



Dr. Sadie T McCalep

June 4, 1939 - February 6, 2025

It is with profound sadness and a sense of admiration for a life well-lived that we announce the passing of Dr. Sadie Turner McCalep, who departed this world on Thursday, February 6th, 2025. Born on Sunday, June 4th, 1939, Dr. McCalep's 85 years of life were a testament to her faith, dedication, and love for her family, church, and community.

Dr. Sadie McCalep was the cherished First Lady of Greenforest Community Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, and the beloved wife of the late Pastor Dr. George O. McCalep, to whom she was devoted for 48 years. Their journey together began as high school and college sweethearts and blossomed into a lifelong partnership of love and service.

Since the founding of Greenforest Community Baptist Church in 1979, Dr. McCalep stood as a pillar of strength and warmth, serving as the church's most dedicated recruiter and outreach minister. Her evangelical efforts extended beyond the church walls as she engaged with community members in grocery stores, on MARTA buses, and even in laundromats, always inviting them to come and hear her husband preach about Jesus. In those early years, she wore many hats, including church secretary, Sunday school teacher, and a one-woman Publicity and Public Relations Committee, while also supporting various other committees.

Her passion for evangelism and spiritual growth never waned. Dr. McCalep led the New Members Orientation class and the Ministry of Hope for children living in challenging situations. Her Friday night prayer meetings were a beacon of hope and faith for many. Her journey with Jesus began in her childhood under her mother's guidance, ultimately leading her to shape the lives of her own family, which includes three sons, seven grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, Amarie, whom she was blessed to meet before her passing, as well as four daughters-in-law, an adopted daughter and son, and two granddaughters. Her nurturing spirit extended to the numerous sons and daughters she "mothered" within the Greenforest Community Baptist Church family.

Education was the cornerstone of Dr. McCalep's journey. She earned a Bachelor of Science from Alabama A&M University, a Master of Arts from John Carroll University, and two Ph.Ds from Georgia State University. She retired after a distinguished 40-year career in education, shaping minds in Alabama, Ohio, and Georgia.

A devoted member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. McCalep celebrated over 65 years of sisterhood and service as a distinguished Pearl Soror. Initiated into the Gamma Mu Chapter on April 23, 1960, at Alabama A&M University, she embodied the sorority's mission of service to all mankind throughout her life.

In eternal rest, Dr. Sadie T. McCalep leaves behind a legacy of kindness, leadership, and unwavering commitment to community and faith that will continue to inspire all who knew her. As our beloved Ivy Beyond the Wall, may she rest peacefully in the arms of her Savior.

Family, friends, and the community are invited to remember and celebrate Dr. McCalep's life during a visitation at Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur,

Georgia, on Friday, February 14th, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A Celebration of Life service will follow at Greenforest Community Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, on Saturday, February 15th, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory—South Dekalb.

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Dr.
Lithonia, Ga 30058

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greenforest Community Baptist Church
3250 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, Ga 30034

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Sadie and I shared office space while working with Atlanta Public Schools as resource coordinators, along with another co-worker, Marihope Troutman. Upon retirement, we kept in touch - having lunch and sharing our memories of work with APS. We spoke often of our children and she spoke proudly of her sons and I remember one daughter-in-law that she applauded - Traci. May you find strength in your faith and comfort in knowing others care.
Warmly, Marilyn Arrington

Marilyn Jones Arrington - June 23, 2025 at 08:26 PM

TS

Dr. Sadie McCalep was my resource coordinator and monitor of the vocational programs during my work at the Alonzo A. Crim Comprehensive High School. She was very knowledgeable, resourceful, and compassionate. She made strong impact in helping teachers perform to their capacities. My condolence and love to McCalep family members. .

Tavorn Srassburger - July 26, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LB

“ Our prayers and condolences to the family.



Laymon and Pinkie Berry - February 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM

BS

“ Rest in peace Dr. Sadie. You were a beautiful woman of God that served as an excellent example for the women of the church.

Betty Sykes - February 21, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TR

“ *Dr. Sadie was a wonderful and truly a helpmate to Dr. George Orman McCalep. She was more than enough and was a standard bearer. Always enjoyed being in her presence with all that wisdom. Sending much love your way.*

Teresa Robinson - February 15, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MC

“ *Minnie P. Moore of Huntsville, Alabama expresses sincere Sympathy to the Dr. Rev. Mrs. Sadie T. McCalep Family and the Tibbs Family. May Sadie and Husband Dr. Mickey unite on that Great Ressurrection Day. Peace!*

Ms. Minnie P. Moore.... Cousin..Toney, - February 13, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CW

“ *Carmel, Melvin & Carolyn White purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Sadie T McCalep.*



Carmel, Melvin & Carolyn White - February 13, 2025 at 02:42 PM

AK

“ *My heart and prayers are with your and your family. Thank you God for allowing such an amazing example of your Greatness to bless this earth.*

*In you Grace,
April Kemp*

April Kemp - February 13, 2025 at 02:19 PM

PS

Dr. McCaleb you are much beloved and sorely missed. Forever in our hearts.

Peggy Smalls

Peggy Smalls - February 23, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JR

“ *I offer prayers of comfort for the McCaleb family during this time of transition.*

*Prayerfully,
Justine Frink Robinson*



Justine Robinson - February 12, 2025 at 04:34 PM

SH

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Stephanie Hobbs - February 11, 2025 at 01:12 PM