

# News

## Chavis

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with actress Jada Pinkett and others at a later Million Women March, which she helped to organize.

She also became friends with African-American icons C. Delores Tucker, Dorothy Height and Coretta Scott King.

"Martha will be known for her passion, she was extremely passionate about her family about her culture and most of all about Dr. Chavis," said Kent Matlock, the chairman of Matlock Advertising and Public Relations in Atlanta, Ga.

Matlock noted how pivotal a role Rivera Chavis played in the unprecedented "Fair-Share" deal made between the NAACP and Denny's Restaurants after the chain had been charged with racial discrimination at several of its properties.

The deal in which Denny's pledged to hire and promote minorities and increase purchases from minority-owned business was estimated at more than \$1 billion over seven years.

"Martha was a strong civic-minded person," Matlock said. "I trace it back to her [Dominican Republic] roots. She was high-spirited and committed. She had an understanding way about her and was very accepting of other people. The

world was a better place with her in it."

NAFEO president and CEO Dr. Lezli Baskerville issued a statement saying she knew Rivera Chavis to be a loving and doting wife and mother.

"I knew her also as a courageous, strategic, freedom fighter who valiantly helped to shaped and lead campaigns for freedom, justice and human dignity for all persons, in her birth country, on the African continent, Cuba, and in her adopted country of these United States," Baskerville said.

Funeral arrangements for Martha Rivera Chavis, the devoted wife of civil rights leader and National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., have been announced.

The Celebration of Life for Rivera Chavis was held at Martin's Home for Service Inc. Chapel July 11 at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.martinhfs.com](http://www.martinhfs.com). The memorial burial services will be held at the Funeraria del Pueblo Avendia Independencia in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic on July 12 and July 13. A memorial fund has been established for Rivera Chavis, who will be buried in the Dominican Republic. Those wishing to contribute can visit <https://nnpamartharchavismemorialfund.mydagsite.com/>.



## U.S. Black Catholics Meet in Orlando

Thousands of adults, teens and clergy met in Orlando, Florida last week at the National Black Catholic Congress XII. Opening the conference was Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, of Nigeria, appointed by Pope Francis as First Prefect of the New Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Many Black U.S. bishops, sisters and priests were in attendance. A large contingency of teenagers attended separate workshops to address their concerns. Bishop John Ricard of Pensacola-Tallahassee worked with a group of parishioners from across the country in the five-year planning process for the congress. Attending the NOBCC congress were: (Pictured left) Mary Harvey, Holy Redeemer; Anthony Jones, St. Andrew; the Rev. Charles Wood, vicar, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego and Edna Hicks, St. Andrew. (Not pictured) the Rev. Martin King, pastor, St. Thomas More.

## Obituary: Teresa Sue Ransom

July 17, 1963 - June 28, 2017

Teresa Sue Ransom passed away June 28th, surrounded by family and friends after a short battle with cancer.



Teresa Sue Ransom

Born in Grand Junction, Colorado, July 17, 1963, Teresa and family migrated to Portland, Oregon where she attended Parkrose elementary and high school, later earning her medical assisting degree from Portland Community College and Concordia College. Teresa's passion for community, those in need and in recovery lead to a career as Lead Medical Assistant at Central City Concern's Wound Clinic. Teresa was an active member in the recovery community, specifi-

cally with The Miracles Club.

Teresa enjoyed the title of family historian, family events, a member of Allen Temple Church; an avid fisher-woman and lover of yard sales.

Teresa leaves behind mother, Mildred Hill of Portland, Oregon; children James Allen, Whitney Rosemon, Justin Ransom, Carla Gibson, Terrae Ransom; siblings Lee Roberson, Amelia Moore, Earllene Lopez, Glynnis Woods, Earl Woods Jr., Rodney Riley; eight grandchildren; thirteen nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family.

Services will be held at 11am, Friday, July 14th, at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97211. Following services, share in Repass of fellowship, love & food for family, friends & community at The Miracles Club, 4200 NE Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97211.

Family will receive friends 4pm - 7pm, Thursday, July 13th at Terry Family Funeral Home, 2337 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97211.

Gifts to the family can be made at Repass or a contribution in memory of Teresa to The Miracles Club or Central City Concern Wound Clinic.



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