



We Thought Of You With Love Today

*We thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence
we often speak your name
All we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake
with which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping
We have you in our hearts.*

Author Unknown



Acknowledgements

We are grateful for the outpouring of love received before
and since the homegoing of our beloved Deborah.

The Family



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 **IN LOVING
MEMORY**



Ms. Deborah L. Pickens

July 21, 1953 ~ June 24, 2023



**Tuesday, July 11, 2023
1:00 PM**

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel

727 N. Patterson Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong, Officiating

Obituary

*“Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful.
It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life.”*

Lisa Weed

Ms. Deborah Lynn Pickens, affectionally known as “Deb”, was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on July 21, 1957 to the late Etta Mae Holmes Pickens and T.S. Gansy Pickens. Deb graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School and went on to attend North Carolina A&T State University where she received a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. She worked an assortment of corporate posts, and was employed by American Express, as well as Integon Insurance Company and various security firms.

Deb possessed an affinity for cuisine. She loved nothing more than sharing great recipes and spending quality time with family. Family was an integral part of her entire existence. A witty debater, but equally, Deb was a fine mediator able to see both sides. A prolific reader and knowledgeable cinephile, there were not many movies or shows Deb did not know about.

She departed this life on June 24, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Etta and T.S. Pickens; brothers Wille Holmes Sr., Paul Pickens, and Allen Holmes Sr.; nephews Tyrone Holmes and Willie Holmes Jr. (Bubba).

She is survived by her nephews: Alan (Mary) Holmes, Allen (Gilda) Holmes Jr. and Amar Holmes; one sister-in-law Martha T. Holmes; and a host of cousins, great nieces, great nephews, and friends.



A repast will follow the service at the home of Deborah’s nephew, Alan Holmes, at 5241 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Family Visitation

12:30PM ~ 1:00 PM

Opening Greeting

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong, Pastor
Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture Readings

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong

Old Testament 1Thessalonians 4:13

New Testament Matthew 11:28-30; John 11:25-26

Prayer

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong

Song

“You Know My Name” *
Tasha Cobb Leonard
featuring Jimi Cravity

Remarks

Family and Friends

Words of Comfort

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong

Song

“Goodness of God” *
CeCe Winans

Committal

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong

Benediction

Recessional

“Trouble Won’t Last Always” *
Timothy Wright

* Recorded Music