



Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride

July 17, 1938 - May 8, 2025

Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride, affectionately known as “Honey,” departed her earthly life on Thursday May 8, 2025, at Riverside Nursing Facility in Covington, Georgia. Born in Oswego, SC (Sumter County) on July 17, 1938, she was the fourth child of the late Walter and Nora Lee Dubose McLeod, Jr.

Martha was a member of Clark UMC (childhood) and Ebenezer AMEC (marriage). Upon moving to Atlanta, GA, she was affiliated with Dodd Sterling UMC and was a member of Atlanta Community Church. She received her early childhood education from Mayesville Institute in Mayesville, South Carolina. She completed her diploma while attending Mount Pleasant High School in Elliott, South Carolina.

She was employed by Tuomey Hospital as a nursing assistant, providing love and care for invalid people, and later at Wateree Community Actions in Sumter, SC, where she developed programs to help adolescents and support early childhood development, as well as various community actions in Atlanta, GA. Mother also received her Evangelist certificate to counsel those in need of religious support.

Our mother’s favorite hobbies included attending to her flowers and gardening, as well as preparing meals. She was also a Gospel music

enthusiast

and a fashionista who loved to travel. Mother was a member of the Eastern Star Organization of Atlanta until her health start failing.

Her hands were rarely still. Whether she was tending to her flowers, preparing a delicious meal, or selecting the perfect outfit, Martha found joy in the details. She loved gospel music, and her sense of style was unmatched. Wherever she went, her spirit lit up the room.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: Eugene Davis (first husband), Julius McBride (second husband), sons Grandele “Bo” McLeod and a foster son Jonathan Allen; two sisters Mabel M. Chestnut and Azalee Lee Robinson; and one brother Timothy McLeod.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: Four daughters — Cynthia Davis Parker (Melvin) of Charlotte, NC; Doroctha D. Glover (Paris) of Conyers, GA; Wondra Davis-Farmer (Earnest) of College Park, GA; Montini D. Gates (Jackson) of Conyers, GA, Stepdaughter Roger Mae Wheeler of Mayesville, SC. Two sons — London Davis (NeKayah) of Indian Land, SC; and Renault Davis (Connie) of Sumter, SC; Brandon Hitchcock of Atlanta, GA; Eight bonus children (McBride’s) Julia Mae Gaye, Willie Mae Reid (James), Mary Alice Ellis, Carol Leslie (Lester), Lester McBride, Bernard McBride (Valerie), Willie McBride, Julius McBride Jr., and David McBride (deceased); Sixteen grandchildren — Celeste Robinson, Shon Buchanan, Rodney Davis, Sharis Nicholson, Viondi Davis, Akil Benjamin, Kelly Davis-Carter, Ashley Benjamin, Mario Davis, Jasmine Davis, Dennis Davis, Charity Gates, Kira Gates, Christian Farmer, Cionne Gates, and Kyle Gates. Seventeen great-grandchildren, Nine great-great-grandchildren; Five brothers — Harry McLeod of Sumter, SC, Leroy McLeod (Hattie) of Mayesville, SC, Jacob McLeod (Connie) of Mayesville, SC. Abraham McLeod of Sumter, SC and Sam White (Hazelree) of Sumter, SC. Three

sisters — Dorothy M. Myers and Lillian Williams (Isaac) of Sumter, and Lillian White of Sumter, SC.

A host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mayesville Comm. Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

A Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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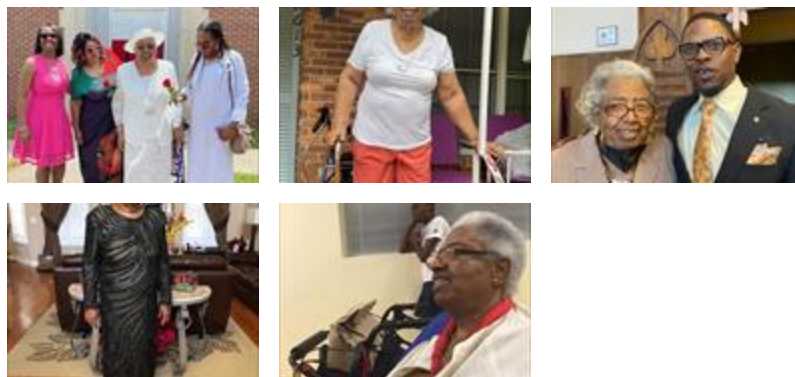
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Montini Gates - November 16, 2025 at 09:05 PM

WD

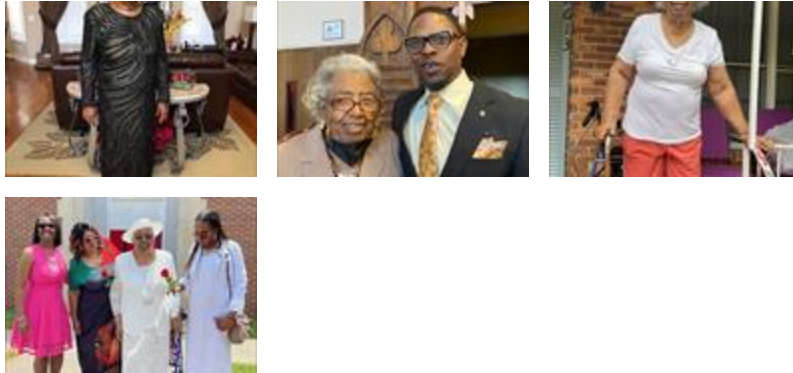
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Wondra Davis-Farmer - November 02, 2025 at 08:22 PM

WD

“ 4 files added to the album *Martha McLeod Davis*



Wondra Davis-Farmer - November 02, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Comfort & Care Gourmet Crate was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride.*



May 22, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride.*



May 20, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride.

May 20, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ To McBride family,

I am Bertina Miller, better known as Tina from Mayewood High School. My love goes out to the family.

Love, Tina (Class of 1980)

Bertina Miller - May 16, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ *My Dear Cousin Martha,
Life did not afford us the opportunity to become acquainted, share in each other's lives', or even break bread together, but family we are and as family I mourn your passing. I know that the glory that awaits you will provide comfort and peace unto you. Your presence will always be felt by those who loved and knew you. Sing with the Angels, blessed woman. Sing!*

Gale Dixon - May 15, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Condolence to the family. May She Rest in the Heavenly Paradise!!!*



Hal E. Bracey & Nancy Brevard-Bracey - May 15, 2025 at 07:21 AM

TE

“ Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.



Tammy Harrison Edwards - May 14, 2025 at 08:29 PM

CF

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. May God Comfort your heart and grant you peace doing the storm.

Cora Baker and Family - May 14, 2025 at 06:08 PM

FJ

“ My sincere condolences to the Mcleod and Davis Families, A real special woman to me that I got to know and adore throughout the years. May God give the family strength and comfort during this difficult time.



Franklin D. Colclough, Jr. and Family

Franklin D. Colclough, Jr. - May 14, 2025 at 02:04 PM

CW

May angels lead her to paradise. Special prayers to Renault and the entire family. W. Chuck Wilson and the Wilson Family.

Chuck Wilson - May 15, 2025 at 03:43 AM

CP

Thank you for your support and attentiveness to o our mother.
Cynthia

Cynthia Davis Parker - May 15, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RC

“ My sincere condolences to the Davis and McLeod families whom I have known most of my life. The loss of someone special, especially a Mother, is particularly hard. In times like these, put faith in God and His promises and look to Him for strength and peace. 🙏🙏🙏



Respectfully,

Roslyn H. Collins and Herrington Family

Roslyn Herrington Collins - May 14, 2025 at 10:24 AM

CP

Thank you so very much
Cynthia

Cynthia Davis Parker - May 15, 2025 at 06:37 PM

SM

“ My sincere condolence to the family our prayers are with you 🙏

Sherman and Faith Mouzon - May 14, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JM

“ My prayers are with the family in these difficult times of grieving the loss of truly beloved Mrs. Martha Davis McBride! I will be forever grateful to My mother in law for introducing me to my best friend, lover of my life and the best wife to me and mother of my children! Indeed she will be truly missed but we know “we had a praying mother whose mind STAYED ON JESUS!” Rest in heavenly Peace Mrs Martha — you have lived life more victoriously and we are grateful for your life !! Jackson Gates MD

Jackson Gates MD - May 13, 2025 at 10:35 PM

RS

Martha was a dear and precious friend to me. She was a powerful woman of faith and prayer. I will miss our frequent chats and her wisdom and love for God and her precious family! Rest well in Jesus' comforting arms! Well done my dear friend! Rev. Dr. Velma Smith

Rev. Dr. Velma Smith - May 15, 2025 at 09:05 AM

WD

Thank you, Dr. Smith, for your words of comfort. Mother was a true friend.

Wondra Davis-Farmer - November 02, 2025 at 05:50 PM

TW

“ *Tiffany Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride*



Tiffany Williams - May 13, 2025 at 10:10 AM

TW

“ *I wanted to send my deepest and heartfelt condolences to the McLeod Davis and McBride Families during this time of bereavement of our dearest and sweetest mom auntie sister grandmother and friend. My heart goes out to my 1st cousins. We as a family will be there by your side during this time as we all find strength and comfort and healing today and in the days weeks months and years ahead. I love each of you. You were our sweet and kind auntie on earth but now you are our sweet and kind guardian angel in heaven*
Tiffany Williams

Tiffany Williams - May 13, 2025 at 10:10 AM

SF

“ *Sally and Angie McLeod & Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride.*



Sally and Angie McLeod & Family - May 12, 2025 at 09:04 PM

DW

“ *Donnie and Sabrina West purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Martha Dora McLeod Davis McBride.*



Donnie and Sabrina West - May 10, 2025 at 07:39 PM

DW

“ *Donnie and Sabrina West planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Martha Davis McBride.*

Donnie and Sabrina West - May 10, 2025 at 07:39 PM