

## DIANE KORAM



Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, Diane Quicksey Koram passed away on August 25th, 2023. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on January 7th, 1949, the third of five children, to Antoinette Vivian Pope Quicksey and Lloyd Quicksey, Sr. Her first home was in the heart of Ann Arbor's historic African-American community, a community whose strength and resolve she embraced to live life with joy, curiosity,

compassion and without judgment of others. As a child, she showed a talent for a great many disciplines, including swimming, dance, and the performing arts. However, it was her thoughtfulness and kindness as a child that was remarkable.

After graduating from Ann Arbor High School in 1967, she accepted a scholarship to attend the University of Michigan from which she obtained a Bachelor's degree. In keeping with her kindhearted and selfless disposition, she further obtained a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota with the aim of helping all that she could. Her career in Social Work spanned over four decades in Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Her generosity and selflessness were evident throughout her career as she counseled people from all walks of life, giving them comfort and offering aid during some of their darkest times. Diane was known throughout her life for her positive and thoughtful outlook and also for her adventurous spirit. She loved to travel and to experience new things. She was a huge supporter of the arts, a voracious reader, a lifelong learner, and later in her life, a published children's book author. Giving back to the community was of profound importance to her and she gave to a great many social causes. She was active in various positions within her local Ann Arbor chapter of Jack and Jill of America, and the Pittsburgh North Hills Ebony Women groups and volunteered her time and resources to further those groups and their chosen charities.

As a mother and wife, her support and love of her family were unwavering and the love for her grandchildren knew no bounds. She is remembered as joyful and genuine, vivacious, determined, patient, and loving. Diane cared deeply for others, and she is forever loved. Her memory will live on in all of the many who loved her. She is survived by her husband of 49 years Kwaku Koi Koram; son Kwaku Manteav Koram (Lauren Abraham); daughter, Antoinette Chukudebelu (Amuche Chukudebelu); grandchildren, Ahlia Koram, Kwaku Abraham Koram, Anulika Chukudebelu, Arinze Chukudebelu, Adaolisa Chukudebelu and Akachi Chukudebelu; and sisters, Shaya Gardner- Hayum and Joanne Quicksey. Diane was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lloyd Leonard Quicksey, Jr. and Garnett Nathaniel Quicksey.

A remembrance of Diane's life will be held at a later date. If desired, a donation in her name may be made to the American Civil Liberties Union ([www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)) or a charity of one's choice.

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