

*Paula Ann
McFarlin*



December 6, 1959 ~ May 18, 2023

Sunrise

Sunset

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 27, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

3515 Yellowstone Blvd. ~ Houston, Texas 77021

Officiant & Eulogist - Dr. Theodore Baines, Sr. Pastor

Obituary

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

- Psalm 23 (NJK)



Paula Ann McFarlin was born December 6, 1959, in Houston, Texas, to Isaac Richard McFarlin III and Boretha Mae Lockett McFarlin and was the oldest of six children. She departed from this life to eternal rest on May 18, 2023, at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Paula attended Whidby and Foster Elementary, Cullen Middle School, Jesse Jones, and Houston Night High Schools. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Peters Apostle Catholic Church. Paula later joined Joy Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Louis P. Jolivette and served there for nearly 20 years. She later fellowshipped with New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Peace in the Valley Church, and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church under Dr. Theodore Baines, Senior Pastor.

Paula had a big heart and was all about family. She was a caregiver to her father and mother before they passed away. Paula always gave more of herself than was expected, and her sacrifice did not go unnoticed. She has earned her Crown in Glory.

Paula worked for over 45 years in various jobs; Texas Commerce Bank, LabCorp, and Jesse Jackson Charter School, to name a few. In 2002 she earned her Associate of Arts in Social Work from Houston Community College; In 2007, Paula received a Bachelor of Arts in Science (Christian Counseling) from the College of Biblical Studies; She worked as a Counselor at Gateway Foundation from 2008 – 2011. She was a Certified Criminal Justice Addiction Counselor from 2010 – 2016 and pursued her master’s degree at University of Phoenix until becoming her mother’s primary caregiver.

Paula enjoyed singing, Sudoku, Crossword Puzzles, board games, and watching Hallmark movies. She was a Spades Champion.

Paula is preceded in death by her father and mother, Isaac McFarlin III and Boretha McFarlin; Fraternal Grandparents: Isaac McFarlin Jr. and Mary Bell McFarlin; Maternal Grandparents: Watt and Maline Lockett; One Brother: Isaac “Ricky” McFarlin IV; Two Nephews: Demaine Smith and Damonie Deal and a host of Aunts and Uncles.

Paula Ann leaves to cherish her memories her Son Cantrell McFarlin; three Grandchildren: Tytiana Winters-Williams, Isaac McFarlin, and Isaiah McFarlin, all of Houston, TX; Four Brothers: Ronald (Andre) McFarlin; Kevin (Beverly) McFarlin; Russell (Cynthia) McFarlin; Marvin (Christa) McFarlin and One Sister-In-Law Angela McFarlin all of Houston, TX; Four Godchildren: Lisa Jolivette Harris, Brittany McFarlin, April Stephens, and LaKisha Smith all of Houston, TX; and host of Nieces, Nephews, extended family and friends.



Order of Service

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Prelude – Soft Music

Processional – Minister & Family

Selection - *I've Already Been to the Water*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – *Pastor Conrell Lockett, III.*

New Testament – *Pastor Able Jolivette, Sr.*

Prayer of Comfort – Deacon Donald McFarlin

Selection – Long As I Got King Jesus

Mime – Kevin C. McFarlin, II

Obituary – Read Silently

Resolutions ♦ Acknowledgements ♦ Cards

Family Expressions:

Son & Grandchildren – Ashley Wiley

Siblings – Ronald McFarlin

Aunts & Uncles – Sis. Doris Lewis

Nieces/Nephews – DeShunna McFarlin

Hymn of Comfort – *Rev. Danny Robinson*

Eulogy

Recessional



Tributes of Love

I Love You Mama,

Words seem to fail me when I reflect on my mother's life. I am truly fortunate to be her son and it's an honor to call her my mom. I feel like it would take a lifetime for me to write all of the beautiful memories we shared together. You raised me and cared for my two boys. You were there every step of the way. We're forever in your debt. Mama you were my shoulder to lean on, my secret keeper, my best friend, mentor, counselor, basically everything I could ask for and much more. All the long talks and words of encouragement you always gave will truly be missed. You are forever in my heart, always on my mind together again we will be, all in God's time. Rest now, Mama, I'll be okay because I carry you with me every single day.

~ Your Son, Cantrell ~

To Our Grandmother

We know you are no longer here, it's so hard to say.
Every now and then we cry a little tear.
Then we remember you're with us every day.
You gave us the encouragement and unconditional love we needed.
You were always there when we needed you.
We promise to never forget Our Sweet Pea.
You gave us words of wisdom that will always guide us through life
And make us outstanding adults.
We are honored and grateful for all of the fun
memories and time we spent together.

~ We Love You

Sweet Pea - Tot, Isaac, and Saiah

"She Was Different"

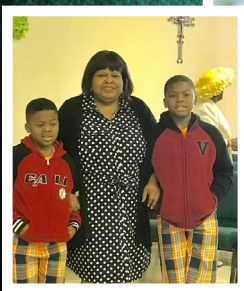
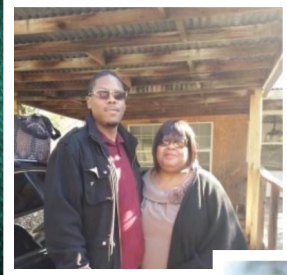
Paula was different; She was special and unique in a thousand ways,
She was giving, she was loving, and we will miss her all our days.
Some people strive for praise; They yearn for the world and applause.
There are those who chase a lavish lifestyle as their only cause,
but Paula was different...

And so instead of mourning as we remember our sister in this hour.
We really should be celebrating the sixty-three plus years
God filled her with his power.

Forgive us Lord, for crying and wishing Paula were here.
As we remember the Family Reunions, Birthday Celebrations,
Or just a Sunday Dinner; we know she is always near.
Yes, you see; Paula was different...

She was a writer, singer, dancer, and a fierce protector
Of her brothers and we loved her so dear.

~ Your Brothers - Ronald, Kevin, Russell & Marwin ~



Dear Auntie,

We want to thank you for leaving your imprint on all of us.
Thank you for being raw, authentic, and unapologetically you.
We can only pray that one day we can embody just a little bit of all you possessed within.
Your passion for family was undeniable and your love unforgettable.
You loved unselfishly; even when wronged, you chose to let the Godliness in you prevail.
You radiated positivity, choosing forgiveness over resentment, and love over hate.
We pray that each and everyone of us can learn from Auntie's profound ability to always rise
Above negativity serve as a lesson. God thank you for lending her to us.
Get your rest pretty lady!

~ Love your nieces & nephews - La Toya, Devonna, Teisha,
Ashley, Dewunna, Brittany, Shaquita, Deshunna, Chasity, Porche, Jada,
Kevin II & Semaj ~

Sister My Sister

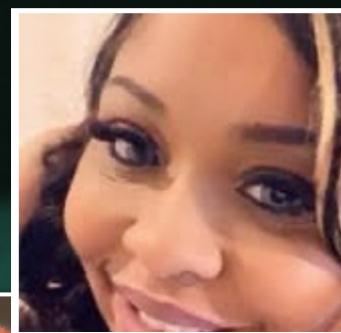
Stronger than the winds, deeper than the seas, she was the best sister-in-law that could ever be.
Loved by all, far and near, our loving memories will never fade away.
Dying suddenly left a hole in our hearts.
No time for goodbye or to tell you how much we loved you.
Every day that goes by we will be thinking of you.
You were our sister from another mother.
Our sisterly bond so strong that not even in death can it be broken.
We wish we could call you, just to talk and laugh with you.
We miss you more each day and we love you now and forever.

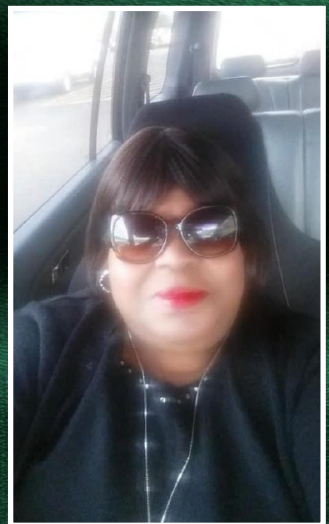
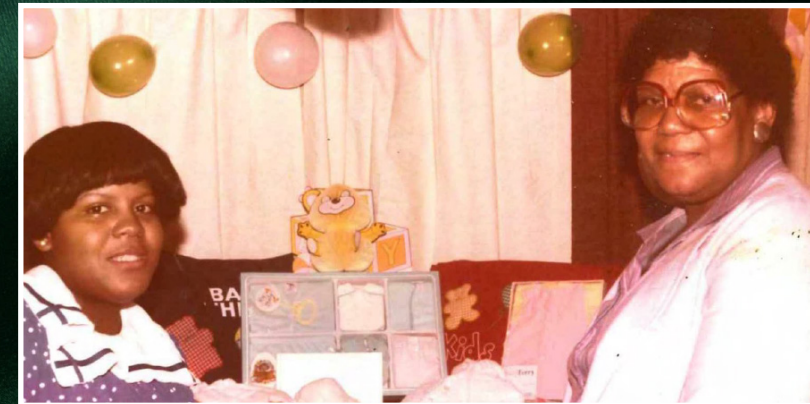
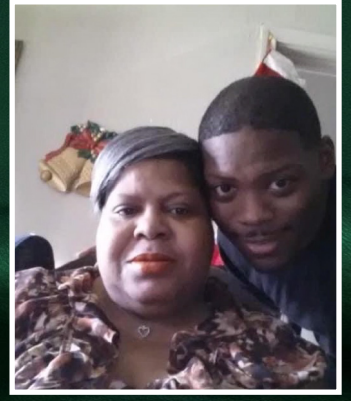
• Your Sisters In Law - Andre,
Angie, Beverly, Cynthia & Chris •

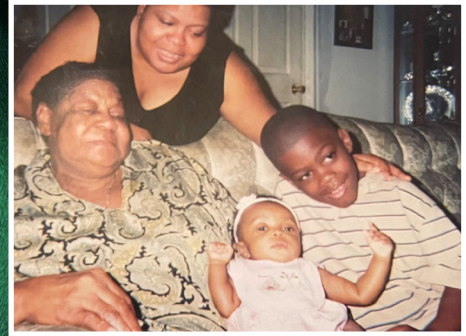
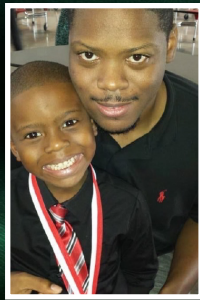
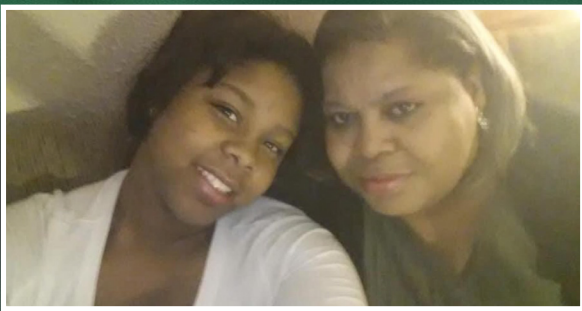
A Special Godmother,

A God Mother just like you
We just want to let you know
You meant the world to us
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly.
The day you left and gained your wings our heart just broke in two
We wish you could have stayed with us.
You left us with the memories, and we love you dearly.
You were an incredibly special person with kindness in your heart.
We know we cannot bring you back although we wish it every day.
A piece of us went with you the day you went away.
We appreciate all you did
Richly blessed is how we feel
Having a Godmother just like you!

~ Love Your Godchildren - Lisa, Brittany, April & LaKesha ~







Active Pall Bearers

Kevin C. McFarlin II
Calvin Watson
Nickolus Owino
Denaron Aitch
Dre Aiden Bernard
Dontae Johnson

Honorary Pall Bearers

Calvin Lockett
Gus Thomas Jr.
Donald Lockett
Elton Volter Jr.
Perry Lockett
Donald McFarlin Jr.
Barry Carroll
Kenneth McFarlin
Omar Lewis
Michael McFarlin
Kevin Carroll
Troy Bowie
Stanley Williams
Semaj McFarlin

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank each of you for your words of encouragement, visits, cards, flowers, hugs, and other acts of kindness shown during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

A special thanks to DeVita Med Center Dialysis and Houston Methodist Hospital
(Walter Tower 12th Floor MMIC Unit) Doctors, Nurses, and Staff
that assisted our loved one throughout her illness.
We deeply appreciate your kindness and care.
- The Family

Interment

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