

**PALLBEARERS
FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Sherrod Cliett Troy Jones
Keith Cosby Marques McCrary
Greg Dennis Roderick Washington

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

PCHS CLASS OF 85

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the Family, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, flowers, food, calls and other expressions of sympathy shown during our hour of bereavement.

THE FAMILY

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*You Never Said
Goodbye*

You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.

In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.



INTERMENT
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

REPAST
Welcome Home Community Ministries
404 MLK Drive (Hwy 341 North)
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR
DEDREA MCCRARY**

SUNRISE
August 10, 1967

SUNSET
October 3, 2023



Monday, October 9, 2023
11:00 A..M.

Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel
1011 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Reverend Greg Williams, Officiating





REMEMBERING DEDREA

On August 10, 1967, God blessed Sham and Mary Cosby Adkins of Fort Valley, Georgia with a beautiful baby girl whom they named **Dedrea Pierre McCrary**. On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, while surrounded by her loving family she departed from this life while a patient at Houston Health Care in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Dedrea received her early education from the Peach County School District. After completing all requirements for her high school diploma in 1985, she chose to continue her education by enrolling at Fort Valley State University. She earned several degrees: first, a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, followed by a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and later, an Education Specialist Degree. During her career as an educator, she was employed by the Bibb County School District in Macon, Georgia where she served as Assistant Principal at Burghard Elementary School for 17 years before retiring.

On February 14, 1996 she was joined in Holy Matrimony to the love of her life, Alfred McCrary. Prior to losing her sight, she enjoyed reading all types of literature and watching TV. Dedrea was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Dedrea was preceded in death by her father, Sham Adkins; sister, Shamvetta Adkins and niece, Brittany Adkins.

Dedrea is survived by her devoted husband, Alfred McCrary; mother, Mary Adkins; sons: Sheridan Cliett, Roderick Washington, Marque McCrary; sisters: Karen Jones (Troy), and Tara Adkins Wise; brothers: Donnie McCrary, Steve McCrary and Stanley McCrary; nieces: Tiara, Taylor, T'Erica, Tyler, London, Danielle and Nicole.



Officiating, Rev. Greg Williams

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL & LAST VIEWING

Clergy, Family, & Friends

MUSICAL SELECTION

Keith Cosby, Cousin

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reverend Greg Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Pastor, Angela Wootson

New Testament

Pastor, Gabriel Hicks

REFLECTIONS

(Please Limit to 3 Minutes)

Classmates & Friends of Dedrea

MUSICAL SELECTION

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Reverend Greg Williams

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