

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Deborah Mc Laurin-Fleming

FEBRUARY 12, 1956 - JULY 17, 2022



Thursday, July 28, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Congregation Baptist Church
399 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Mrs. Deborah Ann McLaurin-Fleming, daughter of the late Rufus and LeAnna McLaurin, was born on February 12, 1956, in Marlboro County, South Carolina. She attended Newark Public School System and graduated with her GED from East Orange Adult High School Community Education Center on June 14, 1985. On November 7, 1985, Deborah married the love of her life David Lee Fleming, they welcomed three beautiful daughters.

Deborah retired 40 years from Stop and Shop formerly Foodtown in Secaucus, New Jersey. Where she served as a shop steward for many years.

Earlier in life Deborah enjoyed baking, cooking, making her famous panty juice and shopping. She always ensured her family had awesome home cooked meals. Many of her family member's home recipes are based on her cooking. She loved to teach others to cook when they would call and inquire about how to make dishes. She often received requests for her baked goods and other dishes from family friends and co-workers. Deborah never left anyone hungry. She would feed those who needed a meal. Her dining table was a refuge for many. She was a fashionista when she stepped out for events. She enjoyed playing her Pick Its daily. She had a method for picking her numbers.

Sadly, on July 17, 2022, she entered eternal rest at Clara Mass Medical Center in Belleville, New Jersey.

Deborah was preceded in death by her husband, David Fleming, her parents, Rufus and LeAnna McLaurin, her love-in-law, Naomi McKnight and Italy Fleming, four sisters: Mary Alice Dupree, Yvonyah McLaurin, Margaret McLaurin-Hill (Dennis), Mary Ann McLaurin-Murray (Dexter), three brothers: John Edward McLaurin, Leroy McLaurin (Doris), and Bobby McLaurin, four brother-in-law: Arnold Fleming, William Fleming, John Purnell and Charles Hardy.

Deborah leaves to cherish and honor her memory, three daughters: Nadett Fleming, Shakema Fleming-Sanders, Ph.D., and Charlene Fleming and her son-in-law, Ryan Sanders. Along with ten grandchildren: Tamar Sanders, Derrick Fleming, Kiara Smith, De'Ja Baker, Tamia Gainer, Dene'Ja Baker, Ryan Sanders Jr., Damari Fleming, Rykia Sanders and Davida Stokes, great grandchildren: Aniyah Baker, Joelle Sanders, Amiyah Leonard, Karter Green, Aminah Gyamfi, Quayim Davis, Eva Williams, Elise Williams, Zaheer Sanders and three babies due the next couple of months, three sisters: Mary McLaurin-Purnell, Evonne McLaurin-Hardy and Brenda McLaurin-Polhill (Lonnie), five brothers: Malik McLaurin, Charles McLaurin, Henry McLaurin, Donald McLaurin and Lamont McLaurin (Sharon), two sister -in-law: Mia Young (Kevin) and Jennifer Williams (Nate), two brother-in-law: George Fleming (Kim) and John Fleming (Renee) and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

The Processional

Master of Ceremony

Music Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament Scripture: Tamar Sanders - 1 Corinthians 13

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Andre Coffee

SoloLady Rose

Reflections: 2 Minute limit each..... (enforced)/30 minutes max

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo.....Lady Rose

Eulogy.....Pastor Andre Coffee

Benediction

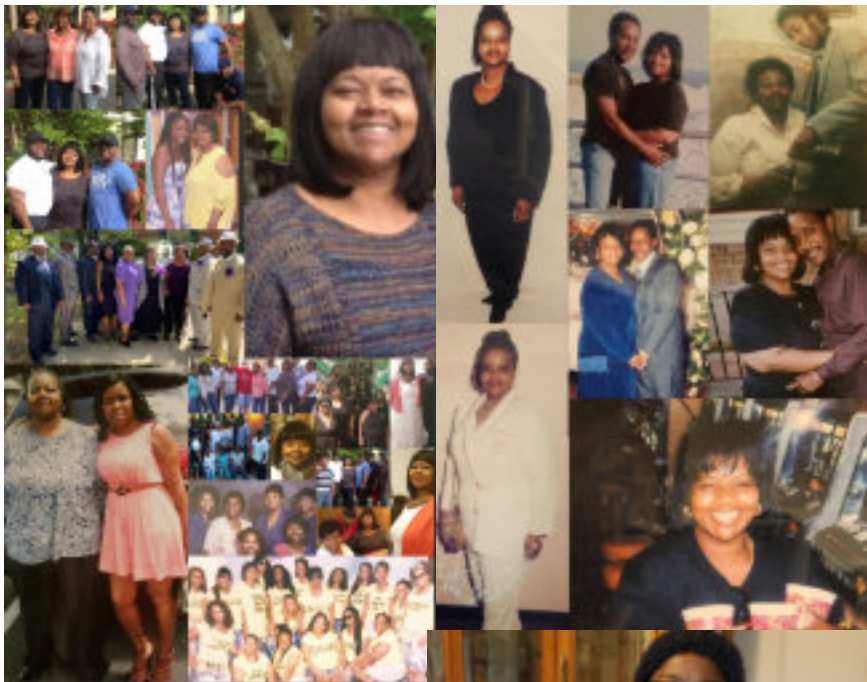
Procession

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Precious



Memories



Notes to Granny:

Granny,

You didn't sugar coat much. You always said, "Mar, you wearing jimmy hats, right?" Uh huh. I love you and will miss you. I am glad that you are with Pop-Pop now. Rest in peace.

Love, Tamar

Dear Granny,

You may not be here anymore but you live on. Just the other day sitting in my room listening to music, I could hear you in my ear saying, "Alright nah better be wearing them jimmies." I smiled and laughed as tears ran down my face.

Love you forever, Derrick

I know I was very lucky and thankful to have a Granny like you. I love you more than life itself. My very best friend, we literally did everything together. I really wish you could have held on much longer because you were to be here forever but that would seem selfish. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!! I will remind my children about you because you were the best person in the world. Tell my Pop-Pop I love and miss him too!

Love Keedah

Granny,

There are so many memories I'll always cherish from handmade costumes and the hot comb sizzling on my scalp to the last conversation we had about how fast life changes. See you later Granny. You will be missed.

Love De'Ja

Granny,

Although you cant be here with me, we're truly not apart until the final breath that I take. You will FOREVER be living in my heart.

Dene'Ja

Granny, my Angel,

I will always love and miss you. I'll make sure that I tell Qua all about you.

Love, Mia

Granny,

I love you and I'm glad that now you can finally rest in peace. It only hurts more because I would have loved for you to meet my son. May you watch over us so that you can be proud of the people that we have become.

Love, Ryan Jr.

Granny, I love you so much. I wish I got to see you more. Everytime we were on the phone you would be so interested in what's going on in my life than to talk what you were going through. You would ask, "Damari, you got a lil girlfriend?" and would have me cheeing hard and laughing because somehow you always knew. I'm gonna miss your voice Granny and most of all your presence. I'm gonna miss those calls, you was always so selfless.

I love you Granny.

Damari

To Granny,

You had one of the purest hearts and had such a beautiful soul. I will forever appreciate you for loving us the way that you did. Thank you.

Love Kiah

Granny was a funny, beautiful, loving, and kind person. We would always talk about my future and what would do when I got older. When I heard the news it was different because she was strong, independent woman. I love you Granny. You will always be in my heart.

Love Davida

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice say "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter, the memories.
The best life I lived when I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my body and soul is at rest.
Remembering how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Continue with life, don't worry about falls.
I love and miss you all dearly, so keep your head up.
Until that day comes we are all together again.*



Acknowledgement

If you offered a prayer or hugged us with silent words of condolences, we thank you. If you sent cards, flowers or called to see if we needed anything, we thank you. We are humbled by the outpouring of love and support. Comforted by those who shared laughter, tears and stories about our loved one with us. God's blessing upon each of you.

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