



# Cynthia Dunavant

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Cynthia Chrestman Dunavant, 66, passed away May 2, 2015. She was born August 24, 1948 in Helena, AR to Deane and Reuben Chrestman. She graduated from Central High School in Helena, AR and the University of Mississippi (Class of 1969). She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and an Ole Miss cheerleader. She was an exceptionally talented CPA with diverse experience in tax and financial accounting. She was a very successful financial accounting professional with both public and private companies over the past 20 years of her distinguished career. She developed world class accounting teams for each company along the way. She is survived by her children, Michael Andrew Dunavant (Julie Thompson Dunavant) and William David Dunavant, III, MD (Shannon Chelette Dunavant); grandchildren, Elizabeth Lawrence Dunavant, William Haygood Dunavant, Grace Anne Dunavant, and Lily Catherine Clay Dunavant; and siblings, Reuben Chrestman, MD of New Orleans, LA and Deane Gaines of Gulfport, MS. She loved her sons and grandchildren dearly. She lived life with the greatest compassion for others. She also had a passion for rescuing animals, both dogs and cats, that were in need of a home as well as gardening. She devoted most of her life to raising her two beloved sons to succeed not only in the professional world but more importantly in life. She taught her sons everything about life, including to love, to have compassion, to do the right thing, but most of all, to serve God. Services will be private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



## Tribute Wall

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TF

**Teri Fabian** posted:

Seemingly too soon but faithfully in the Lord's time. Cynthia is so missed. Her intelligence, humility, and sense of humor were constants at Covenant Dove. Her absence is painfully heartfelt and I will continue to pray for her family. Teri Fabian

May 8 at 8:53 AM

BN

**Beth Newkirk** posted:

Prayers for Cynthia's family she was an amazing person. Very caring and loving. I learned a lot from her

May 7 at 4:42 PM

NM

**Nicole Morales** posted:

It was with pleasure I had the opportunity to work with Cynthia for the last ten years. She was always so sweet and kind and ALWAYS had the answer to my many, many questions. Although she was in Memphis and I in Picayune, MS we formed a wonderful working relationship. May her life forever live in our memories. She will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Nicole Morales

May 6 at 9:19 AM

FT

**Faith Robinson-Toliver** posted:

I've had the pleasure of working with Cynthia the past three years. She was truly a special person. Nothing can prepare us for the death of a loved one. I pray that you find comfort in God's promises found in the scriptures at 1 Corinthians 15:26 and John 5:28, 29. With Deepest Stmpathy Faith T.

May 5 at 1:48 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Dunavant.

May 4 at 1:03 PM

GT

**Glenda Treat** posted:

I was sorry to hear about Cynthia. I have great memories of her. Glenda Treat Atkins

May 4 at 11:29 AM



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MB

**Mary Beth** posted:

I miss my Aunt Cynthia SO much! Where you are laid to rest is BEAUTIFUL! I've NEVER in my life seen such a serene loving place in my life! Which is why it is PERFECT FOR YOU!! loved being around my cousins and their ADORABLE children this weekend! I look forward to spending more memories with David, Michael, Shannon, Julie, Grace Anne, Weezie, Elizabeth and Haygood! I like to think of my plan to visit them will be in honor of my Aunt Cynthia. I always felt like you and I had a lot in common. Our love for animals. Our love for nature. Not liking crowds ?? Quiet at times but when one of the most humorous people when talking to you one on one. You will always hold a special place in my heart! And you will carry on in David and Michael and their WONDERFUL families! You are (I don't like to use past tenses sometimes because I truly feel that you are still with us – around us) BEAUTIFUL inside and out! You are (were) definitely a one of a kind Woman, Mom, Aunt, Grandmother and Friend. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, AUNT CYNTHIA!!!!!!! ~ Your niece, Mary Beth P.S. Please tell Allison and my Boston Terrier (Lily) I said hello. It brings me peace to know that You, Allison, Grandmother Deane and ALL our furry family members are all together now. And all of you are healthy and happy.

May 4 at 10:43 AM

CD

**Coretta Dawkins** posted:

I am deeply saddened about Cynthia. However, I am happy to have had the opportunity to work with her for the past ten years at Covenant Dove, and have her as my boss for about eight or nine of those years. She was very smart, had a wealth of knowledge and always had funny stories to tell. She loved her family very much and would often talk about her sons, grand kids, and her dog Daisy. She will truly be missed. I will continue to keep the family in prayer. Coretta Dawkins

May 4 at 9:49 AM

BP

**Becky Pilkington Phares** posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Cynthia. I remember how cute your sister was as we were all growing up. She must have had a wonderful career and life from what I read. Deane, I will be thinking of you and all your family during this time, and hoping that you find peace in the days and weeks to come. Becky Pilkington Phares

May 4 at 7:11 AM

MY

**Mj Young** posted:

Prayers for the family. One of the kindest people I have ever known. Mary Joyce Hensley Young

May 4 at 6:26 AM



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AM

**Al Martin** posted:

Deane, Reuben and family, I am SO sorry to hear about Cynthia. She was such a warm and beautiful lady, with a great smile and a wonderful personality. My condolences to all of you. May our Lord wrap his arms around each of you, comfort you and grant you His peace!

May 4 at 6:25 AM

LR

**Lesa Hymel Rease** posted:

To the Dunavant family, I didn't know your mom, but worked with Michael at FedEx Corporation. I am SO sorry for your loss. From reading her memorial, she had a beautiful heart and soul. Your heart is heavy with sorrow, but also know that she is still alive, but in heaven..and is only missing from the earth. Her faith has become sight and she is looking into the eyes of her Savior, and her eyes are seeing beauty and wonder like she's never seen before!!! She is also still alive in your hearts and mind. Those that have had near death experiences say that they never wanted to return to earth after they saw the beauty of heaven and felt and saw the love of Jesus. Let this truth lighten your heart and bring a smile to your face. You are in my prayers. Lesa Hymel Rease

May 4 at 5:53 AM

YR

**Yamille Del Rosario** posted:

Hearing about your sudden loss has truly saddened me. I have worked with Michael over the last five years and my deepest sympathies go out to your family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

May 4 at 5:24 AM

AB

**April Brown** posted:

Cynthia will be greatly missed at Covenant Dove. She was a mentor, friend and family to many of us. Your family will be in my prayers. April Brown.

May 3 at 2:19 PM



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