DORIS ANN BOND OBITUARY
JUNE 25, 1946 – DECEMBER 24, 2019
MEMORIAL SERVICE – SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

Doris A. Bond, age 73, passed away December 24, 2019. She was born June 25, 1946 in West Chester, PA. Doris, affectionately known as “Sue”, was the daughter of the late Norman W. Bond, Sr. and Doris M. Bond. Sue attended West Chester Joint Senior High School in West Chester, PA. She completed high school and received her diploma in 1964. After graduation, Sue’s first job was working for Knockmans spring factory, which was located in uptown West Chester. Years later Sue became employed by the County of Chester Public Welfare office, serving the community as a LIHEAP coordinator. She eventually began to take courses and completed the civil service exam, which then promoted her to county case worker. Sue retired after thirty years of service working for the state.

Sue used her talents to be a blessing to others and make a difference in the community. For more than four decades, Sue dedicated countless hours as a volunteer, staff and board member of the West Chester Community Center. She served as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the West Chester Community Center; worked as the Program and Recreational Director managing youth programs, Interim Executive Director twice, and Co-President of the Board of Directors. The West Chester Community Center held a special place in her heart. Sue was adept at implementing Roberts Rules of Order, running effective meetings, recruiting volunteers, and leading campaigns that addressed important causes.

A servant leader who never backed down from conflict, Sue was a listening ear and advocate for any one experiencing discrimination in their community, school, educational or justice system. These traits would prove beneficial as Sue fought fiercely to advocate for the dignified, equitable treatment of inmates incarcerated in the prison system. As President of the West Chester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for ten years, Sue built a powerful team of volunteers, increased the membership, coordinated local protests, and represented the branch by regularly attending quarterly, regional, state, and national conferences.

Her glowing smile, witty conversation, and intellect commanded any room Sue entered. Sue loved baking, enjoyed negotiating and finding bargains at flea markets, consignment shops, and thrift stores. Her love of QVC, HSN, and Westerms will be fondly remembered by everyone that stopped by to say hello. In addition to her love for baking and shopping, Sue enjoyed line dancing, bowling, playing cards, writing poetry and getting dressed up to spend time with her friends. Sue appreciated and researched her maternal and paternal family heritage, documented her memories, stories, and family tree in a collection of journals and poems.

Sue has been a member of the Baha’i Faith for 15 years. She has been spiritually grounded in her belief since she joined. Prior to Sue’s transition she was an active participant within the Bahai’ community and spiritual gatherings.

Her presence will be missed by her family, friends and in the community. We are comforted by our fond memories and understand that our warrior is resting in glory. Though she is gone she will not be forgotten. Well-done, thy good and faithful servant!

Sue was preceded in death by her son Damon E. Wylie; Sister Diane H. Bond-Stewart; and two brothers Norman W. Bond, Jr. and Richard A. Bond. Surviving to cherish her memories are her two children Valarie L. Wylie of Claymont, DE and Clarence W. Wylie of Pennsylvania; sisters Carol L. White (Kenneth) of Thorndale and Patricia L. Younge (Joseph) of West Chester, PA; brothers Amir R. Bashir of Moore, SC, Kenneth G. Bond (Mary) of Wilmington, DE, and Stephen E. Bond (Barbara); fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.