



# Ms. Debra Powell

JAN 18, 1958 - MAR 17, 2021



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**M**t. Olive - Ms. Debra Powell, 63, passed on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Wayne UNC Health Care. The celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 2:00pm at J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home & Cremations, 1701 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC.

She was born on January 18, 1958 in Wayne County, NC. She is survive by two sons: Lance Powell and Sterling Raynor.

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# Events

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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, March 27, 2021

 2:00 PM ET

 **J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home and Cremations, Inc.**  
1701 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro NC 27534





## Tribute Wall

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**Victoria Spencer** posted:

Lane and Sterling you both are in my prayers. I pledged with your mom Spring 1979. We regained our friendship over five years ago. Your mother loved you two and spoke positively about you both. We will keep you in our prayers. Victoria Berry Spencer

March 29 at 12:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Powell family.



March 27 at 2:34 PM



**Pam Dudley** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



March 27 at 11:38 AM



**Gloria Hicks** posted:

Lance and Sterling, I am keeping you in my prayers and asking God to bring comfort, peace, and strength for each need you face during this difficult time. The love and joy that your mother gave to you will forever be in your heart. Debra and I were line sisters at NCA&T State University, Spring '79. May God bless and keep you.

March 27 at 6:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Ghirardelli Gift Basket to the Powell family.



March 26 at 6:40 PM



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**Cheryl Armwood** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Dearest Lance, Sterling and the Powell Family. At this moment, I know the pain and heart ache seem, unbearable. Your Beloved Debra, has been called home by the Almighty. It too, has made my heart heavy, as Debra and I were school mates from elementary to high school. We then met again at NC A & T SU in 1979. It feels like yesterday, when we were grade school girls walking home, playing softball at recess against the boys or just enjoying our lives in Mt. Olive. Your Beloved, Debra was a Beautiful Woman, both inside and out; but this is something you already knew. One image of her that will always remain with me, was from our early teens. Debra came back to school, one fall, and had the most exquisite "Afro" imaginable. It was like something from "Soul Train." As she moved gracefully across campus, a grand aura surrounded her and it was breathtaking. Your Beloved Debra, is now gracing Heaven with that same regal presence. May God bless and keep You, the Powell Family, safe in His Goodness and Mercy. Peace Be With You.the Cheryl Armwood Family



March 18 at 5:56 PM



**Kathy Robinson** posted:

My sincere condolences to Debra's family. I know she will be greatly missed. Debra was my line sister at NC A&T State University, Spring, 1979. Her pride and joy were Lance and Sterling. She loved them with all her heart. We will miss her, but we know where she is."My presence shall go with thee, and I will I will give thee rest." EXODUS 33:14Kathy Anderson Robinson#17

March 26 at 12:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Powell family.



March 25 at 1:33 PM



**Carla Turnage** posted:

To Lance Powell and Sterling Raynor, and all of the family and friends mourning the loss of Debra Powell. We are deeply saddened by her loss, as she was our dear Line Sister. She will be in my heart and will always be remembered for her love of life and vibrant spirit.Carla TurnageDelta Sigma Theta Sorority Alpha Mu, Spring 79

March 25 at 9:46 AM



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**Brenda Newton-Oliver** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



March 25 at 3:20 AM



**Elizabeth Newton** posted:

Extending my condolences to Lance, Sterling and the extended Powell family. Lance and Sterling, know that your mother loved you both so much and was so proud of you. Debra and I attended Junior High and High School together. We were cheerleaders at Southern Wayne. We practiced our cheers and stunts together. We rode together to games. After high school, I went to WSSU and Debra to NC A&T. We had common dreams and goals. We both were initiated in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and we both became RNs. During college breaks, holidays, and after graduation, when we came home; we would get together. Debra always had the latest news. I will miss her dearly. Lance and Sterling, may God continue to bless and keep you. With love, Elizabeth "Muriel " Newton

March 25 at 3:13 AM



**Mrs. Bernice Newton And Chenita B Newton** March 25 at 8:57 AM

To Lance, Sterling and the entire Powell Family: We offer our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom, sister, niece, and cousin. Deborah was unique. She had an opinion about most things and was willing to share her thoughts. The joy of her life was her Sons. She was so proud of you and your accomplishments. Whenever she visited with us, her conversation always turned to her Sons. She never missed an opportunity to talk about Lance and Sterling. She loved you so much. And her love will always be with you. We want you to know that we are praying for you and we believe that God, The Holy Spirit will guide and keep you in His care always. May God bless and keep you. In Jesus Name, Amen. Mrs. Bernice Newton and Rev. Chenita B Newton-Hooper



**Clintona L** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



To my best friend Adrienne Bouiel was so sorry to hear that your Sister Debra had transitioned. Please know that I am here for you Sis and that I love you! To Lance and Sterling please accept my sincere condolence on the loss of your Mother....May the Lord continue to watch over you as you prepare to see your Mom to her final resting place!

March 24 at 6:46 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Powell family.

March 23 at 7:59 PM



**Gail James** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

March 23 at 7:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Powell family.

March 23 at 6:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Powell family.

March 23 at 11:49 AM



**Cynthia Hinton Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

March 22 at 7:42 PM



**Cynthia Hinton Lewis** March 22 at 7:51 PM

Lance and Sterling, I am praying for you both during this sad time. I know God will you both the strength to move forward. Deborah and I were line sisters and we both enjoyed our visits together and watching our boys grow into young men. Know that She loved you very much and will always be in your heart.



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CL

**Cheryl Lee** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Debra and I met in college at North Carolina A&T State University over 42 years ago this month where we became Sorority Sisters in the Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Spring 1979. I eventually ended up back home in NJ. Although distance and time kept us apart, she is my Soror, my Sister, always in my heart. Sending my condolences to Lance and Sterling and pray for your comfort and peace during this difficult time. Cheryl A. Lee (Ward)



March 22 at 11:43 AM

HW

**Helen Williams** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

March 21 at 5:04 PM



HW

**Helen Williams** posted:

I was deeply saddened when I received the phone call that my Line Sister/Soror had passed. On my last phone call to her on February 22nd, I could tell she was very weak, so we only talked for a short time. Seems like her passing is too soon, but I am comforted to know she is no longer suffering and is at rest. Lance, Sterling, please know I share your grief. Look back on precious memories to sustain and comfort you.

March 21 at 4:59 PM

AJ

**Angelia Mcneil Joyner** posted:

To Lance, Sterling, and the entire Powell and Raynor family. Sending love, hugs, and prayers to each of you in your loss. Debra and I met over 40 years ago at NC A&T State University where we became Line Sisters and sisters for life when we pledged Delta Sigma Theta. Debra was my "front" on our line, so we spent a lot of time in close proximity and getting to know one another. Though I am saddened by her passing, I am rejoicing that she is resting in the Arms of the Father. Cherish the memories! Angelia McNeil Joyner Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Alpha Mu Chapter Spring 1979 #20

March 21 at 3:37 PM



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**Belinda S. Piercy** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



Lance & Sterling:I was very sad to hear of the passing of my Alpha My Line Sister, Debra. Several years ago, Debra and I reconnected and when we talked, she told me how proud she was of her sons. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your extended family. Words just can't say enough! Please know that each individual on our Spring 79 line grieves with you and pray for your strength through this time of bereavement.Belinda Simmons-Piercy, Petersburg, VANC A&T State UniversityAlpha Mu-Spring 1979

March 21 at 3:09 PM



**James Vincent** posted:

With heartfelt sympathy to the family of Debra Powell and all her Alpha Mu Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time of sorrow. James 'JV' Vincent, Atlanta, GA

March 21 at 2:48 PM



**Tosca** posted:

Lance and sterling , please know I am keeping you in my prayers.Debra and I were line sisters at A&T State University.Please find comfort i knowing your mom is resting among the angels in HEAVEN.Tosca TownesAlpha Mu Chapter-Delta Sigma ThetaSpring 1979 #9Currently-Enfield-Roanoke Rapids Alumnae Chapter

March 21 at 12:50 PM



**Gwendolyn A. Arthur** posted:

To Lance and Sterling, and the Powell and Raynor Families--My thoughts and prayers are with you. May the Lord, our God, strengthen and comfort you during your time of bereavement. Lance and Sterling, during moments of quiet silence, remember that God will always be with you and that you will always have sweet memories of Debra. May God bless, keep, and comfort you now and in the days to come.Gwendolyn A. ArthurDelta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.Alpha Mu Chapter Spring 1979, #13Currently Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter

March 20 at 11:24 AM



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**Fran Shepherd** posted:

To Lance and Sterling - My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find and peace and comfort in the loving memories of your Mother.Fran Joyner ShepherdDelta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.Alpha Mu Chapter - Spring 79

March 20 at 8:40 AM



**From - Alpha Mu Spring 79 Line Sisters** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Powell family.



March 20 at 7:58 AM



**Sharon Buford** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

To Lance and Sterling and the entire Powell and Raynor Families...please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue blessing and strengthening you during this time of grief and sorrow. Debra was my Line Sister at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, NC. In 1979. May she rest in peace.Prayerfully and with great sympathy Sharon Johnson BufordDelta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.Alpha Mu Chapter Spring 1979 #15Currently Winston-Salem Alimnae Chapter



March 20 at 6:51 AM



**Travis Barden** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



March 20 at 4:35 AM



**Ramella Hartouni** sent a Celestial Love to the Powell family.



March 19 at 6:09 PM



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RH

**Ramella H.** posted:

Thinking of you and wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain. Please accept my warmest condolences, I'm sending thoughts of peace and courage your way.

March 19 at 5:56 PM

TT

**Theresa Tann** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

It with the sincerest of sympathy that I extend my ❤️ heart felt condolences to the sons and family of Debra during this time I shall keep you lifted in my prayers.

March 19 at 12:23 PM



SF

**Stephens Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Powell family.

March 19 at 11:42 AM



MW

**Matilda Ward** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

March 19 at 9:20 AM



LL

**Leslie Lindquist** posted:

My heart and prayers go out to your family. May God help you through this difficult time. Leslie Lindquist

March 19 at 9:03 AM

GR

**Gemma Riera** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

My deepest condolences. My prayers are with you and your family. Always, Gemma Riera

March 19 at 8:16 AM





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**Jean Gardner** posted:  
My prayers are with you and your family. Jean Gardner  
March 19 at 7:48 AM



**Sylvia** posted:  
Praying that the Lord is comforting you. CV  
March 19 at 6:25 AM

**MC Marie S. Carlton** March 22 at 4:42 PM  
Praying for the Powell family in their time of bereavement

**SY Sylvia** March 19 at 6:25 AM  
May the Lord comfort you.



**Jo Seale** lit a candle in honor of Debra.  
To the Powell family:My deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences. May God bless you all and fill your hearts with joy as you endure this difficult time.Sincerely,Barbara Jo PerryClass of 1976 SWHS  
March 18 at 11:51 PM



**Brenda Grandy** lit a candle in honor of Debra.  
March 18 at 7:51 PM



**Cynthia Gerald** lit a candle in honor of Debra.  
March 18 at 5:56 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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