



Laurene Barbara McMillan

April 10, 2020

Laurene Barbara McMillan entered into eternal rest on April 1, 2020. Laurene was born in New Orleans, LA on April 10, 1940 to the late Edward McMillan and Laura Lee McMillan.

She was dedicated and active in the church, notably St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, Cummings Temple A.M.E. Church and Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church to name a few and she often attended the A.M.E. Church's national conventions. She was also an organist and shared her musical talent at most of the churches belonged. She also formerly coordinated the Christian Debutantes at St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

Ms. Laurene was a proud graduate of McDonogh #35 Senior High School, Class of 1957 and remained extremely active in their alumni association. She was a graduate of Dillard University and Southern University in Baton Rouge where she received a Masters in Education. Laurene went on to be a teacher and spent many years serving and educating at Charles J. Colton Junoir High School before she retired.

She was a proud lifelong member of Zeta Phi Beta who and loved performing her civic duty as a polling commissioner for all local, state and national elections and greeted everyone with a smile.

Laurene was an avid real estate investor who loved dogs and could be seen walking her dogs daily. She previously served as the President of the Seabrook Neighborhood Association and also served as the secretary of the local chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. where she was very active.

Laurene was preceded in death by her sister Jackie McMillan, who many thought was her twin as they did everything together. She was survived by her brother Allen McMillan and his wife Lorraine McMillan, her nephew Brian H. McMillan, Esq., her great nieces Rayne Alexa McMillan and Bailey Hankerson McMillan, her Godchild Malisa Hill and her children Chariti Hill and Benjamin Hill, and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends.

Due to COVID- 19, the Funeral Service is private. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Ms. Jackie and Ms. Lurene have been part of the St. Paul's Episcopal School family for many yeas. They started attending out senior computer class after Hurricane Katrina and have been faithful "students" every Friday morning. Our children learned to love and respect them, and the children probably learned more from them then our wonderful ladies learned from their student teachers. Ms. Jackie and Ms. Lurene attended our school assemblies, Grandparents' Day celebrations, school plays, Thanksgiving Feast, and so much more. We are saddened by their passing, but happy and blessed that we had the opportunity to meet, know, and grow to love these incredible ladies. We are richer as a school community to have welcomed them into our family. We will never forget you Ms. Jackie ans Ms. Lurene!

Sylvia Parks - August 21, 2020 at 02:55 PM

RB

“ I am so astonished to learn of the death of Laurene. She was true a good friend to my mother the late Olivet Bowles and myself. She was a pleasure to see at Connectional meetings because she was someone who knew my mother. I know she is playing music in the sky.



Rev. Linda Brown-Saffore - July 31, 2020 at 09:33 AM

BI

“ To the Family of my Dear Lay Sister Laurene Barbara McMillan. It is indeed a honor to extend my deepest sympathy for your departed loved one for we served together on the Connectional Lay Organization for 16 years. I regret that I did not know Jackie had transitioned also. I am surprised Laurene did not notify me. I will just imagine she was still mourning. I tried to reach Laurene several weeks ago to see how she was handling the COVID19 pandemic; however, the number I have programmed in my phone did not work. Now, I understand why because that was June and she was already resting in peace. My prayer for those family members remaining is that you will remain faithful, Stay In, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy. Our God is still in control of His world and we are covered in spite of the enemy's attacks.. Hallelujah and Amen!

Billie Dixon Irving
Retired Administrative Assistant
AME Church Office of General Secretary
Nashville, TN

Billie Dixon Irving - July 21, 2020 at 03:59 PM

SH

“ Lorene was a dedicated Layman and served faithfully as secretary on the Connectional Level of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It was always a pleasure to greet her at the conventions. It was years before we learned that we were sorority sisters. Rest well my sister. The Doves are with you.

Sandra Bonner Hadley - July 18, 2020 at 02:50 AM

CH

“ I grew-up with her & her siblings in Carrollton Area. I attended Summer Vacation Bible School @ their childhood church: St. Paul A.M.E. She was very sweet. I was shocked & saddened to hear of their passing. May They R.I.H.P. together again. I relocated after KATRINA, to Georgia; so I haven't seen them for a while, but I still loved them. Childhood friends last forever. Condolences to their family and friends. May GOD's Grace & Mercy grant y'all Comfort & Peace & Strength. My Prayers go up for the family. Cornelia Howard Dunnings

CORNELIA H.DUNNINGS - April 29, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CG

“ I am praying that God who does all things perfect will comfort and keep you in perfect peace. I encourage you to let the memories of your loved one give you joy and the assurance of God's love to give you peace and strength.

I pray knowing that her last breath on earth was followed by her first breath in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will give you solace.

*In His grace,
Carolyn*



Carolyn Gifford - April 24, 2020 at 04:38 PM

ED

“*Laurene was a dedicated sorority sister who took pride in serving her community. Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter could always count on Laurene and her sister Jackie to assist wherever needed. They were like two peas in a pod. To see them working together on various projects was expected and admired. Their love and commitment to each other was evident. May they rest peacefully together with their Heavenly Father.*

Elaine H. Davis - April 23, 2020 at 11:21 PM

JO

“*I am so sorry to learn about the death of your loved one Laurene. I pray that the loving support of caring and trusting friends will surround you and that you will know how much others care and share your loss. How good to know that the time will come when we will see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. JOhn5:28-29 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in the promises of God!! He can't lie!! Titus1:2 Once again I am so sorry for the loss of your most precious loved one!*

joy - April 22, 2020 at 12:28 PM

DH

“*What a sincere servant of God. The more I participated with her in various activities, the more I learned about her dedication to service. As a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, she was always available to assist no matter what the event. I will cherish the memories I have of being with her. May her soul rest in peace. Dr. Rosalind Pijeaux Hale, Montgomery, AL Formerly a member of Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter*

Dr. Rosalind Pijeaux Hale - April 18, 2020 at 07:11 PM

DM

“ *Laurene I'm so glad I had the opportunity to spend the time with you when I came to New Orleans. You opened your home and heart to me. I'm truly going to miss you. Rest in peace my Soror and family friend . Say hello to my mom and dad and Aunt Katie.*

Doreen Miller-Young - April 18, 2020 at 04:36 PM

AR

“ *It saddens me to lose such a wonderful person as Sis. Laurene McMillan. Sis. McMillan was my 9th grade Math Teacher at McDonogh #35. Then later in life, she became my church member, Missionary Sister, mentor and friend. I hold many fond memories of times spent together.*

My prayers are with her family for God's strength and peace, as they must handle the loss of their loved ones. Earth has no sorrow, that heaven can not heal.

*Sis. Ann Rumley-Fields
Historic St. James AME Church*

Ann Rumley-Fields - April 17, 2020 at 11:42 PM

CE

“ *I will never forget the years of youth choir practice. Your patience and dedication to us. RIP Laurene. You and Jackie. See you 2 at Sam's in heaven.*

Clarissa Evans - April 17, 2020 at 10:26 PM

RJ

“ We're shocked and saddened by the death of Laurene and her sister, Jackie. They were ever together in life, and only death parted them, almost simultaneously. Their church work and civic contributions were legion. They helped to improve our community in many ways. Both will be greatly missed, but long remembered. The family while bereaved today, can be strengthened by the knowledge that God knows and comforts His own.

Inez and Raphael Cassimere, Jr.

Raphael Cassimere Jr - April 17, 2020 at 12:18 AM

CH

Hello Dr. Cassimere: I was happy to see your name. We attended UNO together, back in the beginning. I left UNO in 1961, to go in the USAF; while y'all were beginning the Civil Rights Fight. I hope you & your family are doing fine & healthy.

CORNELIA H.DUNNINGS - April 29, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GC

“ To this family, I worked alongside this dear lady, at Colton Junior High School. She was a very quiet soul, but, I remember her saying that, she loved SATIN SHEETS. So SATIN sheets , became my greeting to her.

Gloria A. Coleman-Brown



Gloria A. Coleman-Brown - April 16, 2020 at 11:24 PM

GL

“ *Ms. Laurene McMillan you are truly going to be missed. You were the best Debutante and Masters Commissioner there ever was. I enjoyed working with her 20 years. May God give the strength to go on.*



Mrs. Gladys Cookie Lampton

Gladys Lampton - April 16, 2020 at 07:02 PM

JD

Laurene will also be missed by our 1960 class as she had become a part. She will also be sadly miss. Cherrie

Joycelyn Cherrie Douglas - April 17, 2020 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ *Absent from the body is present with the Lord! Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, loves leaves a memory no one can steal.*
I will always cherish our memories and hearing her say these words, "Mighty Nice " when it met her approval. To know Laurene ,was to love her. Laurene was a remarkable woman with so much integrity, charm and strong in her faith. .Laurene had an infectious smile that lit up a room She will always hold a special place in my heart.Well you got your wings now so I know you are there.
Experience walking in God's presence my dear Angel.

Mrs. Rodney Brown

Mrs. Rodney Brown - April 16, 2020 at 06:16 PM