

OBITUARY

Melrosa Elinor (Raiford) Chandler, daughter of the late James and Ruby Mae Raiford, was born on April 14, 1959 in Augusta, Georgia and departed this life on Sunday, November 8, 2015 in Wilmington, DE.

Melrosa, fondly known as "Mel", graduated from Salem High School: Class of 1977, where she was a Salem Rams cheerleader and participated in Color Guard. After graduating, she moved to Wilmington, Delaware and attended Goldey Beacom College, earning her degree in Legal Secretarial Studies. She worked as a Legal Secretary for the law firm Ferry, Joseph and Pearce for 10 years and was recently employed at Reger, Rizzo and Darnall.

Mel was an avid reader and loved music and shopping. Her favorite team was the Dallas Cowboys. She enjoyed watching her favorite soaps: All My Children and General Hospital, and Super Soul Sunday on OWN.

Mel was predeceased by her parents, James and Ruby Mae Raiford; brothers, Arthur Lee Whitaker and Willie Moses Raiford; and sister, Mattie Mae Cuff.

Mel rededicated her heart to God on August 7, 2015. After a long illness, she was called to her heavenly home on November 8, 2015. She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Tinisha Courtney Chandler, Shannen Lenae Pabon (Pierre) and Jasmine Nicole Street; two granddaughters: Jahzlin Pabon and Nylah Pabon; sisters: Ethel Lee Whitaker, Jeanette Raiford, Annette Raiford, Celia Marshall (Ken), Sharon Burnett; brother, Wilford Gerald Raiford (Shirley); special nephew: Curtis Raiford; three aunts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,

The Family



ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday, November 13, 2015

Musical Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Inspirational Selection	Tamu Rowley
Prayer of Comfort	Ethel Whitaker
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament:	Psalms 46:1-7 <i>Read by Celia Marshall</i>
New Testament:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 <i>Read by Sharon Burnett</i>
Selection	Tamu Rowley
Acknowledgements	Annette & Jeannette Raiford
& Resolutions	

Poem	Jasmine Street
Remarks & Reflections	Family & Friends <i>(2 Minutes Please)</i>
Reading of Obituary	Elana Raiford
Selection	Tamu Rowley
Message of Hope	Bishop Wilford G. Raiford
Presentation	House of Wright Staff
Benediction	Dr. Shirley Cole-Raiford
Recessional	

REPAST

Ebenezer Baptist Church

2200 N. Claymont St., Wilmington, DE 19802

SUNRISE
April 14, 1959

REMEMBERING MELROSA

SUNSET
November 8, 2015