

*Celebrating the Life & Legacy of*

*Marcia Raina Watkins McCalla*

**Sunrise:** December 9, 1971 - **Sunset:** January 16, 2017



Friday, January 27, 2017 - 11:00 am

**First Baptist Church**

929 Dill Avenue

Linden, New Jersey 07036

**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Dumas**

# *Life Reflections*

On Monday, January 16, 2017, God called another one of His children home to rest.

Our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, & Dear Friend

**Marcia Raina Watkins McCalla** departed this life to join her beloved family members who have passed on before at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey, at the age of 45.

Marcia was born on December 9, 1971 at JFK Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey, daughter of Carole Fowlks Watkins and Jon A. Watkins, Sr. Raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Marcia received her early education in the Perth Amboy Public School System. As a young girl, she was a member of Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey where she enjoyed singing in the youth choir.

Marcia was an intelligent woman who valued education and she was consistently known to receive straight "A"s; as well as, receiving many accolades and awards for her hard work and academic achievements, during her collegiate years. Marcia graduated from Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey with an A.A. in Liberal Arts and Education where she achieved Dean's List, and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She then continued her education and graduated Cum Laude from Kean University in Union, New Jersey with a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology. There she remained on the Dean's List and was named to the Psi Chi National Honor Society. In 2011, Marcia achieved one of her greatest accomplishments - graduating from Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey with a Master's degree in Child Advocacy. Her family and children were present to see her succeed in accomplishing her ultimate academic goal.

At the time of her untimely passing, Marcia was employed as a Family Service Specialist I for the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) in Piscataway, New Jersey. Marcia loved her work. Her mission was to always obtain a permanent placement for children in loving adoptive families. Through assessment, counseling and advocacy, she worked to ensure the protection and enrichment of the children she served. She had also previously been employed as a Youth Counselor at the Somerset Home for the Temporarily Displaced in Bridgewater, New Jersey. It is clear her love for children and families in need were aligned to core values and career goals.

Her love for children and family also extended to her personal life when Marcia married and from that 10-year union, she was blessed with three children, twins, Naiel and Niara (11yrs) and son, Ammar (6yrs); with whom she loved and cherished until her last breath.

Marcia was very involved in her children's active lives. Marcia was 'Team Mom' for Naiel who plays football and Niara who is a cheerleader with the Fords Bearcats of the American Youth Football League in Fords, New Jersey. Marcia was a supermom and the ultimate cheerleader for her children. She committed her time and used lots of gas mileage to support them wherever their activities took them. Most recently she chaperoned Niara and a dozen other young cheerleaders to their National competition held in Orlando, Florida; where they placed in top 3 for the second year in a row. Marcia's children were her pride and joy and most recently she was sharing how much she was looking forward to watching her youngest, Ammar suit up to play flag football for the first time this upcoming season. Although we won't be able to see her prideful smile this year on the field we know her children and all of us will continue to feel her presence, always.

Marcia was predeceased by her grandparents, Elizabeth and John Fowlks, Sr. and Edward and Jean Watkins; and uncles, Robert Fowlks, Pierre Watkins and Eugene Watkins.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her beloved children, Naiel, Niara and Ammar McCalla of Perth Amboy, NJ; her loving parents, Carole Watkins of Perth Amboy, NJ and Jon A. Watkins, Sr. of Roselle, NJ; a sister, Jennifer Watkins of Perth Amboy, NJ; brothers, Edward Watkins of Perth Amboy, NJ and Jon A. Watkins, Jr., and his wife, Fatimah of Linden, NJ.; nieces – Azmuneer Watkins and Corynne Watkins; nephews – Bryce Watkins, Cole Watkins and Dylan Evans; as well as, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Processional.....“The Battle Is Not Yours”

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Scriptures

Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-3.....Robert Holliday

New Testament John 14:1-7 .....Alicia Holliday

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....“Stand”

Acknowledgements & Words of Comfort

Reading of Obituary

Family & Friends Tribute

Selection.....“Take Me To The King”

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Dumas

Recessional

## **Service of Committal and Interment**

Cloverleaf Memorial Park

Woodbridge, NJ 07095

*Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the church for a repast.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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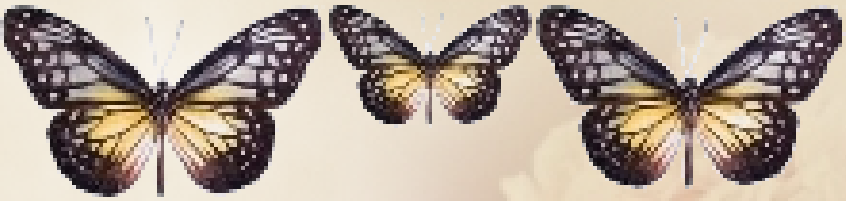
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*Marcia's Final Message*

*"I closed my eyes and just when I thought I fell asleep  
I had transformed into a butterfly."*



*She's In The Sun, The Wind, The Rain*

She's in the sun, the wind, the rain  
She's in the air you breathe with every breath you take  
She sings a song of hope and cheer  
There's no more pain, no more fear  
You'll see her in the clouds above  
Hear her whisper words of love  
You'll be together before long  
Until then, listen for her song  
~Christy Ann Martine

**PALLBEARERS**

Friends and Family of **Marcia Watkins McCalla**

*Acknowledgement*

The family of **Marcia Watkins McCalla** acknowledges with sincere appreciation, every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

