



## **SYLVIA ANN SPALDING**

December 29, 1947 - November 15, 2013

Sylvia Ann Spalding, 65, passed away Friday, November 15, 2013.

She was a member of St. Martin dePorres Catholic Church and retired from the Cabinet for Human Resources, Dept. of Workforce Development.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph L. Spalding; children, James W. and Arlandra V. Spalding; mother, Anna L. Birch; siblings, Silas M. (Arlene), David J. and Gen-ella E. Birch; Grace M. Duncan (Raymond) and Patricia D. Bolds; grandchildren, Jamisa and Alexia Spalding, Mylon Cox; great-granddaughter, Terriyah Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at her church, 3112 W. Broadway. Funeral Mass will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Burial will be in Louisville Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Joe -- I am so sorry to hear of your wife, Sylvia's passing. Deepest sympathies to you and your family. May your memories of the good times comfort you forever. *Debbie Wilson Kentuckiana Blues Society*

A friend Dec - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ SYLVIA ANN SPALDING

Carol - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Condolences to Arlandria and family.

Teonn Brooks - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ I wonder if she asked for a special order on her heavenly robe? Knowing Sylvia, it had to be yellow. God bless the memory of Sylvia in our hearts forever.

Yolanda and Alphaeus Green - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To Arlandria and Family...My deepest sympathy goes out to you. I remember Mrs. Spalding as a very kind person with a beautiful smile. My prayers are with you. May God continue to bless you and your family. Sincerely, Venus

A friend Nov - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Sylvia's smile and personality brought sunshine to the workplace. I will remember that welcoming presence of hers. Rest in peace.* ”

Donna Bazzell - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to Sylvia's family. One of God's bright lights has now joined with him in heaven. May you have peace in knowing that Sylvia's memory will continue to brighten the lives of her friends and family.* ”

Donna Bazzell - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *To Arlandria and Family...* ”

*My deepest sympathy goes out to you for your loss. I remember Mrs. Spalding as a faithful servant of Christ with a beautiful smile. You are in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Venus Ludlow*

Venus Ludlow - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Sending lots of love and prayers to you and your family!* ”

Pat Peninger - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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LT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynn Tyler - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sylvia will always be remembered as a very loving, kind, and caring person. The family is forever in my prayers.

carol ford - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Sylvia was always upbeat and such a wonderful friend. The world is a little less brighter without her.

Irv Mattingly - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

Sidney - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ very respected colleague.

Edward Britton - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ With our deepest sympathy we want you to know how truly sorry we are for the loss of Sylvia and the grief that you are going through, I know that it's hard because we never want to lose our love ones, but just know she is in peace and in GODS arms. We will always remember her smile and her love of yellow. May GOD be with you all we will keep you all in our prayers.

Deanna - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Joe, we are so sorry for the loss of your dear wife. Our prayers are with you.

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**Mark Vincent** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ From the first time I met Sylvia at work she stole my heart with her kindness and the caring she demonstrated towards everyone. My heart aches for her passing but I find solace in the fact that she is with our Lord Jesus and there is no more suffering for her. For the family left behind, may the Lord grant you the strength to carry on, I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts. One more Angel in Heaves to watch over us.

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**Hector Cruz Nov** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ To the Spalding family, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God bless you.

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**Fran Crawford** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sylvia was truly one of the kindest people I have ever known. If you were blessed to hear her sing, you knew the Spirit was speaking through that beautiful voice. You will be missed

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**Julia Spalding** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I will remember her beautiful smile. I will keep the family in my prayers. May she rest in peace now.

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**Patricia Cox** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Sylvia will be truly missed she was a wonderful person. God bless the family in this time.*

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**Dawn Mcgee** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *We remember Sylvia and her family in our prayers. God bless all of you with peace and comfort. Love, Sister Anna Marie and Sister Mary Jane*

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**Sisters Anna Marie and Mary Jane Rhodes** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *To my family, Be not dismayed for Slyvia rest now in a mansion made by God's had where everyday will be Sunday and Joy is the garment of the day. Love each and everyone of you. Keeping the Prayer Wheel turning.*

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**Laketa** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *May God bless you with consolation and healing. Blessings, love and prayers, Sisters Anna Marie and Marie Jane*

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**Sisters Anna Marie and Mary Jane Rhodes** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Arlandria and Family, You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother as I know the hole it leaves in your heart. May God continue to comfort you and your family during this time. Keeping you all in my prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Janice Cox** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998

Edith McCord - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Uncle Joe, Ronnie, Francis, syl, Jackie My Deepest Sympathy*

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**Edith McCord** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *To the family: I used to love seeing Sylvia at choir practice because I knew I would be able to count on two things: she would be wearing yellow and she would be wearing a smile. Even when I visited her last week, knowing she didn't feel well, she mustered a little smile for me. That smile and her sunny attitude meant more than I could ever tell her. She was so special, and I can't imagine how you feel right now. But please know that she was so well loved and will be deeply missed. I will be praying for your family and thanking God that I got to know her. Sheryl Edelen*

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**A friendNov** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Arlandria - I didn't know your Mother but I know this brings great sadness to you and your family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Ann Ives*

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**A friendNov** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Love always to you, Sylvia. You were always a sweet and special person.*

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**Diane Wright** - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ It was a privilege to work with Sylvia as director of the St. Martin De Porres choir for ten years. She was a great gospel lady and may she sing in the heavenly choirs.

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**Andrew Thuita** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Prayers to the entire family. So many wonderful memories of our families down through the years. Sylvia was so special from her quick wit to her endearing smile and great comedic timing. She touched a lot of lives and anyone who met her knew that that time was well spent. No more pain. Rest now Sweet Sylvia! God Bless You for Your Journey.

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**Sandra Mucker** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Although I was a part of her “Job Bank” family we shared so much of our lives during those many years working together. Sylvia gave my husband and I our very first plant; a hosta she had picked up from a farmers market. Thanks to Sylvia that one hosta was the beginning of many flower gardens we have planted and enjoyed over the years. Sylvia was a wonderful, kind person. She was a joy to be around and I am a better person for knowing her.

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**Pam Keibler** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I have such fond memories of the years I worked with 'Sylvia Jane'. I loved that she shared her home family with her 'Job Bank' family. We raised our kids and grandkids together. My deepest sympathies.

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**Toddy Ballard** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *I won't FORGET!*

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**Semoise Evans** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Aunt Syl, you left a Beautiful Legacy of Love. Leading by Example You Shared GODs Light through Your Spirit & Happiness via the Color Yellow wherever You were. I will carry with me Always the Life Lessons You Displayed. In Loving Memory...WE WILL NOT FORGET! Affectionately, Sonarie*

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**Sondra Wilkerson** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *The Spalding Family : Joe, James, Arlandria et al ...We all were blessed to have her n our presence. Sylvia was absolutely, absolutely one of the nicest, kindest people that walked this earth. Her beautiful smile dictated her personally. Her singing voice lifted U higher...this Christ -centered Christian angel is with her Heavenly Father, this I truly believe. God bless all my cousins (family). RIP*

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**Jane Spalding** - November 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM