

A Celebration of **LIFE**

SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Wake: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Funeral: 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Vernon Park Church of God

1975 E Joe Orr Road

Lynwood, IL 60411

Rev. Jerald January

Senior Pastor

Officiating



Naomi D. McKinnis

Sunrise

August 20, 1933

Sunset

December 12, 2021

OBITUARY



Naomi Doris McKinnis was born in Wildwood, FL, on August 20, 1933, to the union of William H. and Annie Sarah Jane Fluiette. She was the youngest of nine children and all her brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Naomi attended J. R. E. Lee Elementary and High Schools, graduating as class Valedictorian. She went on to attend Florida A&M University, where she majored in Pre-Med. She was also a highly skilled athlete receiving scholarships to attend college.

While living in Tampa, FL, Naomi met and married Gread McKinnis and to that union was born six children; Annette, Yvonne, Sharron, Gread Jr., John, and Michael.

After relocating to Chicago, Naomi began working in the Insurance industry. She started her career at Mack and Parker Insurance Agency, where she was one of its first African American employees. She spent over thirty years at Mass Insurance Consultants and Administrators, where she held many positions, retiring as Director of Claims Auditing.

Upon accepting Christ as her Savior, Naomi joined and served at various churches including New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, and Christ Bible Center Church. At the time of her passing she had been a member of Vernon Park Church of God for thirty four years. There she served as Trustee, Deaconess, Mission Worker, and Sunday School teacher. Her fondest and most cherished memories were working alongside Sister Sarah Walker, serving the homeless.

In addition to her church work, Naomi co-founded the Gread "Lefty" McKinnis Memorial Foundation, in honor of her late husband, a former Negro League baseball player. The foundation provides gifts to the homeless, as well as college scholarships to African American young men, who now attend colleges and universities throughout the country.

Naomi departed her blessed and purpose-filled earthly life on December 12, 2021. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Annette, Sharron (William), Gread Jr. (Anne), and Michael (Andrea); one god-daughter, LaToya Ellerson, one god-son, Stanley Montgomery Jr., a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
Proverbs 31:30-31



ORDER OF SERVICE



Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer

Reading of Scripture

Musical Selection

Remarks (2 minutes).....Rev. Roy Patterson

Acknowledgements: (Tributes, Resolutions and Condolences)

Reading of Obituary.....Monica Miller

Musical Selection


Eulogy.....Pastor Jerald January

Final Reviewal


Benediction

Recessional

Interment:
Oakland Memory Lanes
15200 Lincoln Ave.
Dolton, IL




Repast – Immediately following Interment





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Mama

As I write this my heart is in so much pain I miss your smile, your patience and your loving grace that you showed every time I don't come up to your expectations. You have shown me how to love and be loved even when you are not shown love. You were my example in what a Christian should be. You lived every bit of what you taught us as kids and as teenagers and then adults. You never wavered in your faith. I pray that I can be half the person you were in life. I will miss you more than you will ever know.

Your loving son
Gread

Mama


We love you and will continue to carry your love in our hearts. So grateful God blessed us with you as our mother. Even though you're gone your spirit of love and caring was so great, we can still feel your presence with us. So happy you have found rest from all your labors.

Love William & Sharron

Granny-

Honestly where can we start? You were a true inspiration of what it really means to walk with God through this life. You were a mother and a grandmother all in one. You showed us true faith and what it meant to praise the Lord and shame "that ole bare chest, cowardly devil". Once you graduated to GiGi we got to personally witness your heart expand. Your love for your great-grandchild was unmatched. Frank has always said even when he wanted to get in trouble it was always blocked and he believes it was blocked by your prayers. Those same prayers we believe now rest on our children. We definitely don't want to say goodbye but we know you are with your savior. Caleb even said, "Jada it's ok; she's with Jesus and you KNOW she loved Jesus!" We know you will keep watching over us and guiding us. We love you so much and will keep your legacy and memory alive by living out the life you never doubted we could.

Love-
Frank, Monica, Jada, and Caleb Miller



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I love you Granny you really was the heart of the family... I appreciate the way you raised your children who in turn passed down those same ways to your grandchildren. Things will never be the same but I know for sure you will forever live inside us all. thank you for the prayers I never knew about.

Forever Love. I Love You Granny"
Chris

Momma/ Granny-

The grief is deep because the love is so deep. You taught us how to LOVE Jesus and to LOVE others so well. You were the full embodiment of LOVE, and to your best ability you loved everyone as unconditionally as you could. You made everyone feel so special and so loved, just from your presence. We will continue to live out your legacy as best as I can. We'll cherish your words, service towards others, lessons, prayers, and moments together forever in our hearts.

See you on the other side. We love you forever!
Annette, Elisabeth (Delvon), Jonathan & Naomi

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



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PALLBEARERS

ANTHONY MCKINNIS
ELIJAH MCKINNIS
GREAD D. MCKINNIS, III
JUNEENA BUFORD
JOHN EDWARDS
MARCUS MCKINNIS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

ANDRE MILLER
FRANK MILLER, JR.
GREAD D. MCKINNIS, JR.
MICHAEL MCKINNIS, SR.

The Fallen Limb

A Limb Has Fallen From The Family Tree. I Keep Hearing A Voice That Says, "Grieve Not For Me. Remember The Best Times, The Laughter, The Song. The Good Life I Lived While I Was Strong. Continue My Heritage, I'm Counting On You. Keep Smiling And Surely The Sun Will Shine Through. My Mind Is At Ease, My Soul Is At Rest. Remembering All, How I Truly Was Blessed. Continue Traditions, No Matter How Small. Go On With Your Life, Don't Worry About Falls. I Miss You All Dearly, So Keep Up Your Chin. Until The Day Comes We're Together Again."

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Leak & Sons Funeral Home