



Beaula Nia McCoy

February 28, 2020

May 18, 1947. She was named for her beloved aunt, Beaula Mae Robinson, and was the eldest of five children. Beaula was a natural leader, and understood the high expectations of her loving parents and remained steadfast in the teachings of her Seventh Day Adventist faith. Born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana Beaula was educated in the Orleans public school system. She attended Tommy Lafon Elementary, Carter G Woodson Junior High, and graduated a proud Ron-Eagle from McDonogh #35. Beaula pursued her secondary education through Delgado Community College, received her Bachelor of Science in 1980 from Our Lady of Holy Cross, and her Masters from the College of St. Francis in 1990.

April 24, 1968 Beaula and Oceanous J. McCoy were wed in Los Angeles, California. The young military family welcomed their first born, Secret D McCoy. The family moved back to New Orleans and their home church, Ephesus. Shortly after Kendall O. McCoy was born. Beaula accepted a position as a CT/Special Procedure Tech with Veterans Administration Medical Center from which she retired after 30 years of service.

Beaula's love of learning and curiosity were evident to anyone as she was seldom without a book or project. As a distance runner she developed endurance, tenacity, and conscientious approach to life. Beaula continued to invest in her children, grandchildren, family, friends, and community. At The

People Program Nia shared her talent and creativity as an instructor of art classes. Nia remained a student of life as she continued to take enrichment classes and worked as a mentor. She encouraged others to identify their dreams, make a plan, and focus on their goals. As a grandmother, Beaula created a legacy of love to be carried by the true loves of her life, Nia and Isha Mbaye.

Beaula chose the moniker, Nia. The name's origin in Swahili means "purpose, resolve or brilliance" which was a natural fit for her life when on February 22, 1997 she married her kindred spirit, Kalamu ya Salaam. Together Nia and Kalamu traveled to every corner of the globe including St. Lucia, Germany, and several countries on the continent of Africa. Together they sparked creativity and inspiration for one another and shared a passion for life.

On Thursday, February 28, 2020, Beaula "Nia" McCoy quietly began her slumber awaiting the return of our Savior. Nia leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Kalamu ya Salaam, two children, Secret D. McCoy-Mbaye of New Orleans, Kendall O. McCoy (Denise) of Jacksonville, Fl., and two grandchildren, Nia F. Mbaye and Isha E. Mbaye. Nia has two surviving siblings, Leon Richard III of New Orleans, La., and Patricia Ann Henderson of Rome, Ga., her beloved aunt Beaula Mae Robinson, a host of nieces, nephews, her devoted confidants, Dianne Mack and Carol Perkins, along with countless relatives and friends.

Nia was preceded in death by two siblings, Leona Marie Bell and Voris Alan Richard as well as her mother and father.

Relatives and friends of the family, also pastors, officers and members of Ephesus 7th Day Adventist Baptist Church, 2400 Delachaise Street are invited to attend a Funeral Service at Ephesus 7th Day Adventist Baptist Church, 2400 Delachaise Street on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Interment: Private. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave New Orleans, LA 70125.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church
2400 Delachaise St.
New Orleans, LA

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VM

“ To the family of Mrs McCoy I send my love and prayers. Ms Beaula and I worked together and became friends as election commissioner at the International School on Camp street. We shared oh so many talks about family and education that inspired me to keep doing what I was doing. It was my pleasure getting to know and to spend that day with our group at ward 2 precinct 1 and listen to the voters brag about hers and mine handwashing. She had been and will be truly missed. Vangie Moffett

Vangie Moffett - May 20, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RH

“ My condolence to the family. I have worked with Beaula for many, many, years at Veterans hospital in the old and new building. We did so many things together, a group of us went to fashion shows our co worker hosted, we went dancing at another co worker's Social and Pleasure Club. We did so many happy and enjoyable activities as a group from Radiology. Beaula supported her friends and coworkers at all times. I know you remember it all, Secret. Your mom was a very quiet and humble young lady, worked very hard in her profession, everyone loved her, she was extraordinary and intellectual in anything she puts her mind to. I shall never forget her, my memories will last forever. May God bless you Secret and your brother and the rest, may each of you stay covered in the Precious Blood of Jesus
Forgive me for writing such a long note.

Roberta Hale - March 07, 2020 at 04:47 PM

MJ

“ *Nia's light and her smile will be missed. Her dedication and passion to anything she set her mind to will remain as an inspiration to us all. Sistahs Making A Change will forever miss her but will never forget her time with us.*

See you on the other side my Sistah.

Mama Jamilah - March 07, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CS

“ *Love & Prayers to Secret and the entire family, especially to the love of her life... who made his love for her look effortless. May God grant you the healing and peace needed to complete your journey. Ase! Muna*

C Smith-Brown - March 06, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Beaula Nia McCoy.*



March 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM

PR

“ *Point To Point Realty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beaula Nia McCoy.*



Point To Point Realty - March 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *Who will explain how "things work" now that you are gone. In 2013 you were the first to arrive and last to leave when helping me take care of my mother. You are my Auntie Buloo, and I don't think I can make sense of a world without you. Rest on beautiful Nia.*



Ronnie Mack-Gabriel - March 05, 2020 at 01:06 PM