



Theola Denise McPherson

March 14, 2017

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Theola Denise of Wood-Ridge, NJ formerly of Teaneck, NJ passed away and went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on March 14, 2017. Beloved mother of one son Muziki Stewart, and cherished grandmother of a loving grandson Muziki Stewart II. Theola was born in Hackensack, NJ on February 11, 1954 to the late William J. and Theola V. (Miles) McPherson. She graduated from Teaneck High School in 1972, where she began her passion for dance as an original member and choreographer of the Terpsichorean Dance Troupe. She continued with traditional African dance training at the LaRocque Bey School of Dance Theatre, and the Olatunji Center for African Culture, both in Harlem, New York. In adulthood, her dance renditions were often accompanied by extraordinary African drum rhythms played by Dennis Tebaji Stewart, father of her only begotten son. The love of travel sent her on a spiritual journey to the ancient cities of Israel and Egypt. She was baptized in the sacred Nile River by The Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry. She also embraced the faith and culture of the Hebrew Israelites. She earned several dental certifications from Fairleigh Dickinson University Dental School, then worked over 20 years in dental practices throughout New Jersey. A devoted parishioner, she offered the prayer of blessings to many congregations. Dearest sister of the late Joseph and Ellis McPherson, and adoring aunt of the late Aminifu Jabali. Beloved sister of Haiba, Frieda, Donna, and Laura, two brothers William and Jerome. Beloved godmother of Hali. She will be truly

missed by a brother-in-law, Norman, a sister-in-law, Vonrita, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Viewing on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 10am -11:30am, Funeral Service will follow from 12pm – 2pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Interment George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. Repast Henry Douglas – American Legion Post 58, 151 W. Forest Ave., Englewood, NJ.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Teaneck
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Theola Denise McPherson*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Theola Denise McPherson*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Theola Denise McPherson*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *My sister Necie and myself were original members of The Continentals from Teaneck A Drum core Marching group we marched in numerous Teaneck Parades Competed against many other marchers such as the Starlettes from Englewood what good times we had our group was formed byMrs*

Frieda J McPherson - June 09, 2020 at 01:02 AM

YR

“ She told me I was beautiful no matter how dark my skin is, she told me that God blessed me with the spirit of dance from our ancestors. She said, "You should come with me to dance at "Pieces of Africa" . She was at least 8-9 years my senior but saw an insecure child and helped me to blossom. REST IN PEACE Niecy..... Thank you for all you were to me & this universe. May God keep you in HIS everlasting arms.

From Yvette T Rodman (Bedford Ave)

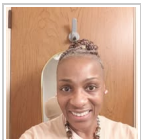
Yvette Rodman - March 30, 2017 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear this. She was always full of energy, laughter, and joy. My condolences to the McPherson family, and may she R.I.P.



Mindy Furlonge-Spears - March 27, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ I will always remember how bubbly she was when every I met her, she was always asking about family, full of love. I will always have memories of her from our childhood and as our paths crossed over the years, we will meet again, I love you Denise "Nisey."

Lanise Clark-Manning - March 25, 2017 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ Another one of my classmates gone but not forgotten. Denise and I had many laughs together. She had such a uplifting spirit I remember those days like it was yesterday. I pray the Lord touch Denise family and friends and give them peace.

Sherry Carr Byrd - March 25, 2017 at 06:59 PM

CL

“ Denise and I went to school together at Thomas Jefferson and Teaneck High. We sang and danced in a Band together and practiced in Leonia and performed at different school dances. What a creative and talented soul. She came to visit with me when I moved to California back in the 1970s. We lost track of each other after that but I always would think about her as her birthday was the day after mine. I pray for the McPherson Family to be comforted by the Peace of the Holy Spirit. May God Bless you all and provide a hedge of protection around your heart and spirit as you grieve the loss of your family member. God has chosen another Angel to stand in the gap for you here on earth. Amen!

Cynthia Lawrence - March 23, 2017 at 09:02 AM

CO

“ To my classmate Denise, I have fond memories of you from High School. You were a very sweet and gentle person. We shared a class together and I was better for it. May God have been pleased with your life. The world is a lesser place now that you are gone. Your friend and classmate Charlie Oglesby. You may gone but not forgotten R.I.P.

Charles Oglesby - March 22, 2017 at 08:07 PM

FM

My sister Necie and I were members of the Continentals of Teaneck. DRUM CORE MARCHING GROUP Mrs Glover was our troop leader were marched in many parade's from Englewood Rutherford and competed against many other troops from New York New Jersey Pennsylvania what fun we had at practice at Coolidge Park Teaneck I miss my sister so much she could keep me laughing for hours with her sense of humor I Love and miss you Sis may God continue to rest your Soul Love Frieda

Frieda J McPherson - June 09, 2020 at 01:13 AM

SL

“ *I remember when I was a small child "Mrs McPherson" coming to the Lea residence on Humphrey st in Englewood. I knew her through my aunts Toodie and Dot Lea. I can't remember all of the family members, I just remember they were like "family" to me. May she rest in God's eternal peace and glory. Sean "Tarishi" Lea.*

sean lea - March 22, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the McPherson family. I remember Denise fondly and she was always a pleasure to be around. Rest in peace my sister..*

Susan Kendrick

Susan Kendrick - March 22, 2017 at 01:23 PM

BS

I was shocked to hear of Denise' passing. She was a kind-hearted, caring, generous, loving person. She was genuine, lived life to the fullest and was passionate about everything she did. After my Dad died, Denise would come by to check on my mother. Her and I worshipped together many times at her home church, Mount Zion Baptist in Leonia, at Full Gospel Christian Center in Teaneck or other churches. I can see her now wearing that white usher's uniform. We grew up in the same neighborhood so our family members knew one another and socialized periodically together through the years. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to the McPherson family from the Stokes family. May God strengthen you in the days ahead. May your precious memories of Denise be a perpetual source of comfort.

Belinda R Stokes - March 26, 2017 at 11:58 PM

PP

I grew up on Fairview Avenue, the McPherson's and the Bethea's had the most kids on the block, I always remember Niecey being such a nice person, with such a calming spirit, my sincere condolences and prayers to the McPherson family. RIP Niecey.

Pennie Bethea Pavic - April 01, 2017 at 07:17 PM