



Debra Adkins Vereen

June 24, 1957 - August 17, 2025

DEBRA ADKINS VEREEN transitioned peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Debra was the third of five children born on June 24, 1957, at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C. to the late Robert and Doris Adkins, and the wife of the late Kenneth Vereen for 31 years.

Debra, a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, grew up in Alexandria, Virginia attending St. Joseph's Catholic School through sixth grade, Blessed Sacrament Catholic School for seventh grade, George Washington High School, and graduating from T.C. Williams (now Alexandria City) High School in 1975. She then attended Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1979. After working as a registered nurse for 12 years she decided to go to medical school, graduating from Georgetown University School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1997. She later obtained a Master of Science Degree in Medical Cannabis Science & Therapeutics from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 2022. Debra served as a beloved family medicine physician at several hospitals in the area during her career and maintained the Group Practice Maryland Family Healthcare LLC until her retirement in June of 2025.

Affectionately known as Debbie, Deb, and Auntie Deb, she is survived by her two siblings Karen Randolph (Tony) and Jon Adkins, one sister-in-law

(Lauren), four nieces (Clarke, Renee, Harper, and Turiya), five nephews (Elliot, Tarik, Titus, Cole, and Robert), and many relatives and friends. She will be sorely missed.

A memorial service to celebrate Debra's life will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia in the near future.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
711 N. Columbus Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ 129 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - October 27, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ *My sincerest prayers and condolences. SIP Dr. Vereen* 🙏

Jimiere Smith - October 25, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Debra Adkins Vereen.*



October 25, 2025 at 01:11 PM

PC

“ My deepest condolences to Karen and family
Dr Vereen will be truly missed by me, I have known Dr Vereen since
March 2010 I have worked along by her side with GBMS at The
Suitland Site, and at Brandywine Site until her last day, we grew one
another over the years, where as I called Debbie my big sister, I can
go on and on with the love I had for Debbie, I missed you so much
Debbie.

May you RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�🙏

Paula Clayton - September 28, 2025 at 12:40 PM

PC

Correction I can go on and on with the love we share with each other
as sisters, I'm missing you so much RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�❤�❤�❤�
Love, Little Sista

Paula Clayton - September 28, 2025 at 12:42 PM

KP

“ I know the Adkins family from high school and college. Ken was in
my class at Hampton. May they both rise like the sun. Together
again.

Kimberly Perkins - September 12, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BJ

“ Debbie was one of my most dearest friends. Rest peacefully my
friend, until meet again ☐☐



Barbara Johnson - September 12, 2025 at 03:50 PM

AB

“ I send my sincere condolences to Karen and Jon. Debra was part of my Seminary family. I am saddened to hear of her passing. RIP



Aprile Belk

Aprile Belk - September 12, 2025 at 11:50 AM

VB

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Virginia Becks-Johnson - September 07, 2025 at 11:05 AM

SS

“ Debbie was always one of my sweetest cousins. Her absence is already felt. Peace be with Karen, Jon and the rest of the family.
From Sheila

Sheila Adkins Scales - August 27, 2025 at 08:48 PM

PC

I have been DR Vereen since 2011 to Cutrent I have work with her as CMA at GBMS Suitland Brandywine center, I have gotten very close too her whereas known as her little sister, Debbie was such a wonderful person that I love dearly as my big sister, her and I share a lot of great things together, I can go in and on about our sisterhood relationship. RIP Debra, you will be truly missed by me 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️



Paula Clayton CMA - August 29, 2025 at 01:18 PM

NB

Debbie was my friend and neighbor for many years I will surely miss her. My condolences to her family.

Neicy Boyd - September 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DH

Rest in peace Debbie & my deepest condolences to Karen & Jon. Debbie transitioning is felt in a very special way because the Adkins family was / is apart of the 500 Block of Payne Street family! Our childhood memories are so very special because we all are family, more than neighbors and friends! The 500 block of Payne street is where it took a village to raise every child! The Adkins lived in the corner house 500 Payne street and my family in 504, just two doors apart! Mr. & Mrs. Adkins were very good parents and they set a great example of what a family look like! We all have had members of our love ones to transition, but there's lives will never be forgotten! Jon and Karen just know we are your family forever, the 500 Block of Payne Street. Much love and respect Dr. Rodney Alex Grimes h.c.

Dr. Rodney Alex Grimes h.c. - September 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM