



## Deborah Filyaw

July 26, 1951 - January 25, 2024

Deborah Eileen Filyaw completed her journey in this life peacefully at home on January 25, 2024 in the presence of her brother Anthony. She was born on July 26, 1951 to the late Macceo Nathaniel Filyaw and Katheryn Bryant Filyaw.

Deborah was born and raised in New Haven Connecticut where she graduated from Hillhouse High School and received an Associate Degree from Gateway Community College. After graduation, she secured a number of jobs, including serving as a Phlebotomy Technician; an Optometric Assistant for Total Vision Eyecare; a Healthcare Worker for Extra Hand, Inc. and held the position of Director of Placement for Sawyers Business School. In addition, she was a certified Reiki Practitioner.

Deborah was a former member of Christ Chapel New Testament Church in New Haven Connecticut and later joined Kingdom Christian Cathedral in Milford Connecticut where she sang in the choir. She was an extremely talented seamstress, and had the ability to create outfits, costumes, curtains and anything she set her mind to. She designed and created a wedding dress for an Elite Designers Pageant, that was later worn by the model for her own wedding. She was also an excellent cook, and enjoyed preparing for holidays, family gatherings and events. Gardening was another love she had, and she could be seen outside caring for her plants and shrubs.

Deborah was a member of Vital Element Productions, Inc., a creative arts organization co-created by her brother Liston, and served as the treasurer.

She also enjoyed acting and was a cast member in some of Liston's plays. She was known for creating her own characters such as, "Madame Shoe Shoe," an improvisational character and for "The Lady In Red," in Liston's play, "Pender County."

Deborah had a very pleasing personality and a positive outlook on life. In spite of her many challenges, she remained optimistic and determined to persevere. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, two brothers, Liston N. Filyaw, Windsor, CT and Anthony J. Filyaw, New Haven, CT; her godson, Dwayne Bryant, New Haven, CT and a host of cousins on both sides of her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Macceo Nathaniel Filyaw and Katheryn Bryant Filyaw.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel  
95 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Funeral Service

FEB 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Liston and Anthony as they continue to celebrate their sister Deborah’s life and legacy. She was a sweet person.*



**Kimi Lewis** - February 18 at 05:11 AM



“ *To the Filyaw Family,*

*I am greatly sorry for the unfortunate loss. Deborah was a beautiful person with a godly spirit. She will definitely be missed. I will continue to keep the Filyaw family in my prayers.*

*Kereme Murrell*

**Kereme Murrell** - February 12, 2024 at 11:49 PM



“ *Sending "Lotta Love" bouquet in memory of the good laughs we had in NC.*

*Tanya Bryant Charles*

**Tanya charles** - February 12, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ *To the Filyaw Family, I am greatly sorry for the unfortunate loss! Deborah was a beautiful person in spirit! May her soul rest in peace! I will keep the entire Filyaw family in my prayers.*

*Kereme Murrell*

**Kereme Murrell** - February 11, 2024 at 07:45 PM

NH

“ *My prayers and sincere condolences to Liston (Butch) and the family at this time.*

Nate Hurse - February 11, 2024 at 06:35 AM

LT

“ *Deborah was my other sister, may Deborah rest in peace.* 🙏🏻👤👤♂️

Lee Thomas - February 10, 2024 at 03:10 PM

TH

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Deborah during one of the CT jazz cruises. She was a beautiful lady and told me about her love for sewing. Rest in peace beautiful lady. My condolences to the family.*

Theresa Harris - February 10, 2024 at 05:59 AM

FB

“ *From Your Brothers purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah Filyaw.*



From Your Brothers - February 08, 2024 at 02:30 PM

GR

“ *Debbie and my family have been friends for over 30 years. I first met Debbie when I became a member of Vital Element Productions, we have been in many productions. Her famous character was Madam Foo Foo. She was a wonderful seamstress and also a Phlebotomist for many years, I will miss her high pitched voice and that wonderfully warm big smile. Liston and Tony , you have lost a jewel. My prayers are with you. Love Jean*

Gloria J Richardson - February 08, 2024 at 01:36 AM

RF

*We extend our prayers and condolences to the family. As former members of Christ Chapel New Testament Church we were able to visit the home often. Praying and having fellowship with her parents when they weren't able to attend services any longer. We were always greeted with warmth and love by Deborah. She made us the most beautiful Christmas wreath for our front door which we have been hanging on our front door at Christmas for over 30 years in remembrance of Deborah and her family. Liston and Tony keep trusting God as you hold on to God and the love and legacy of your beautiful sister.*

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**Rev. Wilton & Rev. Fannie.Hardy** - February 10, 2024 at 10:22 PM

GR

“ *Gloria Richardson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Filyaw*



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**Gloria J Richardson** - February 08, 2024 at 01:25 AM

GM

“ *Gloria Anderson Mills purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Filyaw.*



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**Gloria Anderson Mills** - February 07, 2024 at 09:29 AM

DG

“ *Deborah was a life long neighbor but more importantly she was a lifelong friend who brightened the neighborhood with her warm and friendly smile and manner. She will be missed.*

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**David Generoso** - February 06, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Filyaw.*



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February 05, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Tanya Bryant Charles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Eileen Filyaw.*

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**Tanya Bryant Charles** - February 05, 2024 at 02:31 PM