



Mrs. Darnella Dupree McCants

April 6, 1942 - November 30, 2013

Darnella Dupree McCants departed this earthly life on Saturday November 13, 2013 at Kindred South West Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Born in Sumter County on April 6, 1942, she was the youngest of three children and fraternal twin of the late Leon and Annie Lou Pearson Dupree.

Raised in a christian home, she began her spiritual journey at Union Station AME Church and served faithfully in many capacities including: Sun Beam Choir, Usher Board, Sunday School, Sanctuary Choir, Stewardess Board #4, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Director for Vacation Bible School, artistic floral design, Bible and Hymnal donor. Darnella had a continuing passion and gift of ministry that she carried with her throughout her christian journey. In 2004 she was affiliated with First Metropolitan Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. In 2008, after moving to Fort Worth, Texas she became affiliated with McMillan United Methodist Church. Any ministry that she was asked to be associated with she shared her gifts and talents artistically and as an educator wherever they were needed.

Darnella was a graduate of Lincoln High School class of 1960 and Morris College class of 1964. While at Morris College she was a coronation queen. She earned her BS degree in elementary education in 1964 and earned her Masters Degree from the University of South Carolina in 1980. She received Special Education Certification from Francis Marion College. Darnella began her teaching career in Lake City, South Carolina. She was employed in Sumter School District 17 for over 30 years and taught primarily and retired

from Wilder Elementary School. After retirement, she taught in the Lee County School District. She was among the first group of educators during the integration of public schools in Sumter County.

In her spare time she enjoyed cooking, reading, Bible study, traveling, decorating, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She met and married William McCants Jr, and to this union four children were born: William Jared, Joycelyn Ann, Reginald Darnel, and Regina Darnita. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two nephews, Karl and Samuel (Lynn) Pitts whom she loved dearly.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: William Jared, Joycelyn and her fiancé John Cowan, Reginald and Regina (Stacey) Reardon. Grandchildren include: Aja McCants, Jared Collin, William Cameron, Justin Prince, Paris Prince, Milani Reardon, Zane Reardon and Zion Reardon; two sisters, Rhunetta Dupree (Samuel) Pitts and Mae Thelma Dupree Meggie of Sumter. Three nephews Rodney (Jere) Pitts of Sumter, Derrick (Jackie) Meggie of Columbia, South Carolina and Russell (Karla) Meggie of Frisco, Texas; one niece, Denise Pitts (Samuel) Addison of Charlotte, North Carolina and a host of other relatives and friends.

Children in Christ include: Eglon (Brian) Davis, Ronald Brown, Steven Jones, Johnny Prince Jr., Carlos Oliver, Tony Brown, David Furman, Rachael Sinclair, Cynthia Cowan-Neely, Frances Wimberly and Irene Canada. A cherished caregiver and friend, Malinda Allen, who was like a daughter.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Darnella Dupree McCants*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs. McCants. It is difficult to lose someone we love. However we can find comfort in God's promise to resurrect those who have died. Notice Acts 24:15 gives us hope and comfort. May you find peace in reading this and other verses concerning God's promise to remember our loved ones.*

Darlene McCombs

Darlene McCombs - December 14, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ *Regina, Reggie, Joyce, and Jared,*

I wanted to send my condolences to you and your family. The loss a mother is one of the toughest things one may be forced to endure. I pray that you let the peace of god that transcends all understanding guide your hearts and minds through this time of sorrow.

Continue to love each other, support each other, and endure.

*Sincerely,
Al Johnson
Laurel, MD*

Al Johnson - December 09, 2013 at 08:12 AM

CH

“ The the family of Mrs. McCants, She was my teacher at Wilder Elementary and believe it or not she was really the only teacher I remember because was so kind and easy with helping me. My prayers and strenght goes out to you all and I pray that God bless you and the memory of you loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Friend.

Colette Lane Higgins
Atlanta, Ga

Colette Higgins - December 07, 2013 at 03:20 PM

MR

“ To the family-I had the pleasure of teaching with Darnella for many years at Wilder Elementary. She was a kind and caring teacher always doing the best for her students. She will be remembered for her lovely smile and impact she had on so many young lives. May God extend you his blessings and sweet memories of her time with us here.

Marsha T riggs - December 07, 2013 at 05:31 AM

SJ

“ Ms. McCants and I were new friends and I feel kind of cheated that I didn't have near enough time spent with her for I liked her so much. Jared, Joyce, Reggie, Regina, and all of the family, remember that your loss is shared by many friends who care and that you're in our thoughts, hearts and in our every prayer. Say not, in grief, that she has gone, but give thanks that she was yours.



sandra Jones-Holland - December 06, 2013 at 11:02 PM

PS

“ Sending my deepest sympathy for your family I was in your moms wedding as a flower girl my name was Patricia Benjamin I remember it lke it was yesterday you"ll mom was a very nice person but just knw she is in better place but she is still watching over you'll.

Patricia Smalls - December 06, 2013 at 10:40 PM

JH

“ May God continue to bless and keep your family during your time of loss.

Mrs. Janie Holland

Janie Holland - December 06, 2013 at 08:12 PM

KJ

“ To Jared, Joyce, Reggie and Regina,

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your mother. Your mother and my mother (Rosa S. Jones) were dear friends and colleagues. My prayers and thoughts are with your entire family.

*William S. Jones
Kevin K. Jones*

Kevin K. Jones - December 06, 2013 at 07:31 AM

YN

“ Praying for your family strength during the loss of your mother. Remembering she was a second mother to all the children in Union Station. She will truly be missed to all who knew her.

Yolanda Nellis and Family

Yolanda Nellis - December 06, 2013 at 05:49 AM

JR

“*Mrs. McCants, you were always so sweet to me. I am so sad that you are gone, but I know you are resting without pain. Please give my dad a kiss and hug! Please know you will be missed. Love you Jackie Holland-Richardson*

Jacqueline Richardson - December 05, 2013 at 08:41 PM

RM

I, too, hereby express my sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. McCants. She was one of the nicest persons that I've had the pleasure of knowing.

Life includes many things that are good and valuable, offering us great pleasure and satisfaction. But in the words of Apostle Paul, nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ our Lord!

May our beautiful Lord give each of you an unexpected surprise of joy before every sunset of your life!

*Love and prayers,
Ruthell Anderson Muldrow and Family*

Ruthell Anderson Muldrow - December 07, 2013 at 06:39 AM