# Celebrating the Life of

# Vanessa McDowell-Bogert

## "Nessa"

**Sunrise**
**October 9, 1958**

**Sunset**
**October 14, 2026**



**Memorial service**
**Friday, November 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Prophetic Church of God**
123 North 5th Street, Paterson, New Jersey
*Rev. Warren McDowell, Officiating*

# Obituary

Vanessa was born on October 9, 1958, at the Barnet Hospital in Paterson, NJ. She was the daughter of the late Louis McDowell Sr. and Bernice (Baugh) McDowell. She was one of seven children.

Vanessa grew up in a very loving and family-oriented environment. Her parents worked very hard to ensure strong family values.

She graduated from Glen Rock High School in Glen Rock, NJ.

Vanessa was known for her kind heart and caring spirit for others and always looking beautiful. She took pride in being a runner-up for the Miss Black New Jersey, Beauty Pageant.

Vanessa left the earthly realm and transitioned on October 14th, after a very courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

Known for her love of working in the hospitality business, she began her career as a server and worked her way up to a managerial position at the I Hop restaurant in Fairlawn, NJ. She moved on to working at the former Mr. G's restaurant in Paterson, NJ. Given her extradentary level of service, she established long-standing relationships with her customers.

As a result of the closing of Mr. G's restaurant, she accepted a part-time position at the former catering establishment, Pinnacle Catering, in Lodi, NJ.

Preceding her in death is her husband, Eugene Bogert, who passed away in June 2020; her father, Louis McDowell, Sr.; her mother, Bernice McDowell; sisters, Diana McDowell, Wanda McDowell-Daniels and her sister-in-law, Verna Drakeford McDowell.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her son, Rasaad Ali McDowell; her brothers, Louis McDowell Jr. (Deborah), Stanley McDowell, Sr., Warren McDowell (Mary Lewis), Theresa McDowell-Blanken (Peter); numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends. Her devoted partner of many years, Roger Pauldo. Her resilient spirit has left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

She will be remembered by her family and friends as a woman of grace, faith and unwavering love.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude/Processional

Welcome/Greeting

Old Testament Reading ……. Psalm 23
Louis McDowell Jr.

New Testament Reading…… John 14:1-6
Sharon Newton

Prayer of Comfort ……Evangelist Elizabeth Faison

Music Selection …….Rev. Dr. Scott O. Cumberbatch

Reading of the Obituary ……..Jasmyne A. Sanders

Reflections/Acknowledgements ……..Family & Friends

Solo …….Shawn L. Edwards/Rev. Dr. Scott O. Cumberbatch

Word of Life ……Pastor Warren F. McDowell

Closing Prayer ……Rev. Dr. Scott O. Cumberbatch

Recessional

*Interment*
Fair Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# This is Not Goodbye

*I did not want to leave you*
*It was just my time to go*
*I know your heart is breaking*
*So, I need to let you know*
*That although you can no longer see me*
*I'll be forever by your side*
*I promise time will numb the pain*
*And help dry the tears you've cried*
*You can reach me in your memories*
*Just think of me, I will be there*
*In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear*
*Where we don't have a care*
*Please carry on and live your life*
*I beg you to try*
*Just know we'll meet again one day*
*As this is not goodbye*

## Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during Vanessa's passing.

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