



Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson

September 13, 1938 - April 10, 2020

Rev. Dr. Robbie C. McKesson departed this life on Friday April 10, 2020, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC. Born on September 13, 1938, she was the eldest of six children to the late William Thomas and Rosa Mae Culbreath in Columbia, SC.

Robbie was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her savior at an early age. After she met and married Edward (Pete), she united with Jones Memorial AME Zion Church, where she was a faithful, dutiful and dedicated servant for the Lord. She was Licensed and Ordained as Minister by Rev. Dr. Robert Christian of Jones Memorial. Robbie's Pastoral Assignments included: Mount Bethel AME Zion in Blackstock, SC; Supply Pastor of Bethel #1 AME Zion in Camden, SC; and Old Mount Zion AME Zion in Kingstreet, SC. She retired in 2018 and reunited with Jones Memorial AME Zion, 2400 Barhamville Road, Columbia, SC 29204 with Pastor Thelma Gordon.

Robbie loved to talk to everyone and welcomed many to her home. She would cook different dishes and then brag about how good they taste ("hummmmm, don't this taste good?"). She enjoyed hours of coloring pictures, embroidering designs on fabrics and painting designs on pottery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her dear loving husband Edward McKesson and her brother Thaddeous T. Culbreath.

She leaves to cherish her memories: four sisters: Frances Felder, Faye Highsmith, Wynetta Singhateh all of Maryland, and Patricia (Albert) Burks of Illinois; a very special cousin; Steve Cobb; many nieces, nephews, cousins, God-children and a host of other relatives and friends.

Please note: The Family is planning a Huge Spirit-Filled Celebration of Her Life at Jones Memorial when the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order is lifted. Please look for updates on this website, in the newspaper and by word of mouth. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Graveside service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Just heard about this passing which makes me very sad! Robbie had been a part of my life since I could remember, she was married to my cousin Pee Wee as she liked to call him Pete. Pee Wee's father Edward was my Grandfather Charles' sister Dorothy. Aunt Di as we kids called her loved all of us equally and without shame, so did Edward Pee Wee and his Sister we called Sister who we lost as well. My Prayers go up for everyone who was Blessed by Robbie and her wisdom*
Charles H McKesson
Lexington Ky

Charles Mckesson - December 21, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Priscilla Foggy Murrell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson*



Priscilla Foggy Murrell - May 03, 2020 at 02:18 PM

VG

“ *My condolences to the family of Rev. Dr. Robbie McKesson, May God continue to shine His blessings on the family.*



Veronica Gardner - April 17, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RC

I'll never forget Dr McKesson. She was one of the first persons I confided in, when first call to the ministry. She had the sweetest personality. Truly a woman of God. She will be missed.

Rev. Sharon Chapman - April 18, 2020 at 05:56 PM

BC

“ *May the peace and love of JESUS keep you as you go through this time of transition.*



Brenda Wells Chisolm - April 17, 2020 at 03:26 AM

AL

“ *I light this pink rose candle in memory of my friend. Her light shined through people and I appreciate the love she gave to me. -Mrs. Angela Latta*



Angela Latta - April 16, 2020 at 07:56 PM

SI

“*Heartfelt Condolences to the family of Rev. Dr. Robbie C. McKesson. Her kind spirit truly will be missed. May time and cherished memories help you through the grief. We loved her very dearly.*

Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Latta, III

Samuel Latta, III - April 16, 2020 at 07:30 PM

RP

“*Rev. McKesson took me under her wing several years ago when I was a young minister. One day, she looked at me and said, “You are going to be my little sister!” And from that day forward she was my Big Sister! Rev. McKesson was a blessing to me as a ministerial mentor. I’ll never forget her kindness toward me.*

Rest In Peace Big Sister!
Rev. Camille Peay

Rev. Camille Peay - April 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM



RS

“*Rev. & Mrs. Charles E. Robinson, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson*

Rev. & Mrs. Charles E. Robinson, Sr. - April 16, 2020 at 10:59 AM





“ *Reverend McKesson, your smile, knowledge, and lessons will truly be missed.*

Love Ivy and Todd Garrett

Ivy Garrett - April 15, 2020 at 06:12 PM

CD

“ *The joy of the Lord was Rev. Dr. Robbie McKesson’s strength and she shared her talent, time, and treasure, unselfishly. By example she demonstrated her love for God and his people and let the works she did speak for her.*

All of Zion and the people who knew her will miss her but none more than her Jones Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church family.

God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Thelma Gordon, Pastor

Jones Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church

Carolyn H. Dixon - April 15, 2020 at 12:02 PM

TG

“ *Without a doubt, I was blessed to brush wings with an angel on earth! I am grateful that I can say I was one of your pastor's! I can see you beautiful smile. You had the best time at Jones Memorial the first Sunday in March and you were dressed to the hilt! The "JOY" of the Lord shown around about you! Rest on my love, See you in the morning!"*

Reverend Thelma Gordon

Thelma Gordon - April 14, 2020 at 08:47 PM

RG

“ Reverend Thelma Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson



Reverend Thelma Gordon - April 14, 2020 at 08:07 PM

SF

“ Savanda Farmer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson



Savanda Farmer - April 14, 2020 at 12:19 PM

YW

“ Robbie was a neighbor and a co-worker at DHEC for many years! I will surly miss her quick wit and fun spirit!

Yvette Wider

Yvette Wider - April 14, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DH

“ Donna Heyward lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson



Donna Heyward - April 13, 2020 at 11:07 PM

SW

“ I've known Mrs. Mckesson pretty much all of my life. Privileged to sang on the youth choir of Jones Memorial AMEZ Church under her leadership. I was also Privileged to have been her hair stylist for many years. I will Truly miss this Spunky little lady!!!

Shonna Williams - April 13, 2020 at 07:17 AM

EF

“ Rev. McKesson shepherded the members of Old Mt. Zion AME Zion church for 14 years. Because of her dedication, hard work and generosity, she took Old Mt. Zion to higher heights. Her favorite words were, “ All is well. To God Be the Glory !” Rev. McKesson your work at Old Mt. Zion has truly speak for you and will always be remembered. Rest In Peace. We love you.
Ella McCrea Fulton



Ella M. Fulton - April 12, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ She was always a sweet lady and great preacher. I loved her "spitfire" spirit. She will surely be missed by many. #AMEZLegend

Melissa Billie - April 12, 2020 at 07:27 PM

VJ

She was a dear friend for years.

Vera Jeter Jones - April 14, 2020 at 01:26 PM

WH

“ Robbie has been a neighbor and friend to all on Isaac Street for over 50 years. Her love of God, family and friends is a blessing to all. May you find PEACE, LOVE and THANKSGIVING in her Life. God has sustain us and he will continue.

William Hare - April 12, 2020 at 10:42 AM

IN

“ Isaac Street Neighbors lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson



Isaac Street Neighbors - April 12, 2020 at 10:27 AM

WH

“ William T. & Leomie M. Hare lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Robbie C McKesson



William T. & Leomie M. Hare - April 12, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DE

Deborah Etheridge

DEBORAH ETHERIDGE - April 16, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DE

Ms Robbie You Will be miss.

DEBORAH ETHERIDGE - April 16, 2020 at 09:33 AM

AS

“ I am deeply saddened to lose you my dear friend and sister. Love you always. Rest in peace with Petey. I will see you in the morning.
Ann Stevens-Brown

Ann Stevens-Brown - April 11, 2020 at 09:16 PM

MW

“ May you find strength in the love all around you and comfort in all the wonderful memories. I will cherish the love and time she devoted to the "Buds of Promise" and the "Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society".
Love,
Mary B. Williams

Mary B Williams - April 11, 2020 at 07:54 PM

RB

“ I do appreciated Dr. McKesson's warmth, spunk, and love for God! She always encouraged me whenever I was in her presence. She was truly a beautiful spirit. I will miss her. My prayers are extended to her family and all who knew and loved her.

Rev. Angela W. Boyd - April 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM

PL

“ So sad. 😞😞 that you left us too soon! Thank you for being my Mentor in ministry. I will always carry with me what you instilled in my spirit. And will use the kind , encouraging words of wisdom that you left within me. Love you always in my heart. My condolences to the family and prayers of comfort which surpasses all understanding. ❤️❤️🙏😞

Pastor Shirley A. Lee-Williams - April 11, 2020 at 01:32 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry on your lost. She was a beautiful person in and out.
My condolences 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Deloris Chavis - April 11, 2020 at 12:55 AM

RP

“ It was an honor and privilege to meet and serve with such a might
woman of God. Such a gentle spirit. Was a solid pillar of the Jones
Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. Great preacher and teacher. Our
prayers and condolences for the family will be ongoing.

Rev. Dr. Alton R. Pegues - April 10, 2020 at 10:57 PM

RW

“ It is well with my soul ! Such a beautiful, kindhearted woman full of
laughter and wisdom. She will be missed !

Rev Brenda Black Weathers - April 10, 2020 at 10:28 PM