



## Ms. Delphine R. Day

August 10, 1931 - June 23, 2020

Delphine Rosalie Day was born August 10, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the fifth of eight children born to Annie Diggs Day and Hugh Lee Day, Sr.

Delphine attended Detroit Public Schools graduating from Pershing High School at the age of 16. She entered Wayne University (now Wayne State University) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. It was also at Wayne that Delphine followed her older sister Pauline by joining Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated on December 10, 1950.

Upon graduation Delphine immediately began her career as a teacher, focusing on primary grades. She spent her entire 32-year career teaching at the Davison and Courville elementary schools in the Conant Gardens neighborhood where she grew up and lived until 2013.

Delphine delighted in family gatherings at Christmas and especially Thanksgiving. She also enjoyed travel, particularly to New York where she could browse in the fashionable stores along Madison and Fifth Avenues. She loved fashion and learned to sew in high school. She was an excellent seamstress but gave it up when she began teaching. She loved to shop, looking for items with bold colors or textures, always with a keen eye for quality in workmanship.

For many years she joined friends to play bridge, go to the theater, to have lunch to celebrate birthdays, and an occasional outing to the casinos. She was an avid reader and passionate about crossword puzzles, which she usually did each day.

Delphine's warm smile, gentle heart and unconditional love for family and friends will be an everlasting memory.

Delphine peacefully transitioned home June 23, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Louise H. Davis, Pauline M. Watson, Marjorie A. Cochran, and Lillian E.

Day; brothers John L. Day and Albert E. Day; and nephew Hugh L. Day. She leaves to cherish her memory, her brother Hugh Lee Day, Jr.; sister-in-law Paralee G. Day; nieces, Patrice D. Cochran, Kathryn M. Day, Angela P. Davis, Cheryl D. Day, Denise H. Day and Delmy C. Day; nephew Charles A. Day; nine great nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Delphine R. Day to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History: <https://www.thewright.org/give/donate> or Wayne State University <https://giving.wayne.edu/donate>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Delphine R. Day*

September 27 at 08:40 PM



“ *Ms. Delphine R. Day*

September 27 at 06:52 PM



“ *Delphine Day was a loving, pleasant lady who assisted me greatly when I was a new teacher at Davison Elementary School. I thoroughly enjoyed being a co-worker with Delphine and will always cherish the Davison memories.*”

*Love and Peace,*

*Barbara Lester*

*July 11, 2020*

*5:30 p.m.*



Barbara Lester - July 11, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Delphine, whom I knew for many years at Courville School, was an elegant, svelte lady with a pleasant demeanor and a great head of hair .GOD, when Delphine arrives, look for the well-dressed tall slender smiling woman with the fantastic “red” hair.*

*Leona*

Leona Fisher - July 03, 2020 at 12:36 PM



*Thank you for sharing this memory Soror Leona!*  
*Paralee*

Paralee Day - July 10, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories of my Aunt Dellie is when she took my older sister and I to New York for a weekend getaway after my Dad died. We stayed at the Waldorf Astoria, went to museums, a Broadway play, ate at some great restaurants, did some sightseeing and visited with my older cousin. Granted I was only 12, so most I didn't appreciate at the time (my sister found a diner on our last day so I could get a cheeseburger 😊), but I tell the story often. c.D.

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**Cheryl** - July 02, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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“ A good neighbor and wonderful friend of our family for multiple decades. Also, one of my many "Big Sisters" on Wexford Street.....back in the day.

*This generation of children from the Day and Jones families have shared companionship from our pre-school age through college and beyond. My words here are wholly inadequate to describe the range of sincere friendship, care, love, and respect I have experienced in this lifelong family relationship.*

*As stated in her obituary, Delphine ....peacefully transitioned.... That is an appropriate final action for such a quiet, gentle person.*

*Blessings to the Day Family,*

*Paul and Norma Jones*

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**Paul Jones** - July 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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*Thank you Uncle Paul and Aunt Norma ❤️*

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**Cheryl** - July 02, 2020 at 03:30 PM