



## Dionne M Rankins

February 15, 1976 - February 2, 2019

Dionne M. Rankins (nee Ebanks), passed away peacefully on February 2, 2019. Beloved wife to Thomas Rankins Jr. and devoted mother to T'Yanna Linton; loving daughter of Barbara Jones-Ebanks and the late Ernest Ebanks; daughter-in-law of Thomas Rankins Sr. and Jean Rankins, Rose Woodcock and Jim Fleming; dearest sister of Orlean Jones, Richard Clarke, Mark Pycard, Peter Pycard, Randa "Leasha" Pycard and Caren Pycard. Also, she will be missed by her aunts, Virginia "Patricia" Swaby and Olive Ebanks, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Relatives and friends are invited to her visitation Saturday, February 9, 2019 beginning at 12noon and ending at 1:40pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 609 Tabernacle Rd. Medford, NJ 08055. A memorial celebration of her life will follow at 2pm. Burial private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to help with her daughter's education would be greatly appreciated donations can made at: <https://tinyurl.com/Dionne-memorial> or directly to Thomas Rankins Jr.

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“ Dionne lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



Dionne - February 09 at 04:48 PM

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“ N. Thorpe lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



N. Thorpe - February 09 at 10:35 AM

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“ Debbie Morris lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



Debbie Morris - February 09 at 06:41 AM



“ Not by might but by power, my sister, my friend was such a fighter, a strong, loving, kind, caring individual. You had a heart of gold, your laughter would light up any room you walked in, you was such a blessing. I'm happy you were a part of my life for so many years for which I am eternally grateful. You will be sadly missed but I know your resting in the arms of God. Continue being that great, awesome, amazing, wonderful, beautiful person you have always been. You will forever be missed. Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove that's you Dionne.

Debbie Morris - February 09 at 06:49 AM

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“ Dionne, YOU made this world better, SO much better with you in it, you inspired so many of us with your tenacity, your positive attitude, your inner and outer strength!

Your legacy is what you did for all the people here on earth who had the pleasure of knowing you and working with you, your family, friends, your clients, you always poured poured from your beautiful selfless heart onto others. I witnessed this everyday I got to work with you. Rest In Peace angel, I will always be grateful for having known you, for having crossed paths, for getting the chance to meet someone as special as YOU. I will never forget your light, I will never forget your radiant smile, forever an inspiration to me and so many others, Dionne. My deepest condolences to your family and all who knew you.

To your beloved daughter, always remember how special and loved you are, by her and everyone around you. Her love for you is infinite. You carry a part of your mom within you, that no one else does. Do you realize how truly special that is? So many of us have grown to love and adore her beautiful soul. Thank you for sharing her with us. She made a forever imprint on so many of our hearts and she will always be as much as a part of you as you will always be of her. Part of her unbreakable spirit lives within you, from the moment you were born and you also have the same blood running through your veins, that no one or anything as unfair as life can be in these darkest times can ever ever take away from you as a person. You hold on tight to that sweet girl, You will always be her light, her most precious gift, just like she will always be one of the most amazing human beings this world will ever see.

An angel on Earth,  
A heart of gold,  
And a beautiful family to match Dionne's one of a kind soul. That is all of you. Never forget.

Thomas my deepest condolences to you and all of Dionne's family.



Jackie - February 09 at 12:54 AM



“ My sweetest D. Where do I begin? We became friends in 4th form at Steths, I was so reserved and shy but you have such a bubbly infectious personality that drew me in

. Our sweater days in the boiling Santa heat, that we laughed about years later, when we complained about the harsh winters of the US that we hated. We lost contact after high school but reconnected in 2001 like it never happened. We chat like there's no tmrw and you were always there no matter what. Your greatest

blessings was introducing me to T'Yanna, your precious baby girl. I moved to Florida in 2003 and we lost contact again until finding each other on Facebook in 2008 and you moving here and getting married to Tom, who you refer to as God's plan. Time might have gone by but our friendship seems like there never was a gap. We'd msg every week but what I loved most was our once a month 5 hours plus phone call. We'd talk about everything from the weather to my getting fit and us seeing each other soon, to religion. The past year we didn't communicate, just because of life. I wish more than anything in this world that I could go back and talk to you and have those memories. Your laughter, kindness, love, integrity, inspiration, zest for life and ppl. I could go on and on and would never be able to sum up the WONDERFUL, GENUINE AND LOVING person you are. 25 years of friendship is not enough time to be blessed with you. I can't speak about you in the past because I can't accept you're no longer here on earth. So until we meet again D....Sweet rest . T'Yanna, Tom and the rest of your family... may God comfort and keep you close at this difficult time. My deepest condolences to you all.  
Sasha Hendricks

Sasha Hendricks - February 08 at 01:00 AM

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“ Angella Saddler lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



Angella Saddler - February 07 at 07:30 PM



“ RIP Dionne. Your memories live on. I pray the strength of her families.

Angella Saddler - February 07 at 07:32 PM

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“ Evereen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



Evereen Johnson - February 07 at 03:04 PM



“ To my dear sister Dionne I just want to say this Dionne Dion you make my day my night my everything you are everything to me you make me always be happy even when I am sad you make me laugh you make me feel like I am a big woman I can remember when you tell me don't let no one talk to me like I am a child I don't know how I am going to go without you I cry and I feel everything in my heart because I didn't see you over 18 years I don't know when I am going to come over this I look forward for your calls everyday I remember how we could laugh I remember the day you said Jesus you look just like your mother how do we laugh Dion I know you are in heaven please tell Uncle Roy Uncle bully auntie Darcy Uncle Cass and the rest of the family hello for me you're my baby sister and I would forever remember everything we talked about and what you tell me I am writing this letter I know you cannot hear me what I am telling you tears he's a running from my eyes sleep on Dionne rest in peace my sister I love you but Jesus love you babe

**I am Dionne sister Caren pycard** - February 07 at 03:36 PM

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“ Richie Richards Hunter lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



**Richie Richards Hunter** - February 07 at 02:51 PM



“ Dear Dionne,we will never forget you.You will always be in our hearts.

**Richie** - February 07 at 02:53 PM

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“ Lorraine Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



**Lorraine Campbell** - February 07 at 12:00 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dionne M Rankins.



February 07 at 09:14 AM

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“ Dionne and I went to School together back in Jamaica. She has the most infectious laugh and was truly a lovely soul. I will use "has" because I cannot believe she is no longer with us. Sweet sleep sweetie.

**Karen Bradford** - February 06 at 08:15 PM

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“ I'm so lost for words and and very sad. I will miss those funny phone conversations and I listened to that voice message you left me telling me you're ok. If it hurts me so much I cant imagine the pain your loves ones are going through. You were such a phenomenal person and I will pray for your family especially your young daughter and husband who must be struggling deeply from this loss.

**Sandra** - February 06 at 06:17 PM

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“ Diana lit a candle in memory of Dionne M Rankins



**Diana** - February 06 at 11:36 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss Tom

**Gary Gagliardi** - February 05 at 10:53 PM

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“ I am so shaken by your passing Dionne and still in shock that you are no longer with us. You were such a beautiful person on the inside and that same beauty radiates on the outside because you were absolutely gorgeous. I can remember the many spa treatments you tested with me, our lengthy conversations about life and your ambitions during the moments we spent together. You were always ambitious and looking for ways to move forward. You were never without your signature smile and nobody wears makeup as beautifully as you did. I've watched your videos and we spoke about me joining your Bosity Beast program, I never did but you were such an inspiration. I pray that God grant your family strength to go on from this, especially your husband and your daughter and they will cherish the wonderful memories you left behind. As we say in Jamaica, walk good!

**Hopal Watson** - February 05 at 10:08 PM

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“ Am lost for words I don't know what to say. You made your mark on this land you played your part relentlessly you're beautiful special and God's gift to earth. Rest well Dionne



**Janice Gayle** - February 05 at 10:04 PM

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“ I will remember how she shared to be careful with the things we put in and on our bodies. She shared this with the young women and had such a strong testimony of taking care of our bodies. When I work out and use the beach body workouts I always think of Dionne and her love for T25 (years ago). She would share with me her workouts and then they changed to weights and lifting. When I attended any activities and would walk in a room and didn't know where to sit, if I saw Dionne I knew I'd be welcomed. She was always so kind and loving to me. Such a beautiful person. Truly. She will be missed greatly. So sorry Tom and T'yanna. Love to you guys.

**Mandy Billingsley** - February 05 at 10:03 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Heather Bell** - February 05 at 10:00 PM



“ Dionne was a true friend to me. Even though we were long distance, she would call or text me as if she sensed that I wasn't ok and she was usually right. She cared about so many of us and gave of herself for free to make sure that we were ok. She loved her family and will always be remembered as a true giver. I will miss her smile the most. Her passing was too sudden and we all felt the shock of it could have been any of us! At least Jesus has a truly deservant Angel by his side now! She will watch over us until we meet again!

**Heather** - February 05 at 10:04 PM



“ There so much i want to say but im lost with words. Your passing was too sudden and we all felt the shock ..Dionne u are sch a beautiful person inside and out.may godwatch over us until we meet again .R.I.PDionne ...

**Joan miller** - February 06 at 02:55 PM



“ my auntie was the best reason been i was living with her for one year and six month wow when you know someone love you check auntie Dionne she treat me like a daughter word can express how much i love her, you will always be in my heart..... you push me in my study she proud of me my auntie rest in peace....

**alyjandra** - February 06 at 10:41 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dionne through Beachbody. I was also a coach and we had fun in Nashville and New Orleans. She was always so kind and positive. She always supported each one of us. We will miss her smiling face and beautiful personality. My deepest condolences to her family. I know she loved you all very much.

**jackie howarth** - February 05 at 09:47 PM



“ I am still in disbelief. Sigh ! Dionne you will be truly missed. You were such a sweet welcoming soul. I have not seen you in person in over 25years but we reconnected on FB. I love watching your makeup video and still remember ours days at Steths in 8G. I pray your husband and daughtes' strength during this time as I can't imagine what they are going through. I pray they feel peace knowing you will always be with them and I pray God's protection over them. Rest well my beloved until we meet again.



**Bernadett Spence— Tulloch** - February 05 at 09:17 PM



“ Dionne my hearts pain to write this...u were such a lovely person. ..every one who met u can attest to that...From the age of seven (7) I have known u...I was a year behind you in All Age school and high school u treat us as ur little sis...am gonna miss ur posted, videos n ur positive energy. We love you but God loves you best. I am praying for your family at this time cause its not easy especially ur daughter and husband. May your soul rest in perfect peace. Love u

**Camile sibblies-samuels** - February 05 at 10:09 PM



“ I can still remember our first day if orientation at the Ritz Carlton Jamaica, what a beautiful young lady I sat with. We had few quick conversations and quickly bonded... Dione's personality was so warm and genuine, it was so easy to be drawn to her. For few years we worked together in the spa,she never settle for where she was she was such an achiever who yearns for success. I'm glad we had a time to share and to appreciate each other few months ago. Dione you were truly lovely... may light perpetual continue to shine on you,rest my precious friend.

**Patricia van Houtven** - February 05 at 09:16 PM



“ I am so shaken by your passing Dionne and still in shock that you are no longer with us. You were such a beautiful person on the inside and that same beauty radiates on the outside because you were absolutely gorgeous. I can remember the many spa treatments you tested with me, our lengthy conversations about life and your ambitions during the moments we spent together. You were always ambitious and looking for ways to move forward. You were never without your signature smile and nobody wears makeup as beautifully as you did. I've watched your videos and we spoke about me joining your Bosy Beast program, I never did but you were such an inspiration. I pray that God grant your family strength to go on from this, especially your husband and your daughter and they will cherish the wonderful memories you left behind. As we say in Jamaica, walk good!

**Hopal Watson** - February 05 at 10:07 PM



“ You touched so many lives with your warm,caring nature..me included. There are no words to express how much you'll be deeply missed. To your familyand friends my deepest condolences. May your wonderful spirit and light shine on in Heaven



“ Dionne,  
Neither of us knew that when we saw each other in 2017, 20 years after our high school graduation that this would be our last time seeing each other. I remember that day so vividly now. Even though it was not your wedding you looked so radiant in white. We saw each other and said simultaneously 'hey you". Our faces lit up as we engulfed each other in a warm bear hug. You introduced me to your husband and for the rest of the afternoon all three of us were inseparable. The groom knowing that we knew each other, assigned us the same table number and our infectious laughter echoed through the night as we talked about high school, the in between years and the present. Your husband Thomas is such a delight and sitting there observing the exchange between you both, I thought to myself "they are prefect for each other). We decided to leave before the party was over as I had a long drive ahead of me. You and your hubby walked me to my car, we hugged again, this time I hugged your husband as well as it felt as if I knew him for the past 20 years as well. When I drove by your car, I remember rolling down my window to smile and wave one "final" goodbye. I didn't know it then, but that was our goodbye. We exchanged numbers that night and planned to meet up again, but both our busy schedules and the 100+ miles between us made that daunting. We, however would catch up on Facebook all the time, talking about fitness and our similar stomach issues (Acid reflux) & every little thing in between. Dionne, even though we didn't know that night, I am so happy that we got the chance to say our final goodbye. You were such a joy to know and such a bright light in this world that burned out so quickly. You will be missed dearly. Take your rest sweet Dionne. Thinking about your wonderful husband Thomas, your beautiful daughter T'Yanna and other family members during this difficult time. I am praying for their strength.

Oddette Staple-Brown - February 05 at 08:41 PM

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“ I dont know where to start,this is so hard.For the short time I had with you ,you taught me so much,we thought we had so much time left so we could meet. My dear cuz you have touched us all and have left us with so much . love. May Thomas and T'yanna find comfort in the memories you left us all with

Jennifer Hewitt Vassell (first cousin) - February 05 at 08:28 PM

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“ Jennifer Hewitt Vassell (first Cousin) sent a virtual gift in memory of Dionne M Rankins



Jennifer Hewitt Vassell (first cousin) - February 05 at 08:17 PM

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“ I don't know where to start but the past few days have been a roller coaster of emotions we been together since the age of three. Only to find out our moms visited the same clinic while pregnant with us. We have been inseparable since then even tough we live distance apart we talk every week. Dionne you leaving like this was never in our plans. You have touched so many lives during your time here. You always found a way to help whenever someone had a need. You encourage everyone around you and your pleasant laughter brought smiles to the heart of us all who knew. Everyone who knew you have a testimony of how you touched their lives and just how much they loved you. We had so many plans for our families. I will forever cherish you in my heart my dear sister.



sheryl brooks vick - February 05 at 08:15 PM



“ I can testify to this. You Keisha Dionne where inseparable. I am so sorry for the loss of your dearest friend and sister Sheryl.

Karen Bradford - February 06 at 08:23 PM

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“ I am speechless right now seeing this, she was great motivator, she encouraged us to find a way to do something, my sincere condolences to the family, be strong tianna,

jennifer williams - February 05 at 07:42 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dionne M Rankins.



February 05 at 07:28 PM

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“ I am lost for words. Dionne and I went to same high school, and was part of the Cadet Group. We never lost contact. Sunday evening fitness conversation is now gone. Over 20 years of relationship gone. Dionne this friend Faithlyn Ferguson will miss you and I just can't understand why so soon. I am left in tears but will remember the beautiful conversations we had, the giggle on the phone with your dogs in the background. Our Jamaican laughter was so infectious. Rest In Peace my love as you have complete a job well done. Love you always and I will see you on the other side.

**Faithlyn Ferguson** - February 05 at 07:25 PM