

In Loving Memory of Mother

In quiet repose, she rests now,
A gentle soul who gave us so much.
Her love was a beacon, a guiding star,
A mother's touch that reached so far.
Her laughter, a melody, a sweet refrain,
A harmony that lingers, a tender strain.
In every moment, her spirit near,
A whisper of love for us to hear.
In times of darkness, her memory shines,
A beacon of hope, through the darkest nights.
Her love remains, a gift we hold,
A treasure more precious than silver or gold.
In the garden of memories, she blooms anew,
A flower, a mother, a love so true.
Her spirit lives on, in each of us,
A legacy of love, a bond that's just.
So let us remember, as we gather here,
The love of a mother, forever near.
Her strength and grace, her wisdom, too,
A gift we carry, as we continue.
Though her body rests, her spirit soars,
A mother's love, forevermore.
In loving memory, we honor her name,
A mother, a guide, an eternal flame.

Love, Sheila

My Mom, My Mentees, My Hero....

I don't know where to begin...This hits differently...NEVER did I, or could I, ever imagine life without you. Our family foundation is strong because of the ethics, morals, and Christian principles you and Pops instilled in all of us. You were our rock and the glue that held us all together. Because of God's grace and mercy, and your love, strength, wisdom, and everything you poured into us, we will continue press forward as I know you want us to do (and yes, we will act accordingly... lol). You don't have to worry, I will let you and Pops rest and will never take my hand off the plow. I know that God knows best, and you are no longer in pain and are rejoicing in heaven with Jesus! Until we dance our two-step together again in heaven, rest well my Queen!

Love always, your favorite daughter, Tami

My Dearest Lady Byrd,

My jewel of inestimable value. I am grateful that God blessed me with a Mother who loved me for me and was strong enough to teach me to put God first, right from wrong, and correct me when I veered off course; but was gentle enough to instill the value of family, morals, a keen fashion sense, and the ability to rise above. Words cannot express how I feel and the way my heart aches knowing that you're not physically here but I take comfort that you are no longer suffering and are with the Lord.

Love Always,
Your Mini-Me

Grandma...

Your spirit lives on inside our hearts,
We're all better because of you and things we've been taught...
When we reminisce on your spiritual lessons
Needless to say, you are one of our most precious blessings...
Your heart is huge and pure, from which you would pour a river of love.
We all know you're doing the same, from the clouds above...
So, give Grandpop a hug from all of us now that you are together again,
And know that we love you dearly... until we meet again...

Love you Grandma,
Your Grandchildren

Interment

Thursday, June 15, 2023
Washington Crossing National Cemetery
830 Highland Road | Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness after the passing of our loved one. It is through your comfort we have found strength. Thank you for every visit, phone call, text, and most of all, your prayers. May God bless each of you.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



PASTOR

Minnie McRAE

Sunrise

January 11, 1938

Sunset

June 3, 2023

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Viewing: 9:00 AM | Service: 10:00 AM

MOTHER AFRICAN ZOAR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3259 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140

Obituary

We gather today to honor and cherish the life of one of God's most precious angels, PASTOR MINNIE MCRAE. Pastor McRae, 85, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was called home to God's beautiful garden early Saturday morning on June 3, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Minnie was born in Shannon, North Carolina, to Thelma and Henry McCullough on January 11, 1938. Minnie accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 11 years old. She was also educated in the Shannon, North Carolina, school system.

Minnie was fond of traveling and had the pleasure of exploring and living in various states. In 1967, she made Philadelphia, PA, her home, and Minnie and James McRae were united in holy matrimony. Their union produced a blended family consisting of Herbert F. McArthur, Jr., James T. McArthur, Sheila M. McArthur (Goslee), Tamiko McRae (Wilkerson), and Natasha McRae.

In addition to being an amazing wife and wonderful mother and grandmother, Pastor Minnie possessed a plethora of other skills and gifts. In the secular world she successfully held the position of Financial Analyst for over 35 years with Primerica Insurance Company.

In 2008, Pastor McRae accepted her calling to preach the gospel and was ordained by Reverend Harry W. Davis of Holy Temple Baptist Church. Pastor McRae served as an Associate Minister of Holy Temple for three years. In 2011, Pastor McRae was called to the next step in her journey and was installed as the Founder and Pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church on Sunday, March 20, 2011, by Reverend Harry W. Davis. Pastor McRae's ministry was not confined to inside the church, it extended throughout the city and positively impacted the neighborhoods through community outreach services, sponsoring youth sporting events, food and clothing drives, women empowerment events, and support to other churches. Pastor McRae was an active member of the 6:30 a.m. prayer line, in which everyone enjoyed Tuesday's "To the Throne of Grace with Pastor Minnie". She also regularly attended and supported both Temple of Prayer Ministries and Gethsemane Temple Worship Center, where she shared her time, talents, and wisdom.

Pastor McRae was a true example of what is defined in the Bible (Proverbs 31:10-31) as a "Virtuous Woman." Pastor McRae had a true heart for the Lord and always let it shine in every aspect of her life. She would help anyone in need and give anyone the clothes off her back without any hesitation. Her wisdom, support, and infectious laughter will be missed by all who knew her. She truly made this world a better place.

Pastor McRae was preceded in death by: her husband, James; mother, Thelma; father, Henry; stepfather, Robert; sisters, Bertha May and Mary; sons, Herbert Jr. and Thomas; grandson, Michael; and granddaughter, Shanell.

Pastor McRae is survived by: her daughters, Sheila (Dennis) Goslee, Reverend Tamiko (Thomas) McRae-Wilkerson, and Natasha McRae; grandsons, Jasmin, Dennis Jr. (Shonda), Javar (Nikita), David, and James; granddaughters, Tasheka (Dave), Sheila, Kelona, Veronica, Ashley, and Kisha (Tyrone); nurse's aide, Vernell, David, and Tiffany; and a host of beloved cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends, and sons and daughters in Christ.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Brother James Cauley, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Praise..... *We've Come This Far By Faith*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Pastor Andre Alexander

New Testament Bishop Linda Calhoun

Selection..... Derek McGhee

Prayer of Comfort Deaconess Helen Monroe

Selection..... Sister Sabrina Simpson-Carter

Acknowledgments Deaconess Beverly Withers

Family Remarks..... Reverend Tamiko McRae-Wilkerson

Remarks *Respectfully, Two Minutes, Please*

Obituary Brother Mark Roane

Selection..... Psalmist Renee Robinson-Way

Eulogy Pastor Anthony Beard

Song of Victory..... *Goin' Up Yonder*

Final Viewing

Benediction..... Pastor Anthony Beard

Recessional Clergy and Family

Repast

Immediately Following the Service

Taj Majal Event Center

2613 Hunting Park Avenue | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19129

(Near Hunting Park Avenue and Fox Street)