



## Dianne Marie Bland

December 17, 1946 - February 8, 2024

It is with a heavy heart but gratitude for God's mercy that we announce the passing of Dianne Marie Bland. There are multiple wonderful words and hyphenates to describe her but none more important than a woman-of-God. She excelled at everything she did from dance, ceramics, sewing, and knitting/crochet/embroidery. She was a compassionate and generous person and was able to relate to everyone she met. She is already missed immensely and we will learn to adjust to life without her physical presence. Anyone who has known her in any capacity and for any amount of time will have a wonderful moment or two to remember her by.

If you have a memory you would like to share for her services, we would love to receive it. We have a couple of ways you can share it with us. You can do a written memory or you can send a video recorded on your phone. Indicate if you wish for it to remain private for the family or if you are okay with it being public. Any public memories will be shared during the repast on a video loop and, of course, kept by us for our memories as well. It can be sent to [MemoriesOfDianneBland@gmail.com](mailto:MemoriesOfDianneBland@gmail.com).

Thank you for allowing us to share about Dianne putting the final event in her dash between her sunrise and sunset. And thank you all for helping the tapestry of her life to be woven with such rich, beautiful, jewel-toned fibers and patterns that outweighed the more neutral and dark ones that we know is a

necessary part of life. Forever grateful and thankful for her.

Her Grand Finale was on Thursday, February 8, 2024 and she was beautiful.



In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kadesh Baptist Church's Seniors Ministry or to Living Brave Through Breast Cancer. The links are below.

Living Brave Through Breast Cancer <https://livingbravethroughbreastcancer.org/> (<https://livingbravethroughbreastcancer.org/>)

Kadesh Baptist Church (choose "Other" and Note "Seniors Ministry-Dianne M. Bland") <https://www.givelify.com/donate/kadesh-baptist-church-detroit-mi-2j7wy5MjIzMzY=/donation/amount> (<https://www.givelify.com/donate/kadesh-baptist-church-detroit-mi-2j7wy5MjIzMzY=/donation/amount>)

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kadesh Baptist Church  
20361  
Plymouth  
Detroit, MI 48228

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kadesh Baptist Church  
20361  
Plymouth  
Detroit, MI 48228

# Tribute Wall

“ Ladies and gentlemen,

*We are gathering virtually to honor the life of Dianne Bland, a remarkable woman who touched the hearts of all who knew her.*

*Dianne was not just a dance teacher to me, she was a guiding light, a source of inspiration, and a pillar of strength.*

*I first crossed paths with Dianne in 1980, in Detroit, Michigan, when she opened her dance school. Little did I know that this encounter would shape my life in profound ways. Dianne was more than just an instructor, she was the embodiment of passion, dedication, and love for the art of dance. Under her guidance, she gave me the courage to express myself through movement and instilled in me the confidence to embrace my love for dance without reservation.*

*One of the most memorable moments with Dianne was when she encouraged me to pursue my dreams and urging me to audition for the prestigious Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Her unwavering belief in my potential empowered me to take that leap of faith, forever changing the trajectory of my life.*

*But it wasn't just the big moments that defined our bond. It was the countless hours spent in the dance studio, the laughter shared during rehearsals, and the quiet moments of reflection after a long day of practice. Dianne's guidance extended beyond the dance floor, she taught me invaluable life lessons about resilience, perseverance, and the importance of chasing your dreams.*

*I'll never forget the time we embarked on a road trip to perform a dance recital in Toledo. After Diane and I completed our trip and arrived back in Detroit, parked in front of the dance studio, I mustered up the courage to confess that it was my first time driving on the freeway. Dianne's reaction was a perfect blend of surprise, amusement, and terror. In that moment, I realized that she wasn't just my dance teacher, she was my mentor, my confidante, and my*



*friend.*

*As we bid farewell to Dianne, let us carry forward her legacy of passion, kindness, and unwavering determination. Though she may no longer be with us in body, her spirit will live on in the countless lives she has touched and the memories she has left behind.*

*Rest in peace, my dear Dianne. You will be deeply missed, but your legacy will endure for generations to come.*

*With heartfelt gratitude and humility,*

*Tyrone Aiden*

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**Tyrone Aiden** - February 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SC

“ *Sylvia Cox lit a candle in memory of Dianne Marie Bland*



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**Sylvia Cox** - February 17, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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February 17, 2024 at 12:22 AM

FL

“ From the Rodriguez family with love! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

From the Rodriguez family with love! - February 17, 2024 at 12:22 AM

TF

“ The Golden Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



The Golden Family - February 16, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ The Golden Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

The Golden Family - February 16, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SE

“ Shana B. Eastern purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



Shana B. Eastern - February 16, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SE

“ Shana B. Eastern planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

Shana B. Eastern - February 16, 2024 at 11:34 AM

NA

“ NAMAD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

NAMAD - February 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

NA

“ NAMAD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



NAMAD - February 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sylvia Jean Cox - February 16, 2024 at 08:25 AM

SC

Thank you our good times together my beautiful Soror and Pink Sister!  
Soror Sylvia J Cox

Sylvia Jean Cox - February 16, 2024 at 08:27 AM

LA

“ Lontay Adkins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



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**Lontay Adkins** - February 16, 2024 at 04:41 AM

TW

“ Tyree and Rose Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

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**Tyree and Rose Warren** - February 15, 2024 at 08:32 PM

TW

“ Tyree and Rose Warren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



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**Tyree and Rose Warren** - February 15, 2024 at 08:32 PM

TJ

“ Tesa Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

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**Tesa Jackson** - February 15, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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February 15, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *I have more than a memory, but a life changing experience of Mrs. Dianne Marie Bland.*

*The love she had for my great granddaughter, Harmony Marie, was undeniable. Dianne prayed for the love and companionship of a granddaughter, and I prayed for the love, need and companionship of a grandmother (for Harmony on her paternal side) .*

*God answered both our prayers. We both , together shared Harmony. Dianne and her daughters and grandson, not only showered her with love , affection and gifts, but for years, helped raise, nurture and teach life lessons, skills, and more. They were intentional about showing up and supporting her at school and out of school recitals , church and birthday 's ,as well as many other activities.*

*The Bland family is my family. They demonstrated that once they have you , they're not letting you go.*

*Thank You daughter's and grandson for sharing Mrs. Dianne Marie Bland with us.*

*Love, Sharon and Roger Addison*

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**Sharon and Roger Addison** - February 15, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



February 15, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ Diane, There are so many memories and Titles that I could give you. As a bonus mom you were the best. My fondest memory, My fondest memory 1967 Father's Day. The June Show, The Latin Quarter's, at 5 years old, I had my first feeling of "Shining bright like a diamond " and the many years that followed. We always shined bright because you always shined. Nothing was like The Grand Finales. Well Tilly This is your Final Finale. Inclinez-Vous

Debra Remsey - February 15, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Brenda Minyard purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



Brenda Minyard - February 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Brenda Minyard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

Brenda Minyard - February 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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February 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Your GM MFG HR Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.*

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**Your GM MFG HR Family** - February 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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February 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ziggy Johnson School Of Theater purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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**Ziggy Johnson School Of Theater** - February 15, 2024 at 10:28 AM

KB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Katherine Britt** - February 15, 2024 at 05:02 AM

KB

*The junior ushers and cheer team. Reverend Bland supported always make sure these ministries had what we needed, spiritually and financially ❤️ thank you for all you did for us! You will be truly and dearly missed I love you.*

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**Katherine Britt** - February 15, 2024 at 05:04 AM

LG

“ *What can you say about this great woman who instilled in youth a love for the art of dance. She was not only a great dance teacher, she was a mentor, a mother, a caring member of the Ziggy Johnson School of Dance Family. My Mom spoke with her late last year and it was just like they picked up where they left their last conversation....years ago.*

*Knowing her presence is no longer in this space hurts. But my spirit rejoices knowing she is dancing in heaven.*

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**Lisa Marie Glover** - February 14, 2024 at 11:06 PM

TW

“ Even though I hadn't seen or spoken to Dianne in years, I will always have fond memories of working with her at BCBSM in the AA/EEO department.

*Dianne was a beautiful, super intelligent and very artistic person with a infectious sense of humor that would have you in stitches.*

*She loved the Lord and it was evidenced by the way she lived her life.*

*I am proud to say that we had a beautiful familial bond with our families, including me selecting Keiva as one of my doctors.*

*She has left a wonderful legacy and will be truly missed.*

*Love,*

*Tamara "Tammy" Woods*

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**Tamara C. Woods** - February 14, 2024 at 11:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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February 14, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



February 14, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Erica Bolden and Monique Harrison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



**Erica Bolden and Monique Harrison** - February 14, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



February 14, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *Cat and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



**Cat and Family** - February 14, 2024 at 08:38 AM

CF

“ Cat and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

Cat and Family - February 14, 2024 at 08:38 AM

AB

“ Keiva, Neeyn and Marc, you and your children, Dianne's friends and siblings have my sincere condolences and prayers in the loss of your mom, grandmother and sister. May God comfort and strengthen you as you grieve, but with time may your tears of sorry turn to tears of joy as you remember the love, laughter, generosity and guidance of Dianne. She was God's gift and blessing to so many of us. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Angela Bumphus

Angela Bumphus - February 14, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.



February 14, 2024 at 01:06 AM

KS

“ Keshea and Stephaine Spears planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.

Keshea and Stephaine Spears - February 14, 2024 at 01:06 AM

DF

“ *Damon Lester & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne Marie Bland.*

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**Damon Lester & Family** - February 13, 2024 at 10:46 PM

DF

“ *Damon Lester & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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**Damon Lester & Family** - February 13, 2024 at 10:46 PM

LA

“ *I met Diane when I was 3 years old at Ziggy Johnson's School of Dance. She was my first dance teacher. She assisted in building my dance foundation that I carried through college.*

*Her daughter Kieva and I are the same age, so we grew up together in dance school, later attending Cass Tech together and now Sorors.*

*Diane will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to Kieva, her siblings and their family.*

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**LaShon** - February 13, 2024 at 10:24 PM

SB

“*Rev. Dianne Bland was a very good friend and like a Sister to me. I called her "Di". Our lives crossed when we were younger performing at the former Latin Quarter in Detroit. We were in the same circles and hadn't met, and didn't know we would connect later in life. She danced with great choreographers, such as Ziggy Johnson and Clifford Fears. We officially met at Kadesh when the ministry was located on Greenfield. We worked over the years at Kadesh planning African Weekends, Festivals, Carnivals, and serving on the Nurses Guild, Performing Arts Ministry, ministering in dance, and serving communion at members residences, whose health prevented them from attending worship service. There were times when we went to hospitals to pray for various members and non-members. Dianne loved her children and grandchildren, and especially loved her Kadesh church family. The Lord Blessed her with so many gifts! She was a prayer warrior, administrator, seamstress, performer, crocheter, teacher and very loving and giving person. My late husband and I were blessed to jump on board with Bishop Foster and Ministers from Kadesh and Disciples of Christ who were studying about Apostle Paul to travel to Cairo, Egypt and Athens, Green in November 2000. While it was a learning experience for ministry, we truly enjoyed our trip. I will miss my friend and sister, Di. Take your rest, thy good and faithful servant. Love you Kieva, Mark, Neeyn and the rest of the Bland family.*

*Deacon Shea Brouster*



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**Shea Brouster** - February 13, 2024 at 09:55 PM

LZ

“ *Momma Bland was always the kind smile ready to answer a question or direct you to the appropriate resource. She was a wealth of information. Her talents exceeded that of most and she was ready with how to for sewing, knitting or crocheting. When pushed to lighten her yarn supplies she was always ready to bring in a donation for a local church. She was missed when she retired but Keiva would keep us updated on her projects.*

*Laura Z*

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**Laura Zubeck** - February 13, 2024 at 07:10 PM

RF

“ *Robert Windrow and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne Marie Bland.*



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**Robert Windrow and family** - February 13, 2024 at 04:32 PM