

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day;
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void;
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch:
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*



PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

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INTERMENT

Ewing Cemetery
78 Scotch Road
Ewing, New Jersey 08628

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Fern McRae would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Fern McRae



Sunrise
MAY 31, 1955

Sunset
NOVEMBER 17 2020

Friday, December 4, 2020
11:00 AM

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Pastor Wayne Griffith, Eulogist

Obituary

FERN McRAE, 65, was born to the late Silas McRae, Sr., and Thelma Craddock, on May 31, 1955, in Neptune, New Jersey. She departed this life on November 17, 2020, at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Fern graduated from Trenton Central High School in 1973 and received a Master of Science degree in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University in 1993.

Fern worked in the State of New Jersey for the Department of Community Affairs and Department of Transportation and retired after 31 years of public service. After retirement, she worked as a former public assistance project specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA. Fern demonstrated empathetic leadership while working with families who were affected by natural disaster. Fern's commitment to serving the community was admirable. She unselfishly contributed her talents in support of others. Fern was a fellow of the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative, where she tapped into her call for community organizing. She served as a member of the Ms. Foundation for Women, where she brought attention to the challenges that faced women in her community. She was a dedicated volunteer with Isles, Inc. where she helped to revitalize communities throughout the City of Trenton and served as a shop steward for CWA Local 1039. She was an advocate, mentor, and supporter to everyone. Fern enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and close friends. She was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind beautiful memories.

Fern is preceded in death by her daughter, Jessica McRae; sister, Diana Pour; and brothers, Major Wright McRae and Silas McRae, Jr.; She leaves behind the following to cherish her memories: three children, Dr. Dawn McRae, of Ewing, NJ, Kevin McRae of Winston-Salem, NC, and Jason McRae, of Winston-Salem, NC; three grandchildren, Shannan McRae of Trenton, NJ, Tatiana McRae-Vinson of Douglassville, PA, and Jaden McRae of Durham, NC; two sisters, Linda McRae of Trenton, NJ, and Paula McRae of Bordentown, NJ; one niece; nephews; and loving friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament - *Isaiah 41: 9-10*

Iva McRae-Jones

New Testament - *Revelations 21:1-7*

Iva McRae-Jones

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