



## Delaine Blassingame

June 25, 1947 - October 9, 2010

BLASSINGAME, Mrs. Delaine - Age 63, went peacefully from her home to her heavenly home, Saturday, October 9, 2010. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon, Pastor Carlos D. Williams officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Blassingame will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Friday, with family present from 4-6 p.m. Mrs. Delaine D. Blassingame was born June 25, 1947 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late Maxie and Dezeray (Roland) Brandon, Sr. She attended Flint Northern High School. Delaine worked and retired from AC Spark Plug and was a member of UAW Local 651. She was a devoted and faithful member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle where she served. Delaine started her journey as one of the original Four Bells under the leadership of the late Addie Mae Simpson, which became the Metronets and then the Blue Bells. She was Choir Director of the Blue Bells, Voices of Metropolitan and the Inspirational Voices. Delaine also worked with the Youth Choir as director and mentor. She served as Superintendent of Sunday School Primary and Beginners Department, teaching the beginners class and was presently teaching Wednesday night beginners Bible class. Delaine was also a part of the following ministries: Youth Ministry, Kitchen Committee, Audio Ministry, Director of Fitness and Recreation, Summer Youth Program, Nursery and

Vacation Bible School. Delaine worked with Metropolitan Seniors, the Mother's Board, Berston Seniors and always commentated the Great Lakes District Usher's Fashion Show. Mrs. Blassingame was a diligent worker in the church and would help wherever she saw a need. She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Nikole Dent (special friend, Michael Fleming); granddaughter, Lauren Blassingame (special friend, Mario Hooker); 3 sisters, Jethene Ross, Terry Anderson (special friend, Willie P. Grant, Jr.) and Claudette Brandon; brother, Maxie (Margaret) Brandon, all of Flint; 2 god brothers, Edward Johnson and Charles "Gus" Talbert; 4 nieces, Dionna and Da'Shawn Ross, Brownie Walker and Marva Hill; 5 nephews, Percy Anderson, Jr., Damarius Anderson, Herbert, Marvin and Goliday Liddell; 4 aunts, Zernie Bacon, Zeffrie (Monroe) Adams, Francis Brandon and Glenora Roland; a host of great-nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including her special family friends, James Jarrett, Donna "Cookie" Jones, Myrtis Conners, father of her children, Leroy Blassingame, Sr., the Roland, Brandon, Blassingame, Ross, Green, Dent and Jarrett families, Pastor Timothy R. Stokes and the Family Worship Center International Church, Apostle Clarence Lewis and the New Beginnings Ministries, Pastor Carlos D. Williams and the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Church families and a host of Pastors and churches dear to our heart. Mrs. Blassingame was preceded in death by her son, Leroy Blassingame, Jr.; parents, Maxie and Esther Dezeray Brandon, Sr.; and brother-in-law, Don Ross. The family would like to express special thanks to Michael Fleming and the Fleming family, Sgt. Terrence Green, Phyllis Wells, Connie Brown-Walton, the Bishop Street Neighbors and the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Church family for all you have done. "To God Be The Glory."

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delaine Blassingame*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kenyetta lit a candle in memory of Delaine Blassingame*



**kenyetta** - August 14, 2013 at 01:51 PM



“ *D i can't grasp the fact that you're not hear to call me friend nor greet me in the lobby at church, nor walking into the sanctuary and not seeing you at the back working the sound system. You've touched everybody life at church you were Metropolitan. All of our babies miss you so much even the little ones ask for you, and my eyes just fill up with tears. You talking about L-O-V-E, this woman always said everything was ok, as long as the Mothers and her Babies weren't touched. You put a lifetime of love in my life for u, there's no replacement. GOD took his Angel home. I Love D.*

**Barbara Leake** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Nicole, Terry, Claudia, Jettie & Lamont:

*Our heart is reaching out to you,  
For what you're going through;  
We are thinking of you frequently  
And praying for you, too.*

*If there's something we can do,  
Anything at all,  
Think of us thinking of you,  
And don't hesitate to call.*

*Love ya,*

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**Marcia & Bianca Teer & Ann Hedrick** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Nicole, my heart goes out to you and your family. I can relate and feel your pain, just loosing my mom, 3 weeks ago. I pray for strength and peace. At a time like this there is a sorrow for which no heart could ever be prepared.

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**Yvette Gayden Martin** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EY

“ Terry, Jettie, Claudia, and Max I just saw Delaine several weeks ago in Meijer. We hugged, talked, and said God was good, and I received the gift of her warm smile. We never know when God is ready for one of His beautiful flowers. I am no stranger to grief for it has been present with me these past 2 years. I recommend Jesus for the healing and comfort you will need. Please know that my prayers and love are with you at this time in your life. Rest assured, we will see Delaine again.

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**Ervine Young-Byrd** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ DELAINE WAS MY BEST FRIEND ALL OF MY LIFE SHE WILL BE MISS MY HEART IS WITH THE FAMILY JOANNE

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**joanne jones** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To the ENTIRE FAMILY OF DELAINE B. -  
There is no words to describe the great loss in our hearts in the passing of our sister, Delaine. She was life itself in all she represented, which was so much - in everything she did. She loved everyone, she was so pleasant to be around because she always seemed to lift your spirit, even if you weren't down. She had a special gift of lifting it anyway. She was truly one of God's "Awesome Angels." We grew up together so we've known her just about all her life, and will surely miss her smiling face. Hold on to the precious memories she left - it will soothe the hardaches and give you strength to carry on. God bless you all. Love, Cherry, Dianne and the entire Simpson Family.

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**Cherry L. Brown Family/Simpsons** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Our hearts are heavy at the passing of such a giving spirit. We truly will miss her. She will forever live in our hearts. She left such a positive impression on me and my daughter! My daughter called her "Ms. Delaine...!" She gave Toni such confidence and encouragement. She gave me such a boost of confidence that I will always keep with me. I will continue to pray for your strength during this difficult time. Please, if there is anything we can do to support you, let me know. Lots of love, Etoyia Magee and Toni...

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**Etoyia Magee and Miss Toni Odom** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ You have my sincere sympathy and prayers during this most difficult time. Your mother was a joy to know from way back. We used to sing a lot on the same programs. She visited our church and we visited hers.

God will take care of you.

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**Beatrice(Temple)Kendall** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Ms. Delaine was a nice lady, I will miss her, and I am praying for your family.

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**Amaya Campbell** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ To the family Blassingame and Brandon Families: In sympathy and friendship. No one can experience this sadness as you do. For your feelings are unique and very personal to you. No one can begin to know exactly how you feel, except to know that sorrow such as yours is deep and real. But if you some comfort and some help to see you through, just know how much you're cared for by all those who think of you. Delaine was one of a kind in who she was and represent. Loving caring person, she will greatly missed.

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**Peggy Stribling** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ to the family delaine was a kind and thoughtful person she laughed and she enjoyed life i met her at ac sparkplug and she was a special person to me she was honest and would tell you if she had a problem with you she will be missed but not forgotten her legacy of laughter and kindness will never be forgotten God bless the family in this time of sadness ps. know this she changed people lives and i was one who was touched by her acts of kindness and her ways of wisdom she was special to us all

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**Ira Gilbert** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the Brandon family & Nicole,  
We all grew up as children together and to picture one of U missing from among us is unreal. I remember all the rehearsal at Ms.Simpson's house. we were all a part of something great. So many pleasant memories... Delaine was special. nobody could lead a choir like her. Those long arms looked like a bird in flight... then she added finger nails. No One Like her. She was a one of a kind. Now take your rest my sister your job is done. Love you D  
" To GOD be the GLORY"

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**Sandra (Smith) Moore** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Wanted to extend my sincerest condolences during this time of bereavement to the Blassingame & Brandon family. When I heard the news of Delaine's passing, it brought sorrow to my heart and it made me think about Mr. and Mrs. Brandon.*

*I can only believe that Delaine is now with Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and they are truly looking down on us as our angels! Of course, I'm hearing Mrs. Brandon saying "Mighty Nice" and then a turn and seeing Delaine with a welcoming/comforting smile! I could go on and on with the Metro experience and know that Delaine's legacy along with her parents will NEVER be forgotten!*

*I love you'll and your in my prayers!*

*Kelli*

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**KELLI HOLBROOK** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I extend my deepest sympathy to the family. I would see Sis. Blassingame in the store and she always teased me. I will miss that. Thank God I had the opportunity to meet her.*

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**Brenda Harrison** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *MAY GOD'S LOVE BE YOUR STRENGTH AND COMFORT.*

*CAST YOUR BURDEN ON THE LORD, AND HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU.*

*PSALMS 55:22*

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**Shirley Akins** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Through every Silver cloud some rain must fall. God promised that he would be us and give us eternal life. Be encouraged today and look to he hills from whence cometh your help.

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**Rev. Sam Flourney Jr & Family** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ To Nicole, Jettie, Claudi, Max and Terri, my heart is deeply touched by your loss. I can believe that I will no longer be able to talk or see my Sister, my Friend. Delaine was truly God's angel. She loved and cared for everyone no matter how old or young, good or bad, big or small, Delaine always had a kind, firm word. She was like EF Hutton, when she spoke everyone listened. I have enjoyed the times I have had with her in church, exercising, choir rehearsal, preparing for events at church or just hanging out in the kitchen helping to prepare meals. I will miss her smile. She had a smile that would just touch your heart. Delaine was Metropolitan. Delaine was the Inspirational Voices. She was a strong fixture amongst us all. I will TRULY miss my Sister In Christ. We may not have wanted this to happen, but we are not in control. God was ready for his Angel to come Home. The tears in my heart will remain for some time. I pray that God holds each of you in his arms and give you the peace and comfort that will take you through. As you already know. The pain does never go away, it just gets easier to bear. I am here for you in anyway I am needed. Do not hesitate to call on me if needed. Nicole, she loved you VERY much. Remain strong family (easier said than done), and continue to lift each other. I love you all. May God Continue to Bless and Keep You During This Time and Always.

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**Odessa Hearn** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Such a beautiful person, who will be missed by many.*

*Your Family is and will always be our prayers.*

*God Bless,  
Sandy Westbrook  
Jermaine Westbrook*

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**Sandy Westbrook** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *To Jettie, Claudia, Terry, Maxie and dear Nicole.*

*I will miss Ms. D, Brown Sugar. It does not seem real yet and will probabky feel that way for quite awhile. Delaine was a friend and a second mother to Angelica and Philip. When they were in her presence, I had no worries. She would keep them in check, with a heart full of love. She was truly a fantastic Christian woman and child of the King. What ever she put her hands to, she put her all into it. Her smile and youthful attitude will be missed at Metropolitan and in the community. We love you all and pray constantly for you. God will bring peace in the midst of your storm.*

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**Alline Anderson** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Aunt D,I will miss you so much.You were not only the rock of Metropolitan but the rock in my life.No matter what I was going through in my life or in my day,you were always one to lift my spirits.When I was away for a period of time,you were always the one asking where I was at.I always remember that you always called me your favorite and I will never forget that last skit we did at church.Words can never express the amount of love I have for you and I know you are in a better place.I will always cherish the bond that we had and will hold it near to my heart always.

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**Marcell Childs** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Words cannot describe how much I am going to miss aunt D. She was the reason why I started working the sound board at church, and she was the reason I now direct the choir also. I will never forget the conversations we had at the back of the church and even before choir rehearsals. My heart goes out to the family aunt Jettie and aunt Claudia I love you and if you ever need me I will always be in the back of the church where you can always find me. Love you to Lauren.

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**Raymond D. Fields** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Blassingame and Brandon Family, you all know that I love you and I am praying for you. My heart is heavy because I have lost a big sister. Delaine had a beautiful spirit and she touched everyone that she came in contact with. She will be truly missed. Nicole, your mother loved you so much, just know that God knows best and "Joy Will Come In The Morning".

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**Jacqueline Scott** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Aunt D, you are truly missed its hard to go to church and know you will not be there. Im glad your peaceful and pain free now. I will never forget the conversations that we had, nor the things that you went out your way to do for EVERYBODY. Everytime, I think about you my heart fills with tears, Im trying my best to keep it together because I know deep down you wouldnt want me to cry. May the lord bless the Blassingame and Brandon family, give the the strenght to make in through this tough time. As a church baby I will always be here to help with anything that you may need. I love you all and take care.

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**Kamillah S. Love** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Nicole, Jettie, Terry,Lamont and Claudi: I am so sorry to hear of loss, may God's love comfort and see you gently through during these difficult days. Thinking of you with sympathy, love and prayer.  
Love, Sharon

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**Sharon Fleming** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ To the Blassingame and Brandon Family you have my deepest sympathy. What a loss. Delaine was truly a blessing from God, she always had a kind word and greeted you with that big smile which made you feel so special. I will mis our talks in store whenever we ran into each other, praying for you. Be encouraged

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**Gloria Lang** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Our prayers are with you all as we remember Ms. D during this time. Not only were we choir members, but she was JaKobie's sunday school teacher, as well as his bible class teacher. Every day he'd come home from being in her class, he would always tell me what he learned in Ms. D's class! She was an AMAZING woman, who CARED and TAUGHT our children SO MUCH!!! One thing that stuck out, from all things (that she taught my 4 yr old), is that JESUS NEVER SLEEPS - HE IS ALWAYS EVERYWHERE! Please know that God is in control and HE WILL take care of her! Much love to each & every one of you...

*LeeLonda & JaKobie*

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**LeeLonda Lenear & JaKobie Boose** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dearest Brandon Family,

*You have my deepest and sincere condolences at the passing of such a wonderful and spirited sister. Delaine and I became fast friends at JC in the latter 60's...with my being from Ypsilanti and not knowing too many people, your family opened your doors to a total stranger and treated me like family. I will always remember the fun times we had when I visited your home on Carton.*

*May God comfort your hearts during this time of loss and give you peace. Sincerely, Cheryl Bass-Lee*

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**Cheryl Bass-Lee** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of your sister Delaine. We know that the anguish you and your family are suffering is personal, but we want you to know that we are thinking of you at this time.

*On behalf of the Board of Education and all your friends throughout the district, I wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Those of us knew Delaine realize what a wonderful person she was and know how greatly she will be missed. Always remember Psalms 121.*

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**Brenda J. Greer** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *"Ye 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" To all of you I pray that God gives you the PEACE that passeth all understanding during this difficult time and that his comfort and love is sufficient for your needs while you grieve the loss of such a beautiful and humble spirit. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal and I pray you find true comfort in the arms of the Lord as HE is the ONLY one that can truly bear your burdens...I love you all and will be in continous prayer on your behalf! Rest Peacefully "Brown Sugar" you and your smile will definitely be missed!*

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**Teneal Hudson** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *With deepest sympathy.  
Keeping your family in our prayers.*

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**Hilda Craig** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Delaine. The Lord giveth and the Lord takeve away. He makes no mistakes. Know that you all will meet again. We sympathize and empathize with you for we know about the pain of losing a love one. Know that you all Nicole, Claudia, Jettie , Terri,and Lamont are in our prayers.. Remember that we are only a phone call away. We love you in Jesus name.....

Sincerely,

Barbara Jackson and daughter,  
Sheila Hill Marshall

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**Barbara and Sheila** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To Claudia, Terrie, Jettie, & Maxie,  
There is no words that can really take away hurt and sorrow from our hearts during times like these. Only the comfort we get from the Lord, and time. So in between living and that great day for the rest of us, we must live every moment very careful and with joy knowing one day we will see her again. The Lord has given us the gift of memories that helps us to get through each new day when we're left behind. May God bless and keep you forever in His care.

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**Charlene Kelly-Jenkins** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Nicole,  
May the Lord keep you in His loving care. May your faith give you strength and your memories of your Mother give you great comfort knowing the love she had for you. Delaine was a very special person. She made some very good tacos too when we were teenages. I didn't like basketball and football games when we were at Northern. But, she talked me into going to my first football game in the 12th grade. That took some doing. That is why she was so special to me. No one else could talk me into anything. I will keep you Nicole, in my prays.

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**Charlene Kelly-Jenkins** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ To the family; you are in my prayers! Delaine was such a delightful person to know, she truley inspired me and will be missed.  
Iris Cleveland

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**Iris Cleveland** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the entire family I send you my deepest and sincerest sympanthy. May God continue to keep you all strong through this diffecult time. I'm praying with you all and will be here if you should call.

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**Sis Martha L Mays** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Once upon a time, I was a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Inspirational Voices - for one day. And it was an experience I will never forget. I went on a trip to Ohio with the choir as a guest. Since I had tagged along, some of the members encouraged me to sing with them. I said I didn't have a choir robe, but they said, we'll find one for you. I said I don't know the songs, but Delaine said not to worry, just "watch me." Through the song service (3 songs) I was obedient to Delaine and kept my eyes on her. Delaine, with the awesome gift of being the ultimate choir director, looked at me, smiled, and reminded me to watch her. I did. Delaine locked her eyes on mine, and mouthed the words to every song, all while watching me, directing the choir, and directing the musicians. I was in awe of what had just happened and I have never forgotten how special she made me feel that day. I also feel very blessed knowing I was able to tell her what that experience meant to me. To the family, Delaine's homegoing was truly a joyful celebration. And on behalf of my mother, Mrs. Gerry Smith, my brothers, Keith and Steve Jones, and our entire families, be encouraged, keep your hands in His hands, never let go, and always look up. On that particular day described above, I looked up at your beloved sister, Delaine, and she was truly an awesome blessing to me. We pray God's blessings on you as He keeps you in His good care.

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**Teri Jones Chambry** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Dear Jette, I am so sorry to hear about the loss, of your dear sister, she was truly amazing and will be miss. I will always remember that wonderful smile and great laugh. my prays go out to u and your family in this time of need. God Bless u and her daughter

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**Steven R. Jones** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Terry, Jetty and Family,  
May God hold you and your entire family close in this, your time of grief. Please know that our prayers are with you continuously as you deal with the loss of your beloved, Delaine.  
She was very much loved and cared for and will definitely be missed.

*Stephanie and Herman Anthony*

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October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Ms.Blassingame as a powerful and illustrative choir director, with that beautiful blonde haircut and long fingernails, the last time I saw here was at Wallis restaurant in 1995, she found out I could sing and encouraged me to use my gift for God. My mom was good friends with her son Leroy, (Sharron Hall), God Bless and keep you in Jesus name!!

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**DeAntwayne Hall** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Blassingame as I have always called her for over 35 years. When I heard the news (a few hours after her transition, tears filled my eyes and I went numb until the following morning; and I heard her voice say, "No, No don't do that I'm alright, God is Good and you go on". If you knew her, you would know that she never met strangers and never turned her back on providing a helping hand or digging into her purse to meet a need. Her dignity, strength and self confidence will truly be missed, but her legacy will go on for eternity. Nikole please know you have millions of prayers coming your way. God will comfort your days and nights. Love Mel Please keep in touch. Love Mel

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**Melody Relerford** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ To Jettie & the entire Family of Delaine Blassingame. We extend our prayers and Deepest sympathy. May God continue to be your strength as you go through this difficult time. Love from all The Title 1 Parents

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**Phyllis Leslie** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To Maxie, and the Brandon and Blassingame families. My condolences in the loss of a great woman who was loved and adored by many. Many fond memories are shared by those who grew up, worked, worshiped with, and had fun with Delaine. Sincerely, Robert

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**Robert Rawls** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM