



Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon

January 3, 2019

Ms. Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon was born on December 12th, 1950 to the late Mary Louise Slade and Louis Prade Slade of New Orleans, Louisiana, both of whom preceded her in death. Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon was the second born of three children, the other two siblings being her older brother, Louis Prade Slade Junior and her younger brother John Eaves Slade. From childhood Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon wanted to be an educator in order to bring fourth the best in our youth. Her own education carried her through Rivers Frederick Junior High, McDonogh 35 High School class of 1968, Tuskegee Institute class of 1973, and she was awarded a Masters in education from the University Of New Orleans in 1981.

Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon's career brought her much joy all the way from her early days at Johnson C. Lockett Elementary, and then on to Walter L. Cohen High School, Joseph A. Gaudet Elementary, McDonogh 28, and finally to A. H. Wilson Elementary. She loved guiding young minds and made it her mission in her professional life.

Athletics, like her late father, Louis Prade Slade a Tuskegee Institute Letterman, was a large interest of her life. From being a McDonogh 35 High School Cheerleader to becoming a NORD Summer Camp Director in her adult years as well as a Gymnastics, Basketball, Volleyball, and Track & Field Coach. Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon was so valued by her peers that she was awarded the National Edwin Bancroft Henderson Award for Professionalism In The Field Of Health & Physical Education. While at

McDonogh 28 she was named Teacher Of The Year.

Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon was a civic minded citizen as she was a member of many organizations such as the American Association Of Health Physical Education & Dance, the Ethnic Minority Committee Of Health & Physical Education, the New Orleans Urban League, and the New Orleans Alumni Of Tuskegee Club.

Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon loved the stage and went on to become one of the well known Dashiki Divas of the famed Dashiki Project Theater under the direction of the late Dr. Ted Gulliam. She performed in such plays as The First Cool Breeze Of Summer, Steal Away, and the highly successful 1979 production of For Colored Girls in which she essayed the role of the Lady In Brown. She continued her acting and joined the Anthony Bean Theatre in productions like House Warming with the Dashiki Divas, and in Papaya Man where she was the star of the play.

In 1981 Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon joined in marriage to Keith E. Weatherspoon and they were blessed with a wonderful daughter, Ashley Marie Weatherspoon.

She leaves to cherish her memory a daughter Ashley Marie Weatherspoon, two uncles, Louis Prade Slade Junior and John Eaves Slade. An extended family of aunts, cousins, along with friends and fellow colleagues.

Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon was an intelligent, artistic, lady with a dry rapier wit. She enjoyed crime novels, movies, art, music, travel, Billy Dee Williams, and Tom Selleck.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a funeral services that will take place at 11:00 AM at Central St. Matthew United Church Of Christ at 1333 South Carrollton Ave. New Orleans Louisiana on Saturday the 12th of January, 2019. Visitation will be from 9 to 11am. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to share online condolences.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ
1333 S Carrollton Ave
New Orleans, LA 70118

Service

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Marie and I met at Tuskegee Institute and were roommates for awhile. We had a great time together. She was so loyal and trustworthy. We had recently reconnected and I was looking forward to seeing her again. But God had other plans. My condolences to Ashley, Johnny and Junior the family
Monica Austin, Class '73

Monica Buggs - January 15, 2021 at 04:47 PM

ED

“ The Teche UCC Family, Pastor and I are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Sis. Marie S. Weatherspoon. She was a strong woman of faith in God, decency and order. She truly loved her family, church and UCC equally. We extend our sincere prayers and sympathy to her family and her extended families at Central St. Matthew, the NOLA Association and the South Central Conference. She will greatly be missed. May Sis. Marie's soul rest in the peace of Christ.

From: Evangeline M. Daye
Teche United Church of Christ
New Iberia, LA

Evangeline Daye - January 14, 2019 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ Carol Logan Smith lit a candle in memory of Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon



Carol Logan Smith - January 13, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon.*



January 11, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *During her tenure at Walter L. Cohen Sr. High School, Ms. Slade devoted a number of countless hours, days and years attending practices and marching in parades with the Hornets dance team. I am grateful for her support, encouragement and commitment to the team. I feel blessed to have known her and will cherish the memories of our friendship.*

Sincere condolences to Ashley and the Slade and Weatherspoon families. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Lecia Smith - January 11, 2019 at 12:05 AM



“ *Terry Hargrave lit a candle in memory of Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon*



Terry Hargrave - January 10, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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“ *From your Caliber Family (Bond and GI Department) purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon.*



From your Caliber Family (Bond and GI Department) -
January 10, 2019 at 04:08 PM

ZD

“ *May God comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

Zanda C. Dandy - January 10, 2019 at 01:58 PM

AD

“ *AnnMarie Depas lit a candle in memory of Marie Lorraine Slade Weatherspoon*



AnnMarie Depas - January 10, 2019 at 02:27 AM

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“ I met Marie when she was a freshman at Tuskegee Institute. We became fast friends—shared beliefs/values, such as we gotta graduate so our parents won’t hurt us!!!! Because I was from Tuskegee, living at home with my parents, I had access to a car. I’d pick Marie up and away we’d go to Auburn or Montgomery. Both of us lived to eat! Marie liked coming to my house, especially when mama had baked potatoe pies. Mama was so very fond of Marie and they teased a lot, for they shared the same name: Marie! We all loved Marie Slade. We had another buddy with us, too, Libby. Sooo much fun! After college we were still together...Marie, Libby and I riding in a carriage in the French Quarter!!! Then came Mardi Gras. I could not wait to get to Marie’s for all the festivities. Oh, my goodness...TI Homecomings! Marie would come from NO, bring the best gumbo in the world, and always stay with us an extra day or two. As we grew older, the bond remained.... I am looking at texts from Christmas 2018 and New Year’s 2019. We were “besties.” I miss her already, but I know and she knew that God knows best. We often shared our health issues and our trust in the Lord. I know she is resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus. God is blessing you right now, Ashley Marie. You had a wonderful mommy who loved you dearly. I will continue to keep you in prayer, along with your mom’s beloved brothers—Johnny and Junior and a special cousin, Andrea. Trust in the Lord.
AnnMarie Depas-Orange

Dr. AnnMarie Depas - January 10, 2019 at 02:20 AM