



Terri Dionne Watkins

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On September 26th, 1968, the city of New Orleans, Louisiana welcomed Terri Dionne Watkins into this life. New Orleans is a place known for its uniqueness, flare, talent and hospitality, and much like the city in which she was raised, Terri Watkins exuded the same.

Ever the creative at heart, Terri partook in tap dancing, writing, and at any moment's notice, proudly performing the entirety of Sugarhill Gang's Rapper's Delight. Terri was constantly challenging herself to live beyond her comfort zone, which is how she became a flag twirler at John McDonough High School. Marching alongside the band at Mardi Gras day parades was just one of the many fond memories from her early years in New Orleans. Terri would later attend Dillard University before curating a life of her own in Houston, Texas. In Houston, Terri soon became a member of The Bridge, Southwest Community Christian Center where she served as part of the Greeter's Ministry. She enjoyed many things in this life, some of which included singing along to Teena Marie at odd hours of the night, hanging out with family and friends, and enjoying a night in with a good book.

Terri Dionne Watkins was the best kind of person. To know her personally was a real treat - for one, because she was an amazing cook. Her gumbo and sweet potato turnovers were the highlight of many Thanksgiving dinners. However, the real treat was having the opportunity to experience her love, devotion, generosity, and humor. Terri never shied away from helping another in need. She used her own hardships to advise and encourage those around her. She was a confidant and source of comfort to many, and she always knew the right joke to bring you a smile whenever you felt down.

Yet, the most notable quality Terri possessed was her faith in God. In this life, Terri faced many tribulations, but she never allowed them to prevail against her. "I'll cry about it for five minutes, then I have to get back up and keep going" was the motto



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she lived by. Her faith allowed her to thrive instead of simply surviving, to touch the hearts of many, and to leave a lasting legacy on this earth.

Terri Dionne Watkins will be sorely missed. She is survived by two children, Bria C. Okere and Arinze B. Okere, as well as her long-time friend and partner, Eric T. Okere. She is also survived by her mother, Janice A. Watkins, her brothers, Calvin Watkins and Kermit Watkins, and a slew of friends and family who cherish her just as much as she did them.



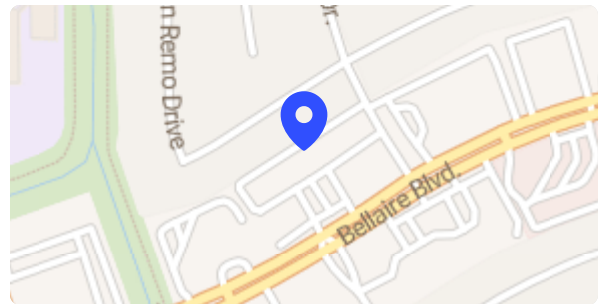
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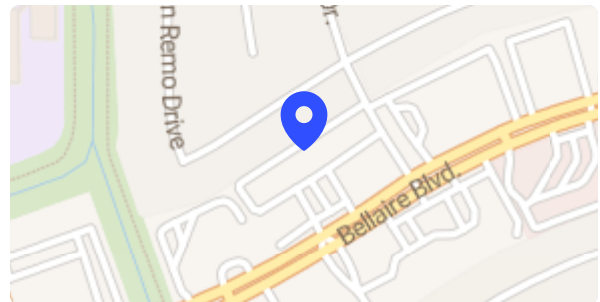
Visitation

- Saturday**, February 5, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- The Bridge**
14880 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX 77083



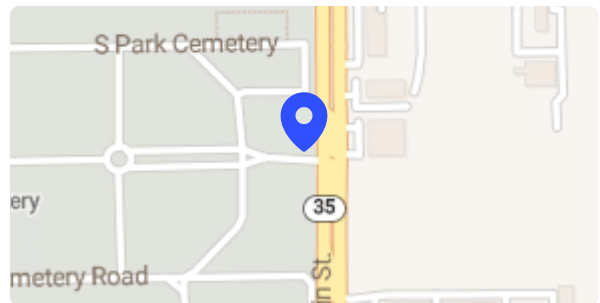
Funeral Service

- Saturday**, February 5, 2022
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- The Bridge**
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Cemetery Details

- South Park Cemetery**
1310 North Main St., Pearland TX 77581





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JR

Janice Randall posted:

Deepest Condolences to the Watkins family. May you find comfort as you cherish the fond memories of your loved one. Cast all your cares on Him for He cares for you 1 Peter 5:7.

:hugging_face::heart::pray::skin-tone-4:

February 5 at 8:54 AM

EC

Ellen Clauy posted:

My heart goes out to you right now, may GOD give you the strength to get through this difficult time. Remember life only gives you one true best friend, and you get to keep her even after the end. I hope you can find comfort in all the great memories that you share with your mother and friend. Ellen Clay- Coworker/Friend

February 3 at 2:57 PM

TM

Tisha Mendoza February 5 at 6:32 AM

My deepest condolences to Terri's family, Bria and Renzi, Terri was a wonderful true friend who was always there when I needed to vent, laugh, joke or just talk about life and our children. Always a phone call away and I truly miss you. A true friend who was always there with willing helping hands, a shoulder I could always lean on and a heart that understood me without judging me. I will cherish all the wonderful memories we had in the office and out. "A good heart has stop breathing. but a heart that has touched so many lives, can't help but live on in those it loved". Love you Terri, RIH Queen 💜



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Watkins family.

February 3 at 6:23 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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