



Buda Verneta Seaton

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Buda Verneta Seaton, 86, of Decatur, IL passed away January 13, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Buda was born November 14, 1934 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Nathaniel and Mattie (Davis) Draw. She was educated in the Detroit Public School system where she graduated from Northwestern High School.

Before Buda moved to Decatur, IL, she was a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) at Providence Hospital in Detroit, MI. As a member of Maranatha Assembly of God, she loved crocheting prayer shawls and afghans to give as gifts. When she was the First Lady of Community Church of God, she directed the children and senior choirs, led the youth department and developed fundraising campaigns to send young adults to the Church of God National Youth Conventions. She also organized shopping trips for the ladies of Community Church of God.

In addition to serving her church, she enjoyed working as a crossing guard for Dennis Elementary School and was a foster parent to many children over the years. In 1991 Buda was awarded Foster Mother of the year from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Decatur field office.

Buda was an avid scrabble player and masterfully taught her grandchildren how to play the game. She loved attending her grandchildren's soccer games and violin concerts.

Surviving are her children, Verneta Seaton of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, Donald D. Seaton III (Eveladora) of McMurray, PA, Jeffrey Seaton of Decatur, IL; sister, Gwendolyn Wicker of Tacoma, WA; grandchildren Jaquai Seaton, Quajai Seaton and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Cynthia B. Nelson, Carnell Draw, Mae Cunningham-Robinson, Elaine Reed, Dorothy Harbour, Rose Owens and grandson, Zia Larson.



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A private service will be held at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home.

The burial will be at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Zia Larson Ray of Light Foundation,
www.ziasrayofflight.org

Condolence may be left to her family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Funeral services will be streamed at www.funeralvue.com/login/event#45880.



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Cemetery Details

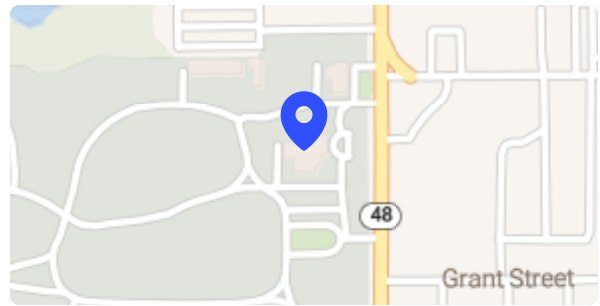


Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



(217) 615-0724





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a My Soul Lives On Blanket to the Seaton family.



January 22 at 6:42 PM



Etta Grandberry posted:

Verneta, Donnie and Jeff, I am very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I appreciate the impact she has had on Shawn's life. I have fond memories of growing up and hope our paths will cross. We will continue to pray for your family. Love, Alvin and Etta (Garrett) Grandberry

January 20 at 8:36 AM



Diana Evans posted:

Dear Cousin Verneta, I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Buda's passing. I remember her as a beautiful soul. My prayers are with you and the family. Diana Evans

January 20 at 4:35 AM



Janice Popo posted:

MY DEAREST FRIEND VERNETA AND FAMILY, YOUR BEAUTIFUL MOM WAS A KIND AND GENEROUS SOUL. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. Janice Popo, St. Thomas, USVI

January 20 at 4:19 AM



Lawan Harris posted:

Dear Verneta and Family. "Wherever A beautiful soul has been, There is a trail of beautiful memories. "May you find peace in memories and comfort in the love of friends and family. Keeping you in our daily prayers. 🙏 The Harris, Davis and Countee Families

January 19 at 2:52 PM



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SW

Shawn Winborn posted:

My God mommy meant the world to me. From day one she was all I knew growing up summers at her house. I don't think my parents could have chosen two more lovely people to be my God Parents. No one can ever take her from my heart. She stepped in when my birth mom past. My prayers to Donnie, Jeff and Verneta. Thank you for sharing her with me growing up. I cherish the memories with tears in my eyes, but joy in my heart. My prayers for you. She will always be my God-mommy, God knows how much I Loved Her.

January 18 at 3:23 PM

RL

Robin Lunney posted:

Dear Verneta, Brothers and Family, May the gift of love you shared with your sweet and beautiful Mother and Grandmother comfort you during this difficult time. 🙏🕊️❤️

January 18 at 9:11 AM

FG

Flora Twyman, New Life Church God, posted:

My condolences to the family of Buda Verneta Seaton. To me she was Sister Seaton, a dear friend, knitting buddy, sometimes lunch buddy. Sis Seaton, I will miss you, but will see you again one day. And maybe we will have some of those lunches we were speaking of, if God saw fit to bring us thru the pandemic. He has done that for you. So enjoy lunch with him, until we meet again. 🙏❤️

January 18 at 2:03 AM

JS

Janice Blackburn Smith January 19 at 11:35 AM

Aunt Buda What a Beautiful and Classy Woman ! Vernetta, Donnie and Jeff. My thoughts and prayers are with you. You always helped me celebrate my mother, your Aunt Joyce. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to celebrate yours. Rest in Peace Auntie. Your work here is done. Amen

PC

Pauline Crift lit a candle in honor of Buda.

Verneta , Donnie, and Jeffrey, my deepest sympathy to each of you. I remember your Mom's welcoming smile and hospitality when I accompanied Verneta home during breaks from Anderson College. I so enjoyed her delicious meals, especially her twice-baked potatoes and melt in your mouth biscuits! May your lifetime of memories and God's peace comfort you in the days ahead. Much love and prayers. Pauline Palmer Crift



January 17 at 10:36 PM



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Felicia V. Webb posted:

My condolences to the Seaton family.

January 16 at 7:12 PM



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EO

Eleanor A Otis posted:

I met Mother Seaton as a youth @ Southwestern Church of God in Detroit, Michigan under the pastorage of the late Rev. Benjamin F. Reid. Mother Seaton was ALWAYS an encourager to all the youth who were graced with her presence. I do recall Mother Seaton singing in the Senior Choir, although, I don't recall her singing a solo. One event which is vivid in my mind is a church play where I was the Christian witnessing to Vernetta (who played the role of a sinner) and Vernetta's response to my witnessing to her was a cup of milk being thrown on me. Afterwards, Mother Seaton was so apologetic that her daughter had to perform such an act and we laughed about this many times. It was with mixed emotions seeing Mother Seaton and the family leave Detroit when they relocated to Decatur, Illinois in ministry. We would periodically see each other @ church events and I became a family member to Mother Seaton when my sister became her daughter-in-law. I remember speaking with Mother Seaton during a Thanksgiving holiday and us singing a song together and the words were so powerful "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son, and now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us, Give thanks! Mother Seaton sang with her strong soprano voice and what a joy it was to engage in that experience with her. We shared numerous times together in conversation and prayer over the phone. Mother Seaton now joins that Heavenly host of witnesses as spoken in Hebrews 12:1 encouraging us to run with perseverance the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. I pray God's comfort, peace and strength to our family because the word of God declares Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Prayerfully Submitted, Eleanor Otis Detroit, Michigan

January 16 at 5:07 PM

TL

Trish. Lee January 19 at 5:47 PM

Vernetta and family Sending my love , prayers , and condolences to all who crossed paths with mama Buda .. Rest in heavenly peace. All my love .. trish lee

MT

Marguerite Taylor January 19 at 3:37 AM

My condolences to the Seaton family Mother Seaton But I called her. Ms Bea. Her faith in God, And the love her family and grandsons she talked about all the time as we were on the way to church I was her driver. I will miss you Ms Bea. Marguerite Taylor

CM

Carolyn Manus January 18 at 3:03 PM

Vernetta, Donnie, and Jeffrey my deepest sympathy. Your mother was a wonderful person. During the time she lived in Detroit and worshiped at Southwestern Church of God her presence and contributions to our Youth Department and congregation were impactful. I cherish those memories. May the grace of God continue to be with you and your family during these trying times. With sincere sympathy, Richard and Carolyn (Reed) Manus

KM

Ken Miles January 17 at 2:50 PM

My condolences to Vernetta and brothers and Family. You've lost a wonderful Lady she will always be in my Heart as well as others. Be at peace and know you all LOVED 🌹



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Buda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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