



Denise Margaret Leighton-McGowan

September 23, 1953 - March 4, 2009

Denise Margaret Leighton-McGowan was born on September 23, 1953 to the late James Louis Leighton and Mattie Lue McGowan. She departed this life suddenly on March 4, 2009. Denise, known to most as "Piggie" received her education in Baltimore City Public Schools and worked for various companies in the nutritional services. She was employed for the last four years at Stella Maris as a light duty technician. In addition, her other employment included performing work as a caregiver. Piggie had a passion for cooking and would "break bread" with whoever had an appetite for good food. Fridays at her house was a tradition and also a great relief family and friends. She had an equal love for music and she loved to sing and "Step in the Name of Love." If she liked a song, she would play it over and over and over again. Piggie was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, niece, and friend. She was a ball of fun and would keep you laughing into the wee hours of the night. She was a shoulder to lean on when you needed a helping hand. She would sacrifice her own health to be by your side when you were ill. She would set you straight if you did anything wrong, but would defend you to the end if you were right. Whether you called her Denise, Piggie, Ma, Grandma, Aunt Piggie, or Pooh; she was always there when you needed a helping hand. Piggie had a strong relationship with God. She would often talk with him about her children, she knew where her help came from. She had many, many catchy saying but because of her love for Christ, she would say in a heartbeat: "God got the last say so!" She leaves to cherish her memory her mother Mattie

McGowan; sisters Shirley Bennett and Darlene McGowan; sister-in-law Diane McGowan; brothers Anthony McGowan and Derrick Leighton; brother-in-law, Nathaniel Bennett; sons Joseph Tucker, Reginald Frazier, Marcus Pearson, and Nicholes Pearson; daughter Nicole Denise Pearson; daughters-in-law Chanona Frazier and Kenya Tucker; grandchildren Jordan Tucker, Dejoire Frazier, Makyra Pearson, Kenadi Bullock, Kah-yimah Pearson, and Marcus R. Pearson Jr. (preceded in death); nieces and nephews Michelle, Cheryl, Keyon, Donte, Edwin, and Kaila; a host of other relatives and friends; and the whole "Ready Roll" family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Margaret Leighton-McGowan*

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“ *Shirley and family. I am saddened to hear of the passing of Denise. Please know that you are in my prayers. May God bring you comfort and strength as only he can. Love You###imported-begin###Brenda Johnson, Liberty Garrison Family Member###imported-end##*

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“ *May GOD continue to bless the family, earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Normal Avenue Neighbor###imported-begin###Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tilghman###imported-end##*

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“ *Piggy as we called her from Normal Ave was a true friend. She loved her family and friends. She will truly be missed. Sending our prayers to the family. Nick please stay encouraged.###imported-begin###Sheila Edens Butts###imported-end##*

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“ I would like to say thank you to everyone who took time out to pay tribute to my Aunt Piggie. We are encouraged by your words of comfort and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. We love you too. I miss you so much Aunt Piggie!##imported-begin##Cheryl L Edwards-Austin##imported-end##

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“ She was my favorite aunt!!!! Bar None!##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

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“ I send my sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of Denise. Whenever you are feeling truly saddened and over-whelmed, remember these wonderful assurances of God's love found at Isaiah 66:13, "Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself, shall keep comforting you people. Jehovah knows our pains and sorrow, and he has a wonderful purpose to make things right for this earth and for all people. One day all the pain of this life will be erased from our hearts, and our loved ones will come to life again. Isaiah 65:17. As John 5:28,29 promises, the dead will one day hear Jesus's voice and come out of the memorial tombs." May you be comforted by this wonderful promise.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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