

The Celebration of Life
of



Donna Ruth Campbell-McGhee

Sunrise: May 20, 1940 - Sunset: August 17, 2017

Service:

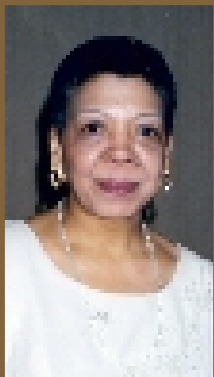
Thursday, August 24, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

CLEAR VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

314 - 320 Hobson Street • Newark, NJ 07112

Reverend Curtis W. Belle, Jr, Pastor

Officiating



Obituary

On Thursday August 17, 2017, with her husband and daughter by her side at Clara Maass Hospital, God called for our beloved Donna.

Donna Ruth Campbell McGhee (Boaz) was born on May 20, 1940 in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. At a young age, Donna relocated to New Jersey to be raised by her Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bailey, after the untimely death of her mother. Under her Aunt Ruth's selfless love and guidance Donna was able to grow and flourish in East Orange, New Jersey.

She attended the East Orange School system and graduated from East Orange High School in 1958. Donna was a member of Faith Temple Freewill Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ.

Friendship and family meant everything to Donna. She enjoyed the weekly games of Pinochle, Bid Whist and Pokeno with her family and friends. Through mutual friends, Donna met and married Leonard McGhee and they settled in Newark, NJ. Out of this union, two children were born, Kevan and Shelly.

Donna began her working career at Aetna Insurance Company in Downtown Newark. Her strong work ethic allowed her to begin working as a Human Resource Specialist at the East Orange Board of Education, where she worked for 29 years. Donna's caring spirit and willingness to help others, led her to encourage people to obtain not just a job but a career. Many people have stated that, because of Donna, they have been gainfully employed for 20 years or more.

Later on in life, Donna met and married, Donald Campbell. When Don retells the story of their

meeting, he says, he was speechless and mesmerized. He says, “She was some kind of pretty and I was not taking ‘No’ for an answer”. From there, a wonderful romance began with frequent travels to Jamaica, cruises to Bermuda. Donna and Don would even take day trips to Chicago just for lunch. They once took a special shopping trip to Indianapolis just to buy a dress! During the many years of Donna’s illness, Don was her devoted and unwavering caretaker.

Donna was a nurturer by nature. She sacrificed and showered her children with her unconditional love. Her good cooking and her welcoming spirit made her Sunday dinners overflow with family and friends. She was a grandmother in spirit, even before Jihad was born. She was given the name Nanma by Shelly’s godchildren to whom she loved as her own.

In 2000, Donna was forced to retire due to the early onset of Dementia. Over a span of 15 years, Donna faced many debilitating illnesses, but her strong willed spirit continued to prevail. Her continuing health crisis gave her husband and daughter the opportunity to return the payment of love that Donna gave so freely.

Donna was admired and respected by many. Among those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Donald Campbell, her daughter, Shelly McGhee, her stepdaughters, Mashanda Winfrey, and Tamica Jones, her grandchildren, Jihad, Tracy Jr., Genavee and James, Jr. She is also survived by her sister Patricia Laverne Williams, and a host of cousins, aunts, sister and brother in-law, and other family members.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mae Williams, father, Beaufort Boaz and son, Kevan McGhee.

We will miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Soloist

Reflections

Obituary

Soloist

Eulogy

Rev. Curtis W. Belle Jr.

Recessional

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, dinner will be served at Clear View Baptist Church.

Happy Mother's Day

To you Mommy, we give so many thanks
Your love and guidance is worth more than millions in the bank.
For us, you have sacrificed most of your life.
Sometimes it was difficult but you never gave up the fight.
You stuck by our sides through thick and thin.
Even the times when you should have cut the string.
When we were younger our house was always the gathering spot
Our Mom was down to earth and wouldn't demand that our fun stop
You always offered emotional support and honest advice
Your opinion may have stung us, but you didn't think twice
You have always been a person in which I can depend
I guess that would make you, my best friend
A mother's job is never done
Your love has overflowed to my son.
To raise a child, it takes a village
You, Nanma are always ready and willing
Friends are often jealous of how you care for Jihad
Your love comes natural; it is not a facade.
Mommy, I thank you from the bottom of my heart
For the positive influence you have been from the start.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!!

WE LOVE YOU!!!!!

Shelly, Jihad & Kevan

May 10, 1999



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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