

Order of Service



Family Processional

Invocation
Bishop Rosette Coney

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings
Charlene Jones
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-3

Selection- "Encourage Yourself"
Minister Tamika Clark

Reading of Condolences
Ursula Days

Selection- "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
Rasheed Knox

Reading of the Obituary
Davina Vaughan

Sermonic Selection
Bishop Rosette Coney

Eulogy
Bishop Rosette Coney

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Private



Pall Bearers

Michael McClendon, Shawn McClendon, Robert McClendon, Eric Roach Jr., Chad Vaughan, Alfred Jones, Travon Jessup



Acknowledgements

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, and prayers during our time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each of you in His tender loving care.

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In Loving Memory of Our Beloved

MAXINE A. McClendon



Sunrise
JULY 8, 1956

Sunset
DECEMBER 26, 2024

Funeral Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

Viewing 10:00 am - Service 11:00 am

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Her Life Story

Maxine Autrey McClendon, also known as “Sugar” was born on July 8, 1956, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Homer D. McClendon Sr. and Anna Mae McClendon. Maxine was educated in the Philadelphia School System. She attended Overbrook High School, later continuing her education at the Community College of Philadelphia, where she earned an Associate’s Degree. Maxine’s pursuit of knowledge never wavered, and she later earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Technology from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences. Her passion for learning and technology led her to complete over a year and a half of credits toward her Master’s degree.

Maxine shared her life with her late fiance, Emmanuel Williams. From their union, five beautiful children were born: Michael McClendon, Erica McClendon, Shawn McClendon, Mykeisha McClendon, and Robert McClendon. Maxine was deeply committed to her role as a mother, nurturing them with love, wisdom, and care.

Maxine was a woman of many talents. A gifted communicator, she developed a love for broadcasting, which led her to pursue training in the field. Her radio name was “Maxine Brown.” She also nurtured an entrepreneurial spirit, founding Sun Sound Concerts, an entertainment business created to bring live music and performances to the community. Maxine’s love for gospel and R&B music was a defining aspect of her life, as she regularly attended concerts at The MET in Philadelphia, The Apollo Theater in Harlem, and churches in Washington, DC, and Maryland. One of her most cherished memories was developing a lasting friendship with the Mighty Clouds of Joy and The Whispers, two groups she held dear.

Beyond her musical interests, Maxine had a love for travel. She explored the Caribbean on several cruises and visited numerous states across the U.S., where she built friendships and shared experiences with many people. Maxine’s zest for life was matched by her commitment to the community. She was an active member of the Black Political Congress in Philadelphia and served on the committee that hosted Winnie Mandela, the former wife of South African President Nelson Mandela.



Maxine’s professional life was marked by her dedication to public service. She worked for the Department of Public Welfare, the Martin L. King Center, the Veterans Administration, and the Mayor’s Office of Community Service, among others. She also volunteered for various causes and organizations, always seeking to uplift those around her.

A woman of faith, Maxine was raised in the Baptist tradition, later joining the North Philadelphia Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1978. Maxine also studied with the Jehovah’s Witnesses for over a year. She continued to explore spiritual growth and was a member of Impacting Your World Non-Denominational Church upon her move to North Carolina in 2012. Maxine returned to Philadelphia in 2024 to be closer to her family and receive better healthcare.

Maxine will be lovingly remembered by her children: Michael McClendon, Erica McClendon, Shawn McClendon, and twins Mykeisha and Robert McClendon; her siblings, Belinda Redick, Deborah Roach, and Homer D. McClendon Jr. (Arnetta); grandchildren, Robert McClendon Jr., Rahmeer Hunter, Montez McClendon, Simyra McClendon, Mikayla McClendon, Madison McClendon, and Azoni McClendon; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Maxine’s legacy of kindness, intelligence, and boundless love for her family and community will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Though she is no longer with us, we take comfort in knowing that she is resting until the Lord returns.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

