



## Ms. Dianne Vinson

March 27, 1955 - June 30, 2025

Dianne Vinson entered eternal rest in the loving arms of her Savior on Monday, June 30, 2025. She was born on March 27, 1955, in Forrest City, Arkansas, the cherished daughter of Gus McGowan Sr. and Elizabeth McGowan, and granddaughter of Mrs. Hannah Reeves and the late Mr. Square Reeves.

Dianne professed her faith in Christ at an early age, which served as a guiding light throughout her life. She graduated from Forrest City High School and earned her nursing degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1980. Dianne devoted her career to caring for others as a nurse at Baptist Health Systems—specializing in cardiac nursing—and later with the Visiting Nurses Agency. Her compassion, skill, and dedication touched countless lives.

Her greatest joy was her family. She was a proud and loving mother to her two sons, Darwin McGowan and Antonio Vinson, and a devoted grandmother to Dylon Carpenter, Kyla Vinson, Alyssa Vinson, Andrew Vinson, and Miya Vinson. She was also a cherished great-grandmother to Araceli Marie Carpenter and Draylenn Taylor Carpenter.

Dianne's warmth, generosity, and nurturing spirit made her home a place of love and comfort for all who entered her door. An avid reader, an excellent cook, and a creative soul, she loved to travel, craft, and host family

gatherings. She treasured her relationships deeply, especially with her eldest sister and dearest friend, Evelyn Hicks.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. McGowan; her father, Mr. Gus McGowan Sr.; her grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Reeves; and her siblings Jackie Burton, Jeffrey McGowan, Deborah Ann McGowan, Suberlyon McGowan, and Shirley Ann McGowan.

Dianne leaves to cherish her memory her two sons, Darwin McGowan and Antonio Vinson; her five grandchildren, Dylon Carpenter, Kyla Vinson, Alyssa Vinson, Andrew Vinson, and Miya Vinson; her two great-grandchildren, Araceli Marie Carpenter and Draylenn Taylor Carpenter; six sisters—Evelyn Hicks, Tomeka McGowan, Ivy Whitehead, Linda Oden, Sabrina Henry, and Debra Paige; four brothers—Gus McGowan Jr., John Dearman, David Henry, and Kareem McGowan; two uncles—Wilbert (Shirley) Reeves and Willard (Mary) Reeves; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Though she faced pain and challenges, Dianne's love and strength never wavered. Now at rest and completely healed in Jesus' arms, her legacy of kindness, faith, and unwavering devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

“Her children arise and call her blessed.” — Proverbs 31:28

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

624 SFC 744 Road  
Forrest City , AR 72335

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Heartfelt Condolences to your family and friends My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - July 09, 2025 at 08:44 AM

LH

“ Lovie A Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dianne Vinson



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**Lovie A Hardrick** - July 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

AN

“ Annette sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dianne Vinson



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**Annette** - July 08, 2025 at 03:10 PM

LB

“ Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dianne Vinson



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**Lawrence Brooks** - July 08, 2025 at 08:34 AM

LB

*Prayers and condolences to sons and siblings. We are family although we have never met, but you all are loved as I love all of my family.*

Lawrence Brooks - July 08, 2025 at 08:36 AM

LJ

“ Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dianne Vinson



Linda Johnson - July 07, 2025 at 10:00 PM

DM

“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



*Sending condolences to the family of Dianne McGowan Vinson on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Dianne was a member of the Forrest City High School Class of 1973.”*

*Delores Farr Morelon  
MGNAAI President*

Delores Morelon - MGNAAI - July 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM



*My sincere condolences to the entire family of my classmate DIANE  
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOU.*

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**Dora Grady** - July 09, 2025 at 02:42 PM