



Mary Hellon McBride

April 22, 1945 - August 19, 2019

Mary Hellon McBride was born April 22nd, 1945 in Ludlow, MS as the second child of Roosevelt McBride and Vernersteen (McBride) Barnes. Hellon- as she preferred to be called- was a sassy, quick witted young woman who spent her youth in Mississippi, Chicago, IL. and Rochester, NY. She participated in multiple sports during high school- track, tennis, basketball, volleyball and softball to name a few. In 1963, Hellon graduated from James Madison High school in Rochester, NY. In 1964 she was married to Billie G White.

Hellon was trained in Welding and Soldering which led to a career in manufacturing and production. She worked for Sybron Ritter and Bausch and Lomb for most of her adult life. In the 70's Hellon developed a love for bowling and bowled in several leagues- most notably the Rochester Traveler's. As a semi-pro bowler, Hellon won several titles. At her apex, she won the women's singles and mixed doubles during the same year of Olympic Bowl's Lilac Tournament. Her achievements in bowling brought her a great sense of pride and accomplishment.

Sadly, Hellon was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, in 1993. She lived a

challenging but very full life - despite her progressive condition. In 2016, her illness stopped responding to medication and her health began to decline rapidly. On August 19, 2019, Hellon passed away at home, with loved ones. Hellon was preceded in death by her Father- Roosevelt McBride; her doting stepfather- Alec Barnes; and her ex husband- Billie G. White.

She leaves a mother Vernersteen Barnes (New Hebron, MS) to mourn her passing; two brothers: Walter James McBride (Pelahatchie, MS); Jeffrey R. McNair (Rochester, NY); Four Children: Byrtina L. White (daughter, MS); Hughlynn White (son, Rochester, NY); Aarnonda A. White (son, Saint Roberts, MO); and Olaeti Seantelle White (daughter, Atlanta, GA); three nephews, five nieces and special friends James O. Smith and Joe Beaman. Hellon's greatest desire was to have a family and she was blessed to witness the birth of 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren despite her diagnosis.

Services will be held at the Flowery Branch Historic train Depot on August 31, 2019. There will be a memorial service at 1:00pm followed by a balloon release and celebration of her life.

Tribute Wall



“ Mom.

You already know how much I love you but I never imagined how much I'd miss you. I know your pain is over and your soul is free so I try to meditate on the good times and the smiles we shared.

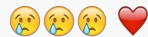
You are my She-ro my soulmate, my baby... not were- are- because I feel your presence in those times I fall apart. I just wish you were still here so I could give you the world - because you were such a huge part of mine. Now, I don't even know what to do with myself. I miss you more each day. Until we meet again, I'll always love you!!



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I am praying for you and your family during this most difficult time. Sending love and hugs

Kim Nixon - August 28, 2019 at 07:37 PM