



Deja C. Baynard-Watson

May 28, 1980 - March 11, 2020

Deja C. Baynard-Watson, age 39, of Bear, DE went home to the Lord on March 11, 2020 after her long battle with a heart condition. She was born in Newark, DE to the late Darwin Pratt and Faye Baynard. She grew up in a close-knit family with her siblings and enjoyed spending time with those she loved. Including spoiling her nieces and nephew. She married her high school sweetheart whom she remained with until his passing. Years later she was lucky enough to find love again and spent her last several years with her devoted boyfriend who never left her side despite many hospital stays. Deja was known for her love of music which was evident by her large CD collection. She also enjoyed DIY projects, dancing and watching movies, especially of the zombie variety. Deja was devoted to and loved dressing up her fur babies, Charlie the cat and Dice the dog. Deja received her education at William Penn High School in New Castle, DE. After graduation she attended Star Technical Institute where she obtained her certificate in Phlebotomy. Later she obtained a position at Christiana Hospital as technician in the Blood Bank where she worked for almost 20 years. As many know, Deja was a recipient of a heart transplant and was an active volunteer for events related to organ donation as well as Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

She leaves to cherish her memory her step-father, Carl Reed; sister, Darneshia Prado (Stefan); her brothers, Demetrius Baynard (Sanjana) and Carl Rhoades; her devoted boyfriend; Tyson Saunders; her nieces, Aquaziah

and Samantha Baynard; Shakeya Watson; her nephew, Mason Baynard; and her best friend and devoted cousin who she considered her other sister, Krisee Miller; aunt, Angela Burns; uncle, Gilbert Pratt. Her god-children, Camirra Jones, Kimarra Anderson, and Carmelo Salamanca. As well as a host of other friends and family who she cherished dearly.

She is Preceded in death by her husband, Jamar Watson; mother, Faye Baynard-Reed; father, Darwin Pratt; mother in-law, Margaret Watson; Grandparents, Clara Pratt; Charles Pratt; Richard Baynard; Hilda Thomas; uncles, Nathan Pratt; Orville Fisher; aunt, Dianna Morton.

In efforts to comply with updated state and federal mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the visitation and service for Deja will be completely PRIVATE. The private visitation will be on Saturday, March 21 from 1:30-3 PM at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. A private service for immediate family in celebration of Deja's life will follow at 3 PM. Burial will be private at Gracelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the family to assist with expenses c/o 60 W. Worthington Blvd., Smyrna, DE 19977.

Strano & Feeley
Family Funeral Home
302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Deja's Family,*

I want to send my deepest sympathy to you. I worked with Deja at Christiana Hospital, and over the 3 years I worked with her I came to love her, too. We sometimes had some deep conversations about life. Many of the qualities in her that you brought up today were things that stood out about her to me, as well. My coworkers and I would sometimes talk about how, with as hard as her life was from the time that she was little, she never complained. It would make you think before complaining about some small thing in your life. And, I agree that she was very genuine person.

I always enjoyed talking to her. I want you to know that she loved you all SO MUCH. Her favorite thing to talk about was her family, especially the little ones. She would very proudly show off their pictures and tell us funny stories about what they'd done or said. I don't think she could have loved them any more than she did.

May God Bless and keep Auntie Bye-Bye.

Tina Holdnack

Christina Holdnack - March 21, 2020 at 04:29 PM

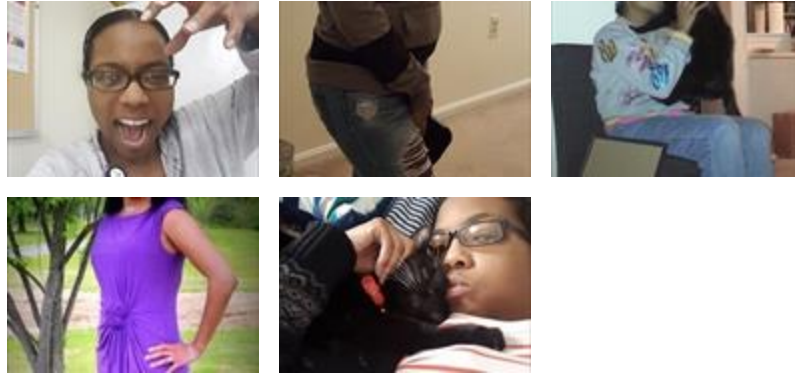
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“ *Meaty..you and yours are in my prayers. You and your sister were inseparable and you never knew of 1 without the other. I pray that you thrive with the memories of your sister/shadow Deja because she was well loved*

Cassandra (Cassie) Evans - March 21, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Nesha Prado - March 20, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ I've worked with Deja for 17 years. She was a bright light in this world. Through all of the things she dealt with in her life, she never complained. She lived her life as fully as she could. We could all strive to live like Deja. She will be missed. Rest easy Deja. We love you.

Leigh Ann Frost - March 20, 2020 at 07:27 AM

MS

Deja my husband and i are so sorry to hear you left us going to miss our spade games it was great to be able to say that we knew a great wonderful kind sweet person as yourself you will be miss Rest in peace my friend....from David&Mary scott(Baynard)💕😭

Mary scott(Baynard) - March 21, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deja C. Baynard-Watson.* ”



March 19, 2020 at 11:12 AM