



Denise Darcel McCollum

April 15, 1954 - May 30, 2017

Denise Darcel Campbell McCollum's sun rose on April 15, 1954 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the beloved daughter of the late Shirley Louise Campbell and James Morrison. Her sun set in the early morning of Tuesday, May 30, 2017 with her husband, son and daughter by her side.

She was educated in the Baltimore City School System and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1972, later attending what was then Coppin State College. In her earlier years Denise worked at Union Trust Bank and after moving to Georgia, was employed by Cigna Healthcare and Matria Healthcare before retiring to take care of her beautiful granddaughter.

In July 23, 1977 she married James Junior McCollum and from this union two children were born: James and Jenel. God additionally blessed her with the arrival of her precious granddaughter Taryn on April 29, 2011. She truly loved her in-laws especially her mother-in-law, the late LouVera McCollum along with her brother and sister-in-laws who became like siblings to her hence her being the only child.

Denise was an avid reader who enjoyed science fiction novels, and watched science fiction television shows in her pastime. Other favorite hobbies included spending time with family and friends, listening to "Old School" music and jazz and reconnecting with friends on Facebook. Her greatest love was for her family. She often said her children were her "rainbow" and her granddaughter was "her pot of gold at the rainbow's end". She will be missed

by all who knew her and brought joy to everyone and everything she touched.

Denise leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy: husband, James McCollum; son, James Devon McCollum; daughter Jenel Denesha McMillian; son-in-law, Terry Wayne McMillian Jr.; granddaughter, Taryn Jenel McMillian; loving aunt, Theresa Gray; beloved cousin, Lauren (Cookie) Preston and a host of many other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

ML

“Denise, I worked with you at Union Trust and I'm just finding out you passed. You were such an amazing co-worker. Condolences to your family.



Mary Lonon - January 17, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MD

“I still can't believe you gone Neicy... I miss u so much just our talks as we didn't see each other much anymore. We did have fun through out the years. I watched ur kids grow to grown ups and same with Alichia. Until we meet again my friend I will never forget u

Mytrus S Dawson - August 19, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BP

“Jesus encourages us... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God; exercise faith also in me." ~John 14:1. God promises a future when "Your dead will live.... They will rise up." ~Isaiah 26:19. Keep in mind... "God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." ~1 John 4:9.



B. Parks - June 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM

TH

“ Tina Howard lit a candle in memory of Denise Darcel McCollum



Tina Howard - June 12, 2017 at 02:29 PM

MH

“ I was there for you & the family today...maybe not in the physical sense, but my thoughts & prayers are with you & you'll remain forever in my heart ❤️...I miss you so! Rest in Paradise Denise. To the family, may you find strength & comfort in each other & know that she is with you ALWAYS...until you see her again.



Melba Holmes (her dear friend & schoolmate) 🌸🌸

Melba (DeShields) Holmes - June 10, 2017 at 05:25 PM

SM

“ James & Janel, as you travel your new journey without your Mom may you remember her laughter, smile and the joy you felt at those moments. She's forever in your hearts always. I Pray your strength at this difficult time! Your extended Family.
Philippians 4:23 "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

The Miller's (Michael, Shirley & Brandyn)

Shirley A. Miller - June 10, 2017 at 10:43 AM

SM

“ Shirley A. Miller lit a candle in memory of Denise Darcel McCollum



Shirley A. Miller - June 10, 2017 at 10:20 AM

MS

“ In Memory of Denise McCollum

*May you always walk in sunshine and God's love around you flow,
for the happiness you gave us,
no one will ever know,
it broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone,
a part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
A million times we've needed you.
A million times we've cried.
If love could only have saved you.
You never would have died.
You are now with he Lord
And may you Rest in Heaven. Amen.*

Mary Snowden Stevenson - June 09, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.



June 09, 2017 at 08:14 PM

SR

“ Rest In Peace, my dear friend, knowing that I will always strive to live up to the example you set while here on this earth.

My heart aches for your family here, but I know you're finally reunited with your beloved mother. Give mine a kiss & hug for me, too. Your fight is over; now it's time for you to reap the rewards of a beautiful life. You'll never be forgotten.

Shirley Richardson



Shirley Richardson - June 09, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ To James, Jenel, Devon, Taryn and the rest of Mrs Denise Family. May God give you peace and strength during this most difficult time. I am truly praying for you all. I will forever love Mrs Denise. Love Yolanda

Yolanda Henson - June 09, 2017 at 07:25 PM

HP

“ My condolences to the McCollum Family...James, Devon & Jenel..Terry and Taryn also! Denise was a Great sister to me and will Deeply Miss her so much and Loved her. She will Forever Stay in My Memory until we meet again. Rest well my sister You Ran a Great Race and WON!!

*Horace Prewitt
Decatur, Ga.*



Horace Prewitt - June 09, 2017 at 05:57 PM

NW

“ Praying for you all sending our deepest condolences love Neteria Walker and family

neteria walker - June 09, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ To Jenell:

I send my condolences to you and your family. We are praying for your strength and comfort during this most difficult time.

*Dr. Ahmad R. Thorpe
FVSU Class of 2005*

Damha Eproht - June 08, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.



June 08, 2017 at 08:52 PM

LH

“ Linda Gwynn Harper lit a candle in memory of Denise Darcel McCollum



Linda Gwynn Harper - June 08, 2017 at 04:58 PM

RM

“ As we pass through this process called life we do meet and have contact with so many people, who in one way or the other does have an impact on our lives. Some may have just a short season while others do share a very special place within our hearts for many years. These are the few but true friends who always remain and neither time, distance or circumstances will ever change the relationship. Denise Campbell McCollum was, is and will always be my true, more than 50 years so real sister and friend. I'm so grateful for the many cherished moments shared together, along the conversations all about our families, the times of joy or sorrow and all our Facebook inbox messages or connects.

My being called to ministry and also affiliated within the funeral homes industry, still didn't prepare me for all the pain, hurt and grief now being experienced because of her death. It still doesn't seem real and a part of me will grieve for a very long time because I wish it just wasn't so and we could really have a do over. But it is real and we must all let you go to that eternal city called heaven. To her beloved James, Jenel, Devon and precious little Taryn, her joy and jewel; and the family at large. Please do know Denise was loved and touched the hearts of so many near and far. Thanks for sharing her and for bringing so much joy and happiness into her life. You all were her heart, soul and reason to breathe. From afar I'll always be here for you and I love you more than more for all the love you gave and shared with my dear friend. May she forevermore now rest in the paradise!

I bid you farewell dear sister, farewell my precious friend; farewell until we meet again!

Regi McClurkin

Regi McClurkin - June 08, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 08, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ *Oh my dear friend Denise...how I will miss you so! Words can not really express what I hold in my heart which now has a hole. Seems like only yesterday that we reconnected from our days at Northwestern High School (Class of 1972) even though I know it's been awhile, but we made sure once we did we would always keep in touch, whether by phone, text and the best of all...in person! YOU WERE MY CONFIDANT, MY GO TO PERSON whenever I needed advice or just to talk to get a different perspective on things...we were so much alike. I can now only cherish the memories...we had some good ones! I will always remember your smile...so bright and beautiful and you telling me that I got this! I can say so much more, but you know my heart...need I say more! Rest in Paradise my dear friend until we meet again where the sun is always shining! James, Jenel (Taryn) and Devon...remember the good times as I know there are many. Your wife, your mother, your Mimi will be looking down upon you with her arms wrapped around you, letting you know that she loves you and she is okay. Just remember she is not gone, she is just away and will forever be in your hearts. Know that I am here for you with my thoughts and especially my prayers. I love you family!*

Melba Holmes

Melba Holmes - June 08, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 08, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ *My dear Friend I will miss talking to you. RIH Neicy*

*Love You Forever
Myrt*

Mytrus Scott - June 08, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 08, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *I shall always cherish the memories of us being in the stands of Lithonia High School cheering our children on during the basketball season. Denise was such a warm hearted lady. Rest well with God.*

Bernice Marion - June 08, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 08, 2017 at 07:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 07, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Darcel McCollum.*



June 07, 2017 at 11:53 AM