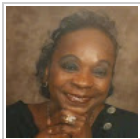
Deborah Johnson - March 14 at 12:34 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family...

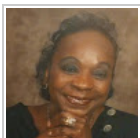
Carolyn Greer and family

Caroline - March 13 at 09:49 PM



“ Jennifer Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson

Jennifer Wyatt - March 13 at 09:37 PM



“ In memory of my dear classmate. You will be missed from the Howard Class of 1971. What loving, fond, and fun memories we all have of her during our wonder years at Howard. Rest in peace, my friend, rest in peace.
Jennifer Wyatt

Jennifer Wyatt - March 13 at 09:36 PM

B

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Whitson Robinson*

Beverly Sales - March 13 at 09:04 PM

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“ *Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of
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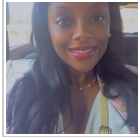
Sonya Stiggers - March 13 at 08:46 PM

L

“ *My Auntie
She was the ❤️ Heart of our Family, when I say this know its facts.
I'm going to miss her soooooooo much.*

*Love you always Auntie
Tiecy 4*

LaNitra Nance-Martin - March 13 at 07:45 PM



“ GREATNESS...my girl!! 🍷💖🌂



Candace Carter - March 13 at 06:12 PM

VT

“ Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Deborah Whitson Robinson

Vickie Thornhill - March 13 at 05:23 PM

CH

“ RIH Deborah. You always made me laugh whenever or where ever I saw you. You will truly be missed,
Cynthia Halfacre

Cynthia Halfacre - March 13 at 05:19 PM

M

“ It was such a Blessing for me to meet you an care for you ❤️ Rest In Peace 🙏

Mercede Bennett - March 13 at 05:02 PM

SK

“ My condolences to the family. 🌹

Sandra Kelley - March 13 at 04:34 PM

SK

“ Whenever or whenever you would see Debra she always had a smile and something comical to say. She was a beautiful Queen inside and out. Take your rest friend. 2 Corinthians 5:8 To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 🌹🙏

Sandra Kelley - March 13 at 04:33 PM

EC

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends. I will miss Deborah smile and upbeat spirit. She would keep me laughing. I am proud to be a classmate of our Howard High Class of 1971. You may be gone but never forgotten. RIP Deborah.

Eloise Cooke

Eloise Cooke - March 13 at 03:57 PM

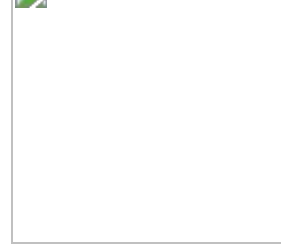


“ My condolences to your family you touched our hearts on a special way Deborah you was funny and kind you was always in a positive light thank you for being you 🙏

MaKayla Haywood - March 13 at 02:53 PM



“ *Valery Norwood lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Whitson Robinson*



Valery Norwood - March 13 at 08:47 AM