



Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant

March 31, 1964 - March 16, 2018

Vivian was born on a cold Tuesday morning on March 31, 1964, in Canatosto, New York to the parents of Hellen Merchant and Richard Thomas. Vivian's life was planted, rooted and nurtured in Winter Garden, Florida. She attended Orange County Public Schools graduating from West Orange High School with the class of 1982.

Vivian furthered her education by attending Bethune Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Upon returning home, Vivian pursued the banking field and Flower's Bakery. After all she did earn the title of, "Miss "Bake Off." After a brief period, she decided to put her "love of people" skills on display and joined the ranks of Bright House Networks (now Spectrum) for 17 plus years as a Customer Service Representative. She was dedicated and committed to any challenge or endeavor she encountered.

Her devotion and loyalty to her family was phenomenal. Everyone was treated with the same adoration and respect. Although she did not have biological children, all children were hers. She loved them and ruled with a no nonsense attitude. She was a caring and loving person that lived life to the fullest. She loved to travel, cook, laugh, and shared her wisdom by giving encouraging words and help wherever it was needed.

Vivian accepted Christ at an early age at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist

Church. She was very active in all phases of the Youth Department. Her first mission was an usher, youth choir (she loved to sing) and eventually President of Youth Department. Her name is enshrined in the "Hall of Fame Leaders" for Congress Number 2 as well as the State and National Conventions. Vivian's dedication did not end as a youth. Her Kingdom Building continued into adulthood. There was no task too hard or too small for her to handle. She was ever loyal to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Choir, Jr. Women's Ministry, Decorating Committee and Culinary Staff.

Vivian moved her membership to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plymouth, Florida. Her faith remained steadfast and unmovable. She gave of her time, talents and financial gifts. She was a devoted choir member, served on the Culinary Staff, (after all she was a Master Chef) and was a trusted and valuable member of the Building Fund Ministry. The love of Christ, and for Christ was the mainspring of her life. She was a Christian whose light shone like a million stars and her light will linger long after her body has disappeared from our vision through the lives she touched.

Vivian was preceded in death by her father, Richard Thomas and her grandmother, Nomie Merchant. On Friday, March 16, 2018, Vivian transitioned from earthly labor to be with the Lord.

She leaves precious memories with a loving and devoted mother, Hellen Merchant; four devoted aunts: Martha Shealey, Orlando, Florida; Susie Coleman (Henry), Winter Garden, Florida; Patricia Oliver Winter Garden, Florida; Veronica Bradford (Rev. Hezekiah) Apopka, Florida; two uncles: Willie Merchant (Mary) Dadeville, Alabama; James Thomas, Birmingham, Alabama; three devoted cousins that were raised as sisters and brothers: Darryl Merchant Sr, (Lashancia); Vera Dozier; Ken Coleman (Amanda); special nephew, Jayden Merchant (love you Bibby Bibby); a host of cousins, other relatives, several Godmothers, Godchildren and many saddened and

heartbroken friends.

Cemetery Details

Winter Garden Cemetery

13636 Lake Butler Blvd.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
1251 Hermit Smith Rd.
Apopka, FL 32712

Service

MAR 24. 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Ashley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Ashley - March 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Scherill Waters Newsome lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Scherill Waters Newsome - March 23, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Cover Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Cover Brown - March 23, 2018 at 03:58 PM

FM

“ *Ms Merchant
You and Your Family are in our thoughts and prayers! We will miss
Vivian but God had a better plans for her.*

*Lovely Always
Fred*

Fred Murry - March 23, 2018 at 07:59 AM

FM

“ *Fredrick M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket
et for the family of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant.*



Fredrick M. - March 23, 2018 at 07:56 AM

MA

“ *Mary Alston lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Vivian Denise Merchant*



Mary Alston - March 23, 2018 at 03:31 AM



“ *Beverly Hemingway sent a virtual gift in
memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Beverly Hemingway - March 22, 2018 at 11:44 AM

NH

“ *Norman And Valerie Holley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Norman and Valerie Holley - March 22, 2018 at 08:15 AM

BW

“ *Betty Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Betty Washington - March 21, 2018 at 09:44 PM

JJ

“ *Jennie L Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Jennie L Jones - March 21, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Lois Morss - March 21, 2018 at 09:02 AM

TS

“ *Tamela Snape lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Tamela Snape - March 21, 2018 at 08:13 AM

DH

“ *Dr. LaWana Henry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Dr. LaWana Henry - March 21, 2018 at 07:24 AM

KF

“ *Kelcey Deboles And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



kelcey deboles and family - March 20, 2018 at 09:04 PM

LC

“ *Lenore Wilder Crayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant*



Lenore Wilder Crayton - March 20, 2018 at 07:25 PM

CB

“ Loving memories of Vivian Merchant. Praying for mother and the family.



Cassandra Bland-Day - March 20, 2018 at 03:59 PM

AM

“ Angela Mathews lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant



Angela Mathews - March 20, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ Sharron Beauford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant



Sharron Beauford - March 20, 2018 at 12:05 PM

Annie Coleman

“ Annie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vivian Denise Merchant



Annie Coleman - March 20, 2018 at 10:04 AM