

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Marcelene Rush Washington*

*Sunrise  
Sept. 29, 1951*

*Sunset  
March 11, 2024*



*Saturday March 16, 2024  
12:00*

*Mission Ridge M.B. Church  
Preston, MS*

*Rev. Charles Griffin, Pastor/Officiating  
Dr. Geraldine Rush, Mistress of Ceremonies*

# Obituary

**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7**

Marcelene Rush Washington was born on Sept 29, 1951, in Preston, MS, to the late Johnnie and Eva Rush, the fifth of ten children. She departed this life on March 11, 2024, at Methodist South Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Marcelene, affectionately known as “Pookie” by family and friends accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Mission Ridge M.B. Church. She later united with Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church in Memphis, TN. After graduating from Whisenton High School in 1969, she attended Rust College and received a degree in early childhood education. Marcelene had a love for children and her career centered around children, especially young children. She was the director of The Walter Simmons Daycare Center for many years before working in headstart as a family service worker until her retirement.

Marcelene met Ralph Washington during her days at Rust College and was united in marriage with him in March of 1971 until his death. To this union, three boys were born. She later met and married Julius Harris in August of 2002. He also preceded her in death.

Pookie had a wonderful way with words and was known in the family for her sense of humor, maintaining it to the end. Not only was she greatly loved by her family, but the countless number of children and parents she met during her many years in education.

Marcelene is preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie and Eva, her husbands, Ralph and Julius, two siblings, Larry & Earnest, and a nephew, B.J. She leaves to cherish her memories her sons: Michael, Memphis, TN; Ernest (Tamekia) of Chula Vista, California; and Robert (Edwina) of Hiroshima, Japan; eight grandchildren: Brittini, Da’jai, Hamilton, Ben, Ernest, Jr. (EJ), Mosi, Layla, and Anaya, and 4 great grandchildren: seven siblings: Johnnie M., of Memphis, TN; Marcell (Dorothy) of Denver, CO; Willie (Geraldine) of Nesbit, MS; Linda (Ransom) of Olive Branch, MS, Billy and Debra of Preston, MS, and Jerome of Dekalb, MS, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....	Ministers & Family
Scripture/Prayer.....	Dr. Geraldine Rush
Solo.....	Sis. Berline Rush
Expressions (2 minutes please).....	Family & Friends
Acknowledgments.....	Dr. Geraldine Rush
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Words of Comfort.....	Rev. B.M. Pittman
Solo .....	Sis. Berline Rush
Eulogy.....	Rev. Charles Griffin

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

## She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,  
Or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back.  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her.  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday.  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and only that she is gone,  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back...  
Or you can do what she would have wanted:  
Smile, Open your eyes, Love, and go on.  
.....Until we meet again!!!

Helen Steiner Rice

## We Had a Wonderful Sister

We had a wonderful sister,  
One who never really grew old:  
Her smile was made of sunshine  
And her heart was solid gold.  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see  
We had a wonderful sister,  
And that's the way it will always be

Love,  
Your Sisters and Brothers

***Flower Bearers***

Nieces & Cousins

***Pallbearers***

Cousins

***Interment***

Friendship Cemetery- Gholson, MS

***Repast***

Mission Ridge M.B. Church Fellowship Hall

***Acknowledgments***

If you thought about her and could not find the time to visit

We thank you for your thoughtfulness

If you were concerned about her health

And could not do anything but wish her well.

We thank you for your concern.

If you took the time to ask God's blessing of her

We thank you for your prayers

If you called to inquire about her welfare,

We thank you for remembering.

We thank you for your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness

As we celebrate and remember our mother, sister,  
grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend.

We ask God's blessing for you always.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

***Beck Funeral Home, Inc.***



