

In Loving Memory of



Mary Davis McPhail

February 24, 1936 - September 27, 2022

Thursday, October 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Chapels of Eden Funeral Home
110 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018

Obituary

Mary Davis McPhail was born to Estelle Walker & Levi Davis on February 24, 1936 in Wilson, North Carolina. She was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Mary went home to glory from Complete Care Medical Center on September 27, 2022 at the age of 86. Even though her death was the result of a severe stroke, initially after her stroke, she continued to show great strength and persevered in life until her transition.

Mary McPhail was a majorette in her high school band at Charles H. Darden High School, where she graduated in 1954. She later graduated with an Associate's Degree from Essex County College in August 1974 and a Bachelor's Degree from Bloomfield College in May 1986.

Mary worked in various occupations. To name a few, she was a dental assistant at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center as well as an after school teacher for children at Caramel Towers, also located in Newark.

Mary McPhail had a deep love for the Lord and her faith was unprecedented. She enjoyed gospel songs such as, "Jesus Loves Me," and "I Love the Lord," by Whitney Houston. Mary, along with her family, were members of Saint James A.M.E. Church in Newark NJ, and she loved to pray Psalm 23, the King James Version.

During her past time, Mary enjoyed making all kinds of arts and crafts for the children at school. She would keep some artwork at home to enjoy as well. She would also hum and sing soft melodies of joy to herself. During the holidays, Mary was deemed, "The Pie Queen," and would often bake at least four sweet potato pies while playing and singing Christmas songs.

Mary's fashion resembled that of Ava Gardner, Elizabeth Taylor, and Dorothy Dandridge and she always, "dressed to the nines," especially when it came to church. Mary will always be remembered as soft spoken, yet she spoke her mind whenever it was necessary.

Mary McPhail was preceded in death by her sister Earlene Wells, brother Clifton Walker Jr., daughters Lita McPhail-Roye and Charlyn McPhail-Washington, and son Barry McPhail Sr. Her legacy continues through her half-sister Susan Davis, sisters-in-law Annie McPhail-McCoy, Esther McPhail-Smith, and Minora McPhail-Hicks, brother-in-law Braxton McPhail, three grandchildren Torion Roye, Dr. Chalita Washington, and Barry McPhail Jr., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Celebration of Life

October 6, 2022 at 11am

Rev. Keshia Spencer – Officiating & Eulogist

Musical Prelude	Instrumental
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Keshia Spencer
Scripture Reading.....	Rev. Keshia Spencer
Old Testament: Jeremiah 29:11 NIV	
New Testament: John 14:1-3 KJV	
Solo Selection	Francene Finley
Obituary	Jacqueline Bussey
Remarks	Family/Friends (2 min.)
Solo Selection	Francene Finley
Eulogy	Rev. Keshia Spencer
	Associate Minister, Saint James AME
Church, Newark	
Final Viewing.....	Open
Recessional	Clergy and Family

Interment

*Evergreen Cemetery
1137 North Bergen St.
Hillside, New Jersey 07205*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-Author Unknown



Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere
thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.*

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.


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