

Reflections of Life

Aline (Morrison) McQueen, was gifted into this world on December 14, 1933 in Fayetteville, NC to the late David Morrison and Margaret (McCoy) Morrison.

She relocated to Paterson, New Jersey at the age of five with her family and was educated in the Paterson Public School system.

Aline affectionately known as "Weezy" / "Plum" was employed as a healthcare worker at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson. Shortly after becoming employed, she was united in holy matrimony with Charles Alexander McQueen, Sr. Through this union nine children were born. Aline became a widow on October 18, 1969 however she found the strength to continue on raising her nine children while simultaneously maintaining a loving nurturing environment at home.

After the death her husband, she returned to the workforce. Aline's tireless efforts and hard work helped her to achieve her dream of purchasing her first home to share with her mother and children. Her perseverance and diligence continued which allowed her to achieve more goals and she was able to purchase her second home as well. Her family continued to grow. She was blessed with thirty grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren whom she loved tremendously, unconditionally, faithfully and endlessly.

Aline was a member of the American Temple No. 258 I.B.P.O.E. of W; Reed Court #8 Order of Calanthe Paterson, New Jersey.

She joined and was baptized at Christ Temple Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ, under the leadership of Pastor Freddie Roberson. She was a faithful member until her health begin to fail.

Aline retired from working in 1996. However she didn't retire from caring for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Anyone that Aline met was never a stranger, her doors were always open. You could always get words-of-wisdom, a hot plate and a place to lay your head. She was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off her back and did not expect anything in return.

Aline was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia A. Harris, granddaughter, Di'che A. McQueen, brother, Neil Morrison, Sr.

On Saturday, February 15, 2014, Aline McQueen departed this life and entered into eternal rest surrounded by her loving family.

Aline leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her children, Theresa (McQueen) Evans, Charles A. McQueen, Jr., Leroy A. McQueen (Caleisha), Margaret M. McQueen, Izena H. McQueen, Duke McQueen (Aretha), Robin R. McQueen and Gerald M. McQueen (Nicole); grandchildren, Ladrunda, Takishia, Kewanna, Torniece, Takarra, Michael, Jazmine, Durrell, Elijah, Tahree, Eshan Jr., Nijera, Jaran, Devenair, Alexander, Khabir, Quanika, Lanaiya, Chetni, Sharonda, Angelica, Zarah, Alexis, Kareen, Nashi, Akinde, Dasean, Elexzine, Zachary and Zavier; great-grandchildren, Dior, Chloe, Marquise, Nastacia, Cherokee, Jadir, Ishani, Breyonna, Aubrey, Kimora, Ty'on, Kashmir, Jenna, Tayler-Ann, Saheed, Sanaa, Troynae, Diamond, Troy, Dahmair, Naimah, Michael, Genoli, Shavonne, Dayveonta, Dayanara and Keivory; sister, Elease Evans (Billy); brother, Alphonso McKoy (Barbara); son-in-law, Michael Harris, Sr.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Solomon and William McQueen, Frank Davis, Cleo, Jan and Rainey McQueen, Mary Davis, Laura Myles and Mamie Dupree; devoted friends, Jannie Walker, Pearl Johnson and Sheila P. Frierson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Roots and Wings

If a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family...for this is pleasing to God.

I Timothy 5:4

O Jesus, I know well that You do not look so much at the greatness of my actions, As at the love with which I do them. It is true I am not always faithful, But I shall not lose courage. I desire to use every opportunity to please you.

St. Therese Of Lisieux

Dear Lord, the time has come for us to offer care to one who can no longer manage on her own. You know, Lord, that she has no desire to leave the safe familiarity That she calls home. But she has fallen several times, And the activities of daily living are now a burden, rather than a joy.

This sharing of our daily lives will be a new experience for the whole family, Lord, and each of us will have to make adjustments. Please help us. When little ones are born We often say that there are two things we need to offer as they grow up, "Roots" and "Wings" I think perhaps that in this situation, "roots and wings" are also needed. So give us wisdom, Lord, as we seek to provide them.

First she needs to feel secure and welcome, surrounded by her own familiar things and rooted in her own routine as far as we can possibly arrange it. Thank you that we have the space to offer her a room, which she can furnish as she chooses, and that she wont be moving far away from friends at church. Help us to welcome them and be available to offer lifts where lifts are needed, so that she can maintain some semblance of her familiar social life.

Lord, you know that there will be a balance needed between the time she spends within the bosom of the family and the time she'll spend alone, for we'll need space to give our children our time and our attention. Help us to teach them to respect their Granny, and to enjoy the special things that she can offer. Tales of long ago and family history can help us all to put our roots down firmly Into the stories of your love and care for us throughout the generations.

The thought of "wings" is not so easy, Lord, for there is not a great deal she can do. But give me patience, please, so if she offers To help with housework, or do the mealtime preparations that fall within her scope, I will say yes and "that would be a great help", even if it would be quicker to do it all myself.

Lord, you know that I am nervous about this task I've undertaken with love, Lord, yes, But also with clear awareness of my own fallibility. What will happen if I cannot cope, Lord, Or if I lose my patience and regret The road that we have chosen? Oh help me, Lord.

Please give me wisdom when I must make decisions, compassion and an understanding heart To recognize her pain and sense of loss, and patience so that I act in your time and not my own.

Help me to see my loss of freedom as a small offering that I can make to you and give me courage so that I can face my fears accepting that this is an enormous step for her as well. Then give me hope, dear Lord, So that I'll trust and rest in peace, believing that as we lean on you, you will make all things well.

Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "thank you," That would suffice." And so, Lord, For all that has been, For all that is, and for whatever is to come, I say "thank you."

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!



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For I am ready to be offered, and The time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight, I have Finished my course, I have kept the faith 2 Timothy 4:6-7

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