



## Rachelle "Poochie" Deniese (Russell) Dorsey-Howell

October 28, 1955 - October 24, 2014

Rachelle D. Howell, "Poochie", departed this life at the age of 58 on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD. She was born on October 28, 1955 in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of Middleton L. Russell and the late Ellen M. Russell. She attended public schools in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, graduating from Friendly High School in Friendly, Maryland. Rachelle worked for 33 years for the federal government in the Department of Education, retiring in May 2008. You knew the important things in her life because family pictures and pets adorned her office. She loved her cats, especially "Jagger" who brought her a lot of joy. One of her former co-workers nick-named her, "Pretty in Pink", her favorite color. Rachelle had a quiet and gentle soul, however, she could respond vigorously, if necessary. She had a lot of quirky sayings that are cherished by family and friends. She loved to watch TV and a broken television was a family 911 emergency that had to be remedied immediately. She was an avid on-line shopper, personally known by UPS and FedEx delivery persons. She leaves to cherish her memory: father, Middleton L. Russell (Marjorie); two devoted sons, Steven L. Dorsey (Marylene) and Tremayne M. Dorsey, four grandchildren: Alexis, Savaughn, Angelo and Quentin. She is also survived by three sisters: Tawana Clark (David), Zona Johnson (Jay), and Rozalyn Russell, our devoted Aunt Lorraine Hill, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.



# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Poochie, so sorry to hear of your passing. RIP! Bonzie*

**Bonzie Wherry** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

LF

“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thoughts and prayers.*

**Latoshia Hamilton and Family** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

VP

“ *Although its difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Just thought about you last week i knew your birthday was coming up. We had the best birthday club ever!*

*RIP beautiful...you will be truly missed!*

**Vee Phillips** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

CA

“ *May God continue to comfort you in your loss.  
X-Co worker*

**Claudette "Senior" Anderson** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

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“ *On behalf of the OESE staff at the US Department of Education, we send our deepest sympathy.*

**Avis Farmer (McClenton)** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

DF

“ I enjoyed working with Rachelle in the Office of She always had a warm smile for all of us. I am sure that her warmth and humor are at the core of many memories for everyone who loves her. I hope that each loving memory brings her family and friends healing in your grief. We know that she is beaming eternally with the **GREATEST** love and joy from heaven.

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**DonnaMarie (Marlow) Fekete** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

TC

“ My condolence to the family. Hold tight to memories of Rachelle for comfort, lean on your friends and family for strength.

*Tawanna Colbert Coles  
Department of Education*

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**Tawanna Colbert Coles** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

SF

“ To Towanda, Gio & Family,  
My deepest sympathy for the passing of Rachelle. Truly she was beautiful person and like family. She is now wrapped in the arms of God and with her mother. She played an important role in my grandson Gio's life. She fought a good fight and has now received her reward.

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**Sherrie Walker & Family** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

DC

“ To the Russell/Dorsey Family: I am honored and blessed to have known/worked with Rachelle. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

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**Darlene Cole** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

PR

“ *Rachelle had such a sweet and gentle spirit, and a warm smile. She will be missed! To her family, may, "...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, ...guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 (NIV)*

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**Pat Rattler** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JB

“ *prayer is the key to heaven but faith unlocks the door. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**john blake** - January 23 at 02:48 PM

KC

“ *Rachelle was one of the many fine, fine people I met and befriended in the Deep. of Education. The family has my empathy and prayers at this time of profound loss. Hold to the wonderful memories you have of Rachelle. Hold to God's unchanging hand. He is faithful to His promises and will never leave you nor forsake you.*

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**Kathy Crossley** - January 23 at 02:48 PM