



## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, March 3, 1949

**Died:** Sunday, May 23, 2021

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Please join us in mourning the passing of Ms. Doris Joshua Washington, formally of Gadsden, AL who traded time for eternity on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at the age of 72. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

### The Life of Doris "Moma D" Washington

Doris Ruth Joshua Washington, affectionately known as Moma D, was born March 3, 1949 in Etowah County, AL to James and Dorothy Joshua. She departed this life on May 23, 2021 at Maury Regional Hospital.

Doris was the 3rd child of 8. She was educated in the Gadsden City Public School System, graduating from Carver High School in 1968. In 1974 she relocated to Los Angeles, CA and worked as a Certified Nurse's Assistant for 20 years at the VA Hospital in Van Nuys, CA. She married Herman Washington on December 29, 1978. This union produced two beautiful children. She retired from the VA hospital in 1990 and became a devoted housewife, caring for her husband and children. She and her family relocated to Columbia, Tn in 1993. It was at this time that she began working for Williamson Medical Center as a Certified Nurse's Assistant until retiring for the second time in 2006 to care for her ailing father.

To know "Moma D" was to know love. She welcomed everyone with open arms. She was devoted to taking care of others, even to the very end, watching over her husband. A lover of music, she enjoyed listening to soulful R&B and her all-time favorite song Candy by Cameo. If you knew anything about Moma D, you knew she'd speak her mind and that she was never going to be on time. Her love of baking was appreciated by everyone and will be surely missed in the years to come.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents, James and Dorothy Joshua, her brothers James and Percy Joshua and sister Barbara (Lil' Bit) Joshua. She leaves behind to cherish her memory: Devoted husband of 43 years Herman Washington; Children James (Carrika) Washington, Shavonya Washington, Mia and Cacharel Williams; Sisters Judy Joshua Edwards, Charisie Lee Joshua and Peggy Joshua; Brother Tyrone Joshua; Aunt Rosie Snow; 4 spoiled grandchildren Janisa Washington, JéShanti Roberts, James Washington Jr. and Chase Tellington, nieces Tonia and Tiffany Joshua and nephew Rodney Joshua, and a host of cousins and friends.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Fri Jun 04, 2021

**Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~  
Etowah Chapel**  
401 N. 9th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Sat Jun 05, 2021

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