

## Obituary

Diana Maxine Wise, 60 years old, of Rochester, NY, passed away on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Known as Diane by her family, Diane was born on May 4, 1963, in Union Springs, Alabama. She later moved to Rochester, New York, where she attended John Marshall High School. She chose to leave before completing her senior year to pursue a career as a hair care professional, graduating from the Continental Beauty School. She demonstrated her strong belief in education by attending night school to earn her high school diploma from East High.

Her first job as a hair care professional was with the Black Diamond Salon. She then worked for the Episcopal Church Home, and Liquitane before she accepted a position as a driver with Regional Transit Service (RTS). Diane worked for RTS for 30 years, retiring in March, 2022.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, shopping and spending time with friends and family.

Diane had one child, Daniel Wise-Lowry. She also raised her niece, Brittany Ward, from the age of two.

Diane is predeceased by her father, Ray Barber; her stepfather, Will Ward; her brother, Donald Ward, and her sister, Sally Barber.

She is survived by: her mother, Mary Wise; her sisters: Delphine Jones (nee Wise), Deborah Ward, and Robin Ashley (nee Ward); her brothers: Wyl Ward, Richard (Wayne) Ward, Ray Barber Jr., and Louis Barber. She also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## Order of Service

Seating of Family and Guest Greeting	11:00 a.m.
Service (Paul Lippa)	11:30 a.m.
Eulogy (Daniel Wise-Lowry)	12:00 p.m.
Poem Reading (Delphine Jones)	12:10 p.m.
Closing Prayer (Howard Henderson)	12:15 p.m.
Recessional	12:20 p.m.

### *"When I Am Gone"*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown.

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

By Robert Bryndza

## *Closing Prayer*

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## *Repast*

Family members are invited to gather for a Repast at  
Pane Vino on the Avenue  
3400 Monroe Avenue at 1:00 p.m.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Diana Wise extends an abundance of gratitude for your kindness during our bereavement. Thank you for your cards, flowers, support, and prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to the American Cancer Society, an organization she felt strongly about.

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Rochester, New York 14611  
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Memorial Service For

*Diana Maxine Wise*

Sunrise: May 4, 1963

Sunset: August 25, 2023

Friday, September 8, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Chapel  
109 West Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14611

Officiant, Paul Lippa