

In Loving Memory of



Angela Marie McKelvy

Sunrise
April 1, 1961

Sunset
April 6, 2012

Memorial Service

Sunday, April 29, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor Jr., Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

Opening Hymn of Comfort/ Solo.....“He’ll Find A Way”
Alice Cuthbert

The Scriptures Clergy

Prayer of Comfort

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections

The Reading of The Obituary Sherita Jackson

Reading of The Poem Irvina Booker

Musical Selection/Solo.....“Stand”
Alice Cuthbert

Reading of The Poem Patricia Brimais Tenemille

Eulogy Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

The Message of Hope Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

The Benediction

Recessional



Obituary

Angela Marie McKelvy was born on April 1, 1961 in Forest City Hospital in Cleveland City, Ohio to Kermit and Julia Marie McKelvy. She was the younger of two daughters. She attended Church at Cory United Methodist in Cleveland.

She graduated from Collingwood High School in 1979. She was a head cheerleader and homecoming Queen and from Kent State University in 1983, where she was the first African American senator elected to the student government. There she received a B.A. in Communication. Next, she did an internship at a NBC-T.V. affiliate where she decided that media was the area in which she wanted success. She worked the next twenty years in Advertising Sales, creating Marketing and Promotional opportunities for her employer's clients. Eleven of those years she worked in urban radio in Cleveland and Chicago and seven years at Essence Communications in Chicago. She then attended Northwestern University in Chicago, where she earned a Masters degree in Integrated Marketing Communications in 1995. She Married and was blessed with a beautiful baby boy in 1992, who she named Julian. She divorced in 1993.

In 1989, she met Carlus Bing who she eventually came to call 'the love of her life.' In 2001, their relationship progressed to love, one year after her diagnosis of MS. In 2009 with Carlus at her side, she recommitted her life to God. She knew with the different kinds of love God made available to believers, it was possible to love different people deeply. She shared that love with Carlus, the love of her life, Jesus, her Lord and Savior, Julian, her only beloved son, Laddie, her sister, Ranferd, her brother-in law and many of you. Watching Carlus and Angela together, their love for one another was apparent.

In 1998, she began having symptoms. She went to a number of doctors, but did not receive a diagnosis until at least a year and a half later. Until that point her personal and professional lives were going well. Then as she said, "the bottom fell out of my world". Her response to the diagnosis in her own words was: "Like a ton of bricks, I was hit with the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. MS! What is that? I had planned my work and worked my plan and I was right on course." As often said, "If you really wanna make God laugh, try making plans". God usually has another plan for your life. Like many of you, I was living with symptoms that once diagnosed, were clearly MS related", "I sold my home in Chicago and secured a Radio position in NYC. My son and I then relocated to the East Coast to be near my sister. I did have a few exacerbation over the years." At one point, she was hospitalized for seven weeks, with serious complications. Upon her release, she was in a wheelchair. Being the fighter that she was, she went to P.T. and O.T until she regained ninety five percent of her former self. Not allowing herself to be stopped by this disease, she began a swimming program for those with MS, and joined the MS Society which had a program in Yoga and horse riding. She also had a biweekly program of two mild workouts in a gym using light weights, machines and a stationary bike.

She was always thinking of others. At family gatherings, she preferred checking on others rather than being checked on and she always had a easy smile on her face. Those Interacting with her always felt the added joy to their day. She acknowledged "**Faith as the strength that helped her move forward and with a positive attitude in living with MS**". She was excited and proud to be a part of "Faith is Our Pathway", which has that motto. In addition to that she participated in MS fundraising walks and a year-long clinical research study on the effects MS has on the African Americans population. The effects varies from those of other ethnic groups. She went to Trenton to speak with Assembly men and women. In N.Y.S., she became a part of the Rockland County Politician Committee to speak with legislators regarding bills about MS care to get needed support.

On April 6, after her latest MS crisis she believed her time on this earth was complete. Although, she did not want to leave her loved ones alone, she was ready to return to her Lord and Savior. As Paul said, "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord". Instead of passing in a hospital, she was able to meet her lord and savior, with the "Love of her life" next to her. Although, he desperately tried to revive her, with EMS on the way, she made the journey to be with Her Lord. Carlus, the love of her live, Julian, her beloved son, her loving sister, Laddie Richardson, brother-in-law, Randfred Richardson, and a host of friends and relatives, have an additional reason to be determined and resolved to make it to heaven. It's to see Angela's smiling face, once again.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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