

*In Celebration
of the Life of
a Phenomenal
Woman*



*Shirley Diane Nichols Cobbs
"Diona"*

June 20, 1948 – November 8, 2003



She owned several businesses, including Cosmetology on Wheels for seniors, Leaps and Bounds Learning Center for preschoolers, and Diona's Hair Salon. She conducted classes in beauty culture and hair design while employed by Alberto Culver (T.C.B.) in Chicago. Diona brilliantly captured the true essence and beauty of life in her exquisite sculptures.

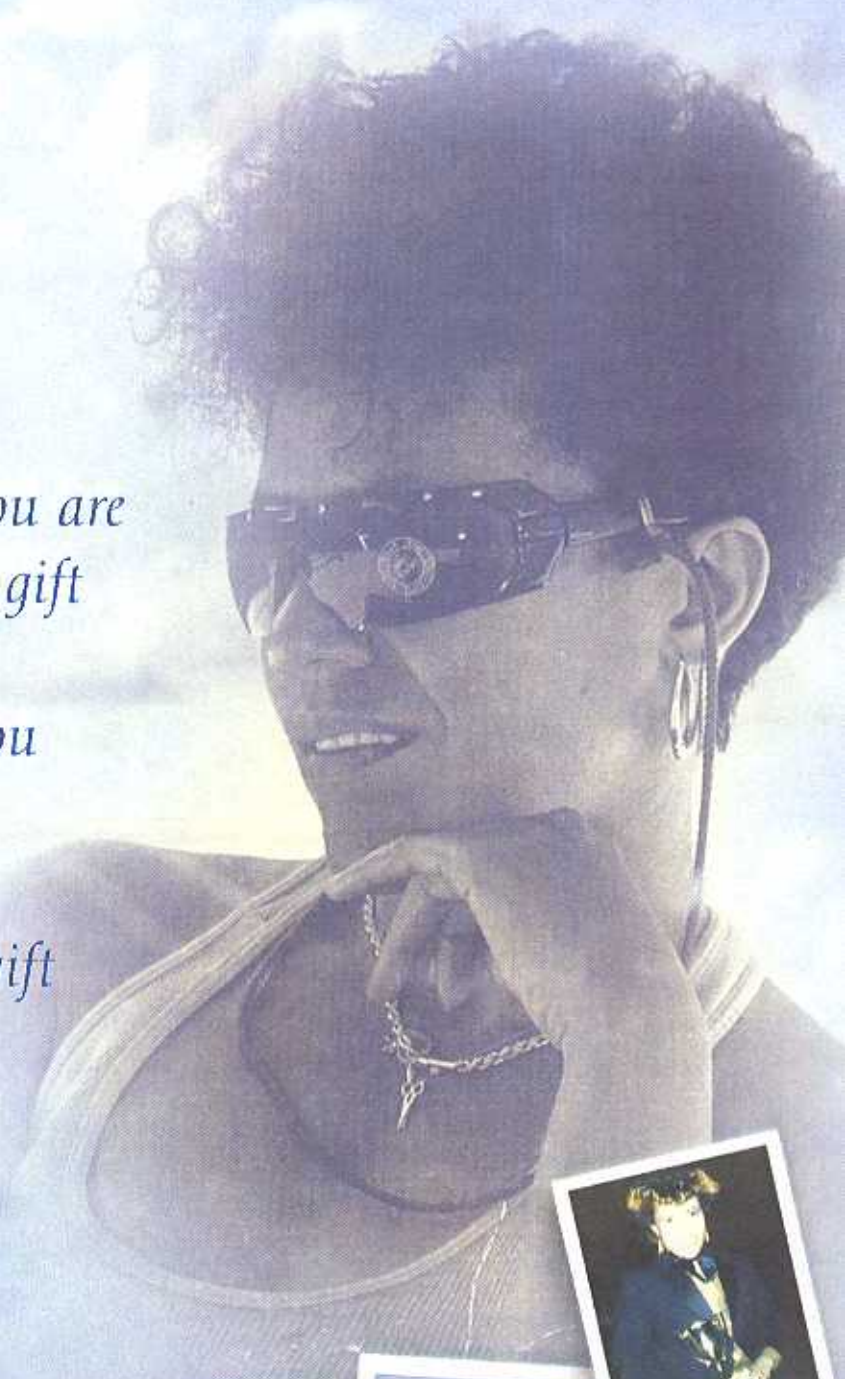
When Diona recognized a need or something needing improvement, she felt responsible to use her talents to make the situation better. Whenever she said she would do something, it was done. She would often say, "I know that's right." Diona was loved by all who knew her. She was the perfect example of a friend.

Diona was a participant and organizer of many social activities. She was an active member of the Blazers Ski Club for more than twenty years. She was an excellent skier and was well known, respected and loved by Blazers members as well as members of other ski clubs. Heading the Fundraising Committee, many can remember enjoying her Leather and Lace cabaret and All White affairs. She also originated and headed the "Bikin' Blazers," a branch of the club for biking enthusiasts. She was a strong, long-distance biker, who participated in the Annual Cancer Bike-a-thon from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. She organized bikers from nationwide clubs to convene in Ocean City, Maryland, for an Annual Seagull Century biking event. She founded and headed The Singles Links, a singles group who wished to meet other singles under secure conditions.





*What you are
is God's gift
to you.
What you
make of
yourself
is your gift
to God.*





Diona leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted mother and father; two sons, Blair and Eugene; brother, Vincent; four grandchildren, Blair, Ashley, Damir, and Brandon; a special uncle, Stewart; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and a host of friends.

Sorrowfully,
The Family



Order of Service

Friday, November 21, 2003 – 10:00 A.M.
Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church
230 West Coulter Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Organ Prelude

Processional *Clergy, Officials, and Family*

Opening Words of Comfort *Rev. Dr. Alyn Waller*

Scripture

New Testament *Nadirah O'Conner*

Old Testament *Rev. Glenn Wilson*

Selection *Comfort Choir*

Prayer of Comfort *Rev. Leroy Miles*

Solo

Condolences *Ted Hawkins*

Obituary *Vicki Mack*

Memories *The Family*

Tribute *Joyce P. Curtis*

The Lord's Prayer *Friends stand and sing*

Memories *Friends*

Tribute *Belinda McGlone*

Solo

Eulogy *Rev. Alyn Waller*

Benediction *Rev. Alyn Waller*

Recessional



Diona – My Friend and Confidant – A Phenomenal Woman

*Phenomenal — what a great word to describe Diona, my friend,
A friend whom I could trust, a friend whom I could always depend.
So many things we did together — so many good and bad times we did share,
Regardless of what was happening, I knew she would always be there.*

*Diona was blessed with the ability to give and show love to all.
Her love was strong enough to hold you up and not let you fall.
So many people looked to her to be their support, their friend.
She was there and showed that she cared to the very end.*

*Diona truly loved her family, she kept them close to her heart.
She was there for her Mom and Dad from the very start.
She cherished the memory of Warren, her departed brother,
She really loved her brother Vince as she could no other.*

*Diona cared for her former husband Eugene because they lovingly shared,
The birth of two beautiful sons, first Eugene, Jr. and then along came Blair.
She instilled excellent values in her sons, to insure that they would succeed
And worked so very hard to give them everything they could possibly need.*

*She loved and adored her grandchildren: Blair, Ashley and Brandon,
Three beautiful children fathered by Eugene, who is her oldest son.
Damir, the only grandchild her youngest son Blair gave her to this date,
But Blair, you can give him a brother or sister — it is really not too late.*

*Diona had hundreds of friends — because she was a friend to so many,
Looking for a foe would be a waste of time, because there just weren't any.
You could always count on her, whenever there was a need,
She was a remarkable person — a phenomenal woman, indeed!*

*For many years she enjoyed using her talents — blessed gifts from the Divine,
Such as capturing life through her sculpturing and being the best in hair design,
Her organizational skills and business sense were things to be admired,
She could accomplish almost anything — at least anything she desired.*

*She was raised by Methodist doctrines, so being a Christian was nothing new,
Then she rededicated her life to God and was baptized at Enon in early 2002.
She remained in God's good graces, and was faithful to the end,
Until He chose her, a beautiful angel, to sit at His throne with Him.*

*And so my beautiful friend, I will continue on with my life,
As you asked me to promise you, when we were talking late one night.
I'll miss you so much and I won't say goodbye, but for now I will say,
I'll see you later, little sis — because we WILL be together again one day!*

*I love you, kid!
Joyce (Curtis)*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family expresses sincere appreciation for the love, prayers and support that have been given to us during this very difficult period of our lives. Our pain is lessened by your support and by the beautiful life Diona lived. May God bless all of you.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Abdul Salaam

REPAST

Immediately following the service
Enon lower level