Homegoing Celebration of Life and Love for
Norma Wallace Robinson McFadden

Sunrise: June 23, 1944
Sunset: May 26, 2019

Service
Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 11:00am

Good Neighbor Baptist Church
100 Chancellor Avenue, Newark NJ
Rev. Dr. George Allen Blackwell, III, Officiating
Obituary

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:7

The angels of mercy came down early Sunday morning, May 26, 2019 to gently lift Norma Wallace Robinson McFadden from her earthly home to her heavenly home. Norma was born on June 23, 1944 in Plainfield, New Jersey to the late Houston and Marion Estelle Robinson.

Norma attended the Public School System in Plainfield, New Jersey where she met and held close friendship with so many of her friends of today. From there, she attended Upsala University and Newark Teachers College which is now called Kean University.

She met and later married Richard Hall. To this union, Randal Hall was born who was the joy of her life. Later she met and married Marion (Sonny) McFadden. Together they shared over 40 years of love.

Norma’s employment was with New Jersey Bell/Bell Atlantic (currently Verizon) as an assistant office manager for many years. She also worked as an office manager for the Union at Kean University until her retirement due to illness.

Norma possessed so many great traits and talents. She was above all else a God-fearing Christian woman – the epitome of a beautiful soul inside and out. She had a creative mind and way of thinking. She enjoyed making and designing all occasion greeting cards, invitations, programs, flyers. She designed beautiful tee shirts for the 1500 block of Munn Avenue Block parties she helped to plan.

She was an avid reader. She started a Book Club at the Hillside Library in 2003 called “Page Turners”. The last book she was reading was “Becoming” by Michele Obama. Norma loved to sing. She had a beautiful soprano voice. Years ago, she and a local group won first place in a singing contest as she sang lead to “In the Still of the Night”. She sang many years in the Senior Choir at Good Neighbor Baptist Church where she was an active and faithful member until her health failed. Norma sang her last song “It Is Well”, with limited breath, just hours before she went home.

Sonny and Norma traveled extensively which was another of her passions along with dancing and cooking. Norma was so full of life. She was fun to be around and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her warm and beautiful smile drew people close to her. Generous, always willing to listen and offer a helping hand. Her compassion and love of family brought her great joy – especially her grandchildren.

Norma had an enormous love for butterflies. All around her home, you will see replicas of butterflies everywhere. Butterflies are viewed by some cultures as deep and powerful representations of life - representing endurance, change, hope and life. Norma has been transformed through each of these phases with the last being LIFE. She has been renewed and is now adorned in all the beautiful colors you see in butterflies. (Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. II Corinthians 5:17.) So, each time you see a butterfly think of Norma and smile.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Houston and Marion Estelle Robinson; one sister - Thelma Marie Robinson.

Norma leaves cherish memories to her loving and devoted husband Marion (Sonny) McFadden; one son, Randal R. Hall; stepsons: Marion Byerson (Caryn); Clinton McFadden (Jennifer); stepdaughters; Kimberly A. Scott; Peggy Longmire (Orlando); one sister, Vivian E. Monroe (Enos); One Brother, Houston L. Robinson (Phyllis); six sisters in-laws, Margaret Martin, Betty Gordon, Helen McFadden Brown, Mary Burgess (Alonzo), Alberta Knox, Rosetta McFadden; two grandchildren Tevin and Mason; other step-grandchildren, Warren, Allison, Natonda, Destiny, Brian (Victoria), Kristina, Daniel (Jeana); and a host of great-grandchildren; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends.
Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings
Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Reading of Acknowledgments, Condolences .......................................Gloria Robinson

Obituary.................................................................................................Carolyn Lockley

Reflections...................................................................(Please limit remarks to 2 minutes)

Musical Selection

Eulogy..................................................................................................Rev. Dr. George Blackwell, III
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Benediction & Recessional

Repast will be immediately after service in dining hall.
Death
Unknown Author
Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

Acknowledgement
Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.
~The Family

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