

Dear Diane,

I love you and I miss you.
Love, Mom

Dear Sister,

We remember thee in this solemn hour, our dear sister. We remember the day when thou didst dwell on earth, and thy tender love watched over us like a guardian angel. Thou has gone from us, but the bond which unites our souls can never be severed; thine image lives within our hearts. May the merciful Father reward thee for the faithfulness and kindness thou has ever shown us; may He lift the light of his countenance upon thee, and grant thee eternal peace! Amen

Letters to Auntie:

Dear Auntie Di,

I'm always filled with excitement a few weeks before our annual family visitation to Seattle. I knew you and Uncle Paul had activities in mind for us. But what I will miss most is our time together with you painting my nails....just the two of us. I would ask for the French tip manicure. I felt so grown up. I loved it! And even when I would accidentally smudge the polish, you would never get mad at me ever...

Taylor

Dear Auntie Di,

I will miss you very much. I will miss your hugs and kisses and smiles. I will miss the special moments we shared....particularly eating at Ivars Fish House down by the Pier. I would order the clams and chips and you would order the fish and chips. We would have the best time.

Jacob

Dear Auntie Di,

You were loving and caring and my Godmother. I have your middle name. I love you and I will miss you so much.

Rachel

I Will Always Be With You....

The day has come to say goodbye,
Hold your head up and try not to cry.
I am not gone for good,
You will see me again,
I have gone to see my Father,
Where life just begins.
Don't ever think the Lord is being unfair,
He tried to make everyone aware.
When I was born in this world,
I was not yours to own,
My life with you was only a loan.
I have graduated from this earth,
With the highest degree.
I majored in life and death,
and now I am free.
Accept my last certificate,
With honor and be proud of me.
Always remember this was meant to be.
I love you and I know you love me.
You have been there for me,
Now I must travel alone,
I'll be waiting to greet you,
When it's your time to come home.

Acknowledgements

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Also, the family wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of sympathy, love and kindness expressed to us during our time of bereavement. You lifted our spirits with your calls, comforting messages and prayers. Let us together rejoice in all the memories we have and embrace having known the special women that was Diane Elizabeth Greene.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Cierra Sisters, P.O. Box 1634, Renton, WA 98057

A Celebration of the Life and Love of Diane Elizabeth Greene

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
First African Methodist Episcopal Church
Seattle, Washington
Pastor Carey Anderson



Sunrise
May 21, 1960

Sunset
February 4, 2009

Obituary

Born in Seattle, Washington on May 21st 1960, Diane was the second child of four born to Sylvia Gayton Wesley and the late William L. Greene.

Following the family musical tradition, Diane played the piano and the violin as a child. She also attended First African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Sunday school and church services with her family.

Diane graduated from Franklin High School in Seattle, in 1978. She was a member of the track team while at Franklin and because of her outgoing personality, social popularity and dancing ability, Diane easily made the cheerleading squad. She went on to further her education by attending the University of Washington.

After modeling for a short time, Diane worked in the sales and service industry where she was a natural at engaging people with her friendly demeanor. Diane truly enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends.

Diane also loved the beauty and cosmetic industry, finding joy in trying new beauty products, mixing different shades of lipstick, eye shadow and nail polish to come up with a new color that would be fabulous. She adored making up her sister and friends before heading out on the town. This passion, along with her desire to take care of people, led her to decide to attend cosmetology school to become a nail technician. Shortly after completing her courses, Diane landed a job with Gene Juarez and worked at the South Center location until 2008. She met many future friends and was often noted as one of the best technicians known for her patience and perfection.

Diane also was an African American history buff. She loved to learn and share her knowledge of Seattle’s African American Culture along with her own rich family history. She was a gifted artist, who never took her exceptional talent seriously. Diane collected African American Art and dolls, and loved music, particularly jazz, and the movies.

After Diane’s cancer diagnosis over fifteen years ago, she was an active member of Cierra Sisters where she found a connection with other African American women living with cancer. Diane also attended Gilda’s Club Seattle on Broadway and found it comforting sharing her experiences as a cancer survivor with others.

Diane was an Auntie to four and Godmother to her youngest niece Rachel Elizabeth. Her vibrant spirit, strength of character and integrity, her sense of joyfulness and compassionate generosity will forever remain etched in the memories of those who were blessed to have known her.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: her mother, Sylvia Gayton Wesley of Seattle, WA.; two sisters and a brother; Janice Greene of New York, NY, William P. Greene of Seattle, WA and Carol Jordan of Atlanta, GA.; a brother-in-law, Cedric Jordan of Atlanta, GA; two nieces and one nephew, Taylor, Jacob, and Rachel Jordan of Atlanta, and legions of cousins, aunts and uncles and lifelong friends. She leaves a void in the lives of those who loved her and will forever be missed.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Medley of Songs Organist – Donald Hurd
Invocation	Pastor Carey Anderson
Opening Hymn	“How Great Thou Art” Soloist – Sandra Smith-Jackson
Scripture Reading	Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Reginald Mitchell Valerie Hughes
Reflections (2-3 minutes)	Paul Greene Family Carol Jordan Family Gayle Johnson Family Kathy Moore Friend Tony Phair Friend
Musical Selection	“His eye is on the Sparrow” Soloist – Sandra Smith-Jackson
Eulogy	Gary Gayton
Words of Comfort	Cierra Sisters Greater Seattle Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Musical Selection	“Blessed Assurance” Pianist – Donald Hurd
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Carey Anderson
Recessional Hymn	“I’ll Fly Away” Pianist – Donald Hurd