



Tanya Marie Dobbins (Private Arrangements)

March 1, 1964 - August 22, 2020

Tanya Marie Dobbins, 56, was born March 1, 1964 in San Francisco, CA. She was raised by her grandmother, godparents and a tribe of family members that instilled strong values related to education and community. She loved to read, participate in community clubs, and play basketball as a child. She read the Bible regularly. Tanya was in Who's Who and graduated from Carver High School with Honors and went to the Navy. After being honorably discharged she graduated with honors from Lawson State College and moved to Denver, CO to help her mother and stepfather raise children. Tanya admired her Uncle Frank Hutchins, who preceded her in death, and followed in his footsteps of landing her dream job as a Denver Deputy Sheriff. When she joined the department, she wanted to help the community, so she joined the Black Sheriff Protective Association where she became the first female president, provided college scholarships, participated in community food drives, assisting the elderly, and mentoring young people. She always said, "We'll get it done." During her 20-year tenure with the department, she obtained her bachelor's degree, promoted to Sergeant, and served on various panels and community groups to bring equity in law enforcement considering the LGBTQ community and people of color. In her personal time, Tanya would take gift cards to school lunch personnel just to say, "Thank you for your service." She was a prominent member of the community and a devoted family member. Without a doubt she was the change she wanted to see in this world. After 17 days in the ICU from the impacts of a brain aneurysm, on August 22, 2020 she passed away. Those left to cherish Tanya's memory include Mother Mary R. Luten, Father Alfred G. Moody who preceded her in death, Stepfather George Luten, Spouse Samaria Sullivan, Sister Francine Dobbins, Her four nieces and nephews, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, grand nieces and nephews, and many friends. We are deeply saddened by Tanya's loss. She touched so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 12 (MT)

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Tribute Wall

Bridget
Andrews

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Bridget Andrews - September 12, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Every year I would shave my head to raise money for children’s cancer. I wore a hat most of the time, and I also wear glasses! Many of the inmates would see me and say how are you doing Sgt. Dobbins? And of course, I would just say blessed. I did not mind being called Sgt. Dobbins. Tanya had a good heart and a good soul. I am glad and grateful that I got to know her. We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, especially when it’s so unexpected. I will continue to pray for Tanya’s family and her friends. May God wrap you in his ever loving arms and know that your angel is now watching over you.

God’s blessings,
Retired Deputy ((Chaplain) Carla Tatum

Carla Tatum - September 12, 2020 at 02:30 PM

JO

she was a loving woman for all of us

jordan - November 06, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Here to show homage to Sgt Dobbins Rest In Peace! And prayers for the family

Sharlisha Lewis - September 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM

LH

“ We love you and we will miss you! Our hearts are heavy.

Hill Family

Latoya & Stephanie Hill - September 12, 2020 at 01:04 PM

AS

“ My deepest condolences to Ms. Mary Luten and the Dobbins Family. Tanya had a kind and gentle spirit that could quickly connect and impact others. Tanya will be remembered as a diligent public servant and advocate for all. Although dearly missed, we rest assured Tanya is resting in the sweet peace of God. Prayers in progress always and please remember “We Love because He Loved us first“ 1 John 4:19.

Angela Sims-Ceja and Family

Angela Sims-Ceja - September 12, 2020 at 12:12 PM

KI

“ Tanya was such a fabulous neighbor! Always offering a smile and a hello or a wave as she drove by. She always wanted to support our kids in their various endeavors! Such a wonderful woman who will be missed. Mark, Kim, Isaac, Riley and Wesley!

Kim - September 11, 2020 at 11:34 PM

KH

“ Tanya was such a great neighbor. We had some good laughs and liked exchanging interior design ideas. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to her extended friends and family. Kathy and Virg Hobbs

Kathy & Virg Hobbs - September 11, 2020 at 07:16 PM

ED

“ Tanya had the most wonderful smile and I loved her laughter. We will miss her so much.

Charlie and Edie

Edie - September 11, 2020 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ Her 2020 birthday ❤️ We always did it big for the birthdays!!!!



Samaria Sullivan - September 10, 2020 at 11:04 PM

CH

Awwwww💕

Chrisie - September 10, 2020 at 11:12 PM

CH

“ *Tanya was so Cool..I have so many special memories with Tanya...the best one was our Christmas Eve Jammie Jam ❤️ She will always be The most beautiful Flamingo to me ❤️ RIP*

Chrisie - September 10, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SA

“ *I am completely devastated as I've learned my dear friend has passed away. You were such a great person in every way and I am forever going to miss you!*



Sheryl Archuleta - September 10, 2020 at 04:51 PM

TW

“ *New Years 2013*



TD Wells - September 10, 2020 at 04:29 PM

TW

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TD Wells - September 10, 2020 at 04:17 PM

TW

*She was my pretty lady
I was her handsome Troy.*

TD Wells - September 10, 2020 at 04:18 PM

DJ

“ *My heart is broken. I am at such a loss for words. I only hope you knew what a profound impact you made in my life. Farewell "QUEEN"*

Darrell J - September 09, 2020 at 03:11 PM

MB

“ *Everytime you would ask Tanya how she was she would respond "I am blessed". We are the ones who are blessed that had the privilege of knowing her. She touched my self and all the way down to my grandchildren with her kindness and compassion. She is missed and loved by many. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to her family. With love and prayers,. Mary Bonnell and family*



Mary Bonnell - September 08, 2020 at 06:03 PM

SM

So many good times where would I start...to know you was a blessing in itself. The many lunch breaks teaching Kronos and why it does certain things. The many laughs till my side hurt. To laugh one more time would be so wonderful but I will have to wait till I see you again. I am truly going to miss you. Save a place for me at the card table, I got next 😂LOL😂 You are truly loved and cherished by me. Sleep with Angels my friend. Sonia Mayfield and Family

Sonia Mayfield - September 11, 2020 at 12:09 PM

JH

“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of Sgt. Dobbins' passing. Tanya truly was inspiring, passionate, dedicated and honorable. I will always be grateful for the opportunities I had to work with her. Sending sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues.*

Johnny Humphrey - September 02, 2020 at 06:22 PM

KN

“ *We are all diminished by Tanya's passing. I hope I brightened her life as much as she brightened mine.*

Kelly Nichols - September 02, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JS

“ *Tanya was a special person. She was giving and joyful. In her life she was committed to service to others. She had a radiant smile and awesome personality. I / we will miss her. But, we know that she is serving this very moment at the right hand of God our Father.*

James Sykes, Jr.+ Family

James Sykes - September 01, 2020 at 11:16 PM

AB

“ To the Dobbins Family: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt 5:4 May God grant you peace to feel comfort, strength to endure the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Tanya brought joy to so many. She will be missed. Extending heartfelt condolences.

Arlene



Arlene Booker - August 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM

TC

“ Everyone leaves footprints in your memory, but the ones that leave footprints in your heart are the ones you will truly remember...
Nicholas Sperling

Rest In Peace my Beautiful Co-Worker by Chance, My Friend by Choice...
Tonya Chapman

Tonya Chapman - August 29, 2020 at 11:39 PM

MB

“ Sergeant Dobbins made a profound impact on my life as she lead by example in her professionalism towards humanity. Our agency loss has been greatly impacted and we are in deep pain and sorrow by Sergeant Dobbins passing.

Marilyn Brown - August 28, 2020 at 10:49 AM

AM

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Angela Maxwell - August 27, 2020 at 11:47 PM

AM

“ Tanya was an ambitious and loving woman. She was the type of person that saw more in you than you saw in yourself. She pushed her loved ones and colleagues to become the best versions of herself. She fought for the marginalized and believed in fairness and honesty above all. I will forever be impacted by the time that I knew her. It was way too short, but she's in the hands of her beloved creator and I will not begrudge her that peace.

Angela Maxwell - August 27, 2020 at 11:37 PM

AM

**themselves*

Angela Maxwell - August 27, 2020 at 11:38 PM

SS

“ *Tanya is a beautiful soul that will forever be missed. She made an impression on my life, and it's so nice to see how many other lives she impacted* ❤️

Samaria Sullivan - August 27, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Tanya was such a dear person. She was always so kind to me when I was a coordinator for Denver Feed a Family. Her sweet spirit will be truly missed.*



L.J. Harker - August 27, 2020 at 05:30 PM

RA

“ *Rose Alvarado lit a candle in memory of Tanya Marie Dobbins (Private Arrangements)*



Rose alvarado - August 27, 2020 at 04:49 PM