



Joyce Elaine Dandridge McFadden

August 16, 1942 - August 26, 2012

Joyce Elaine Dandridge McFadden passed from this life into the glorious life hereafter

on August 26, 2012. Mrs. McFadden was an Associate Minister at Broad Rock Baptist

Church, South Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. McFadden was born August 16, 1942 in Richmond, Virginia to Rose Birmingham

and John Dandridge. She grew up in the Jackson Ward, and graduated from Maggie L.

Walker High School. She was married to James McFadden. Joyce and James had two

sons together, Maury and Dwayne, who were the lights of her life.

She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

She was a candidate for her Masters, having attended Richmond, Virginia, Seminary. She

also studied to earn a certificate in Church Leadership from Virginia Union University

School of Theology Evans-Smith and Weekend Division. She also received an Honorary

Doctorate from Spirit of TRUTH, North Carolina.

She served as a volunteer chaplain for Handicaps Unlimited of Greater Richmond (HUGR) as well as the McGuire Veterans Hospital (Spinal Cord Injuries). She was the former Ambassador of Goodwill to Nigeria, representing Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, World Trade Tri-State Commission. Joyce travelled to West Africa, Europe, Egypt, Seoul, Korea, and the Holy Land in Israel.

All along this Christian Journey, she showed consistent love, awareness and concern for God's People, especially for the young and elderly. In Southern New Jersey, she worked with girls On the Move, using dramatic expression to encourage young women to see alternatives to teenage pregnancy. She went on to found the CCC (Creative Christians for Christ) Drama Guild. These are but a few of her efforts to make a Christlike difference in the lives of others. While in California, Joyce formed a Christ-centered business called God's Garden, an inter-denominational ministry to women, which served to bless many in the hot spot area of Central Los Angeles. After relocating to San Francisco, she formed the Balm of Gilead Prison Ministry and Aftercare center. Continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, she enrolled

in the
Shiloh Bible College in Oakland, California. After the death of her father she
was lead to
come back home to Richmond.

Finally, Joyce wished it known that she was Saved, Sealed and Set Free.
Joyce was
blessed with the Anointing of Joy. And with her gift, she filled hearts and lifted
Spirits,
telling all of the goodness of the Lord. She believed in searching the
Scriptures before
presenting her spiritual revelations and insights. This greatly enhanced her gift
of teaching
while preaching. She was quick to say that she was not an entertainer and
refused to
tickle your ear. Despite her Holy humor, Joyce was a flat-footed, no-nonsense
Gospel
preacher, who said, "You may not get to shout, but you'll learn of the way out"
translated,
she preached "Jesus" (John 8:34-36), "He who the Son sets free is free
indeed."

Reverend McFadden had genuine concern for God's people. She was high
energy, a
loving spirit and had a keen mind. She was funny, fun and smart. She loved
the Lord...
loved His Church, His People, His Program and His promises. Her
enthusiasm, zest for
life, and love for Christ came through as she preached, taught and witnessed
to His glory.

Her lifestyle was one of Worship... her message was one of Praise and her Hope was built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and His righteousness, which flow through Eternity. She had love and passion for the Lord, Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit and God, the Father as well as compassion for all people.

Mrs. McFadden was predeceased by her parents Rose Birmingham, John Dandridge; husband, James McFadden and sister, Vivian Bishop.

She is survived by her sons, Maury (Oakland, CA) and Dwayne (Richmond, VA) McFadden; brothers, John Dandridge, Jr. and Lamar Pinkney; sisters, Doris Ann Hughes and Sylvia Bernetta Jones; daughter-in-law, Susan J. McFadden (Sitka, AK); and spiritual daughter, Beverly L. Hatcher (Richmond, VA).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



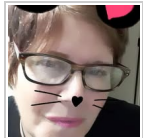
“ Lived Miss Joyce.....thinking about her all the time as she was a light in my darkness as I was a single either bif too young men and she mentioned I reminded her of herself...She was always up to the wee hours of the morning preparing her sermons and was so structured with her presentations she was a real big inspiration to me.....I will never forget her!

Darleen Strsthy - July 22, 2025 at 01:07 AM



“ *Joyce Elaine Dandridge McFadden*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady I knew her so well, but God knew her better than me. A wonderful woman of God so I cherish the memory of being with her learning and growing from her knowledge in her faith in God. I miss you Miss Joyce and your zeal and zest and Love for God Jesus and Holy Spirit motivated me to be a better woman of God.....I will always love my memories of how you would stay up late getting inspiration from God to write your sermons. A work in progress I am and God hand picked you to come into my life at the RACE TRACK now RACE WAY gas station on Hull Street Road. Even though that was so long ago and you said It reminded you of yourself and your boys as my young boys who are now grown were setting in the back seat hanging out with momma as I came from a church function.....you touched me with your passion for The Lord and His word...you are greatly missed and forever in my heart!*

Darleen Strathy - August 28, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CC

“ *Carrie Christian lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elaine Dandridge McFadden*



Carrie Christian - September 07, 2012 at 11:12 AM

SM

“ *Very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. To me she was a "FOXY LADY" - Maggie L. Walker Class of 1960 classmate, Shirley Peters McCray*

Shirley Peters McCray - September 05, 2012 at 11:09 PM

DL

“ *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort" 2 Corinthians 1:3. Prayers of comfort and peace now and always.*

Dr. Melanie A. Lewis - September 05, 2012 at 10:13 PM

KP

“ *Losing a loved one is never easy. Jehovah promises to do away with all of our pain and and suffering. This is found in Rev 21:4 and I encourage you to read that with your own copy of the bible. I hope this helps in your time of need.*

Kevea P. - September 05, 2012 at 10:57 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - September 01, 2012 at 05:02 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 30, 2012 at 04:13 PM