

# RELIGION

## In Loving Memory Vanessa Strong

A funeral service for Vanessa Denise Strong will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in north Portland.

She was born Jan. 11, 1956 in Portland, the daughter of Willie T. and Jacqueline E. Cherry, and the third sibling of six children. She attended Peninsula Elementary School, Jefferson High School and in 1974 she received her GED from Manpower Job Corp.

As a child she loved to play as kids do, have fun and socialize with her friends. She loved to cook, especially for her grandchildren and their friends. She would attend their games no matter where they were playing and cheer them on to the end.

She loved her children and would do anything for them. Vanessa also loved to pamper herself by getting her nails and hair done, and loved



her jewelry. She would always have a different look at any given time. She had a beautiful sense of humor and loving and caring spirit. She loved to play cards and dominos and just have fun. She had some quotes that she would say -- one was that "your bread is not done."

Vanessa gave her life to Christ as a young child at Maranatha Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Wendell Wallace. She rededicated her life to the Lord at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Vanessa's husband, Charles

Strong; her parents; and grandparents, John and Lovie Cherry and Beno and Salina Johnson; all preceded her in death.

Vanessa leaves to cherish her memories, her two children Ericka N. May of Portland and Andre R. Clayton of Vancouver; six grandchildren; sisters, Katrina A. Burks-Harvey (James), and Paula E. Malone (Terry), both of Portland, and Valerie J. Stevens (George) of Tacoma; brothers, Gary Wayne Cherry of Portland, and Willie T. Cherry Jr. (Todd) of Salem; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

Vanessa will be missed but never forgotten. We know that God loved her more so he took her out of her pain and misery.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Terry Family Funeral Home.

## Celebration of Life

### Joann Flowers

A celebration of life service was held on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010 for Joann Flowers.

She was born Oct. 5, 1954 to Joe and Elsie Flowers (Weaver) in Portland.

Always the arts enthusiast, she found profound enjoyment through various forms of dance and ice skating. She also was a member of a local Brownie troop and always had a love for animals.

Joann graduated from Ulysses S. Grant High School in 1973. During



her tenure, she was a member of their championship track and field team. She led Grant to state championships and held various state and school records during her time including the 4 x 400 and the long jump record which was only broken a few years ago.

In 1980 she began her 28-year career at Steinfeld's Pickles where she worked in several positions including supervisory roles until its closure in 2008.

She is survived by her sons, Suntory Robertson of Seattle and Joseph Robertson of Phoenix; her father of Phoenix and mother of Portland; her grandchildren, Jordan

Robertson, Micaela Seymon, Sunteaona Floyd, Jada Byrd Robertson, Aliyah Jo Robertson, Lyriq Robertson and Joseph Jabbar Robertson; her brothers, Dr. Billy Flowers of Portland and Gil Flowers of Dallas, Texas; and a host of other loving family members who will all miss her zest for life.

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## Gregory 'Coach' Berry

**Sunrise: Nov. 18, 1955**

**Sunset: Aug. 2, 2010**

It is with loving memory we be- reave the passing of our beloved brother, Gregory R. "Coach" Berry.

Greg was born Nov. 18, 1955 to the late Robert Edward Williams and Mary A. (Ashby) Berry in Galesburg, Ill. He was the fourth of six children. He departed this life on Monday, Aug. 2, 2010.

He graduated in 1973 from Galesburg Senior High School. In 1980, he joined his family here in Portland, where he made his home until his passing. He loved the game of basketball and many of his friends gave him his special nickname "Coach."

He leaves to cherish his memory, his sisters, Debra Ashby of St. Petersburg, Fla., Yvonne

Berry of Beaverton, and Vickie Gaston of Rock Island, Ill.; his brothers, Rance L. Berry and Troy L. Berry, both of Portland; one uncle, John L. Ashby of Galesburg; a very special friend, Connie Crane along with her three children, Lovie, Emmico "Emmy" and Colen; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Services are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Christian Center, 126 N.E. Alberta St. where the Rev. Fredrick Woods is senior pastor. The Rev. Willie Hurst will be officiating. Arrangements by Cornerstone Funeral Home of Boring, Ore.

"You finally found peace. We love you Greg," -- the family.

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