



# Delia Norde'

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“**T**herefore you now have sorrow, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”

~ John 16:22 ~

With hearts filled with love and gratitude, we celebrate the extraordinary life of Delia Lois Green Nordé —a devoted mother, cherished grandmother, beloved sister, aunt, educator and friend. She was a woman of unwavering faith, boundless generosity and an indomitable spirit, whose legacy will continue to shine through the lives she touched.

Born on April 20, 1946 at the Old City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in East St. Louis, Illinois, Delia was the third of four children born to Milton T. Green, Sr. and Autherine K. Green. She was born at a time that proved a turning point in black resistance to legal segregation in America and she would eventually see the birth of the Civil Rights Movement. The climate of “change” would help shape her early years, instilling in her a determined spirit and a deep sense of purpose and pride. Moreover, her family’s strong foundation of faith and education guided her path and she embraced both with steadfast devotion.

Delia attended Washington Elementary School and the legendary Lincoln Senior High School in East St. Louis. To classmates, she would be known as “Dee”, short for Delia but as she blossomed in her social life at Lincoln, she would be crowned the bonus nickname “Blue” after she and her girlfriends formed the group “The Blue Jean Girls”. Delia pursued higher education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, before returning home to welcome the greatest blessing of her life—her son, Derek Gene Nordé. As a young mother, she was determined to create the best life for him and soon after she went back to school and earned both her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Education and Counseling from SIU Edwardsville.



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A dedicated educator, Delia poured her heart into shaping young minds. She believed in the power of education to transform lives and was committed to ensuring her students felt seen, heard and uplifted. As a counselor, she exemplified the teachings of Proverbs 31:26 “She opens her mouth of wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue”. Her impact extended beyond the classroom- she nurtured countless families, offering guidance, wisdom and love.

Faith was the cornerstone of Delia’s life; she raised Derek at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, one of the city’s most historic congregations and lived by the principles of grace, humility and service. Delia also sang with the famed “Voices Of Zion”. Her strong moral compass and unwavering belief in God carried her through life’s challenges, always with hope and gratitude.

Delia’s love for her family knew no bounds. She adored her only grandchild, Dr. Jordyn Chanel Nordé, who brought immense joy and pride into her life. She never missed an opportunity to celebrate Jordyn’s achievements, always sharing stories of her granddaughter’s brilliance and kind spirit. Derek and Jordyn were the light of her life—her angels—who stood by her side, especially in her final years and days, surrounding her with love, laughter and gospel music that filled her soul with peace.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents and siblings, Carolyn E. Love, Dr. Linda L. Green and Milton T. Green, Jr. Though she mourned their loss, she found solace in the unbreakable bond they shared.

Delia’s vibrant spirit will live on through: her devoted son - Derek Gene Nordé; her cherished granddaughter - Dr. Jordyn Chanel Nordé; and the many loved ones she leaves behind: nieces - Gina Moore, Melina Fykes, Katherine Green, Patricia Green and Regina Love; nephews - Terrill K. Love, Gregory L. Love, Milton T. Green, III and Artemis Fykes; great nieces - Amina Green, Jasmine Moore, Shayna Moore and Elizabeth Green; great nephew - Elijah Green; goddaughter - Michelle.

A woman of grace, warmth and resilience, Delia was a beacon of love to all who knew her. She lived fully, traveled often, loved to dance, laughed deeply and embodied kindness in all she did. She taught us the power of faith and the beauty of selflessness. Though our hearts ache in her absence, we find peace in knowing she is reunited with her beloved family and resting in the arms of the Lord.



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Her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. Rest well, Delia. You were deeply loved, and you will be forever missed.

“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her work bring her praise at the city gate”

~ Proverbs 31:31 ~ om—she nurtured countless families, offering guidance, wisdom and love.



# Events

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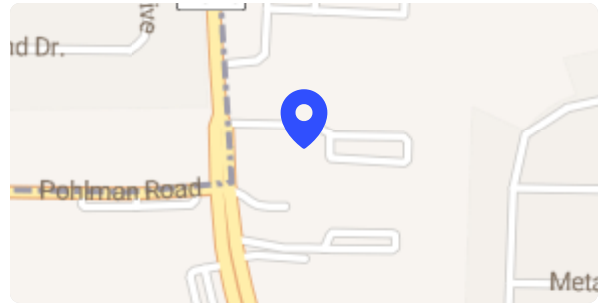
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## Visitation

**Friday**, February 14, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

**McClendon Mortuary and Cremation Services**  
12140 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant MO  
63033

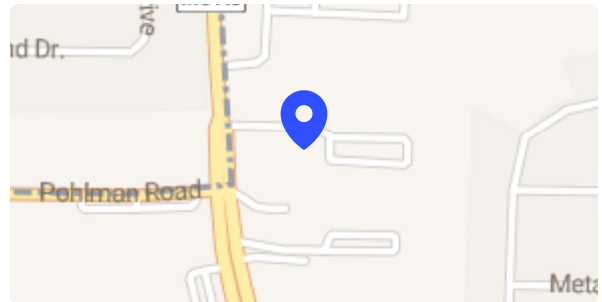


## Service

**Friday**, February 14, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

**McClendon Mortuary and Cremation Services**  
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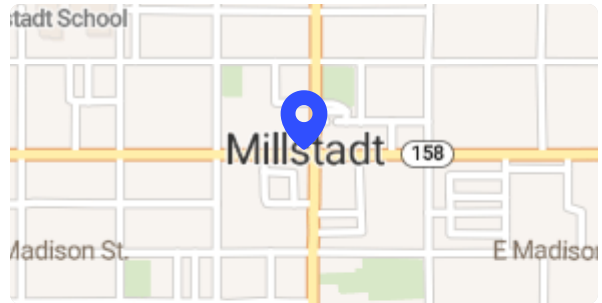


## Burial

**Friday**, February 14, 2025

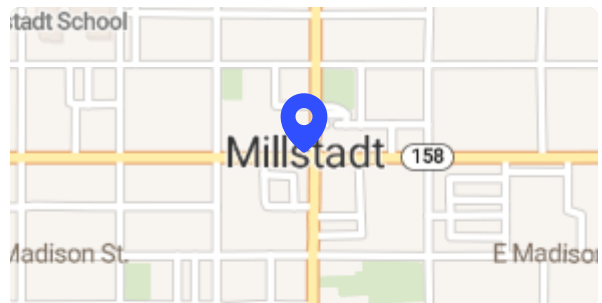
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM CT

**Sunset Gardens**  
Millstadt IL



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Antoinette Gilliam** posted:

I would like to send my sincerest condolences to the Norde family... continue to hold on to all of the happy and blessed memories 🙏

April 15 at 2:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Norde' family.



February 13 at 9:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Norde' family.



February 13 at 8:35 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Delia.



February 13 at 8:35 AM



**Derek Norde'** posted:

I love you mom! Thank you for everything you sacrificed for me. You have been my solid rock my entire life. Definitely an amazing mom and grand mother! May the good Lord keep you in perfect peace. We will rejoice when we see one another again ❤️🙏

February 13 at 5:56 AM



**Randal (Hawk) & Stephanie Hawthorne** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Norde' family.



February 11 at 6:13 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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