



Joyce Picot McManus

March 7, 1926 - August 10, 2018

Mrs. Joyce Picot McManus, the daughter of the late John and Pauline Picot was born in Ahoskie, N.C. and was preceded in death by her husband, Willie McManus, Sr. They were married on September 6, 1947.

Joyce Picot McManus received her B.A. Degree from Bennett College in North Carolina and pursued a Masters Degree in Music Education and Performance from Syracuse University in New York and did further advanced studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore and at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Before moving to Maryland, Joyce taught music for many years in North Carolina and South Carolina. She was a music teacher for over 28 years in Anne Arundel County. She taught at Bates High School from 1956 until 1962. She was then transferred into integration wherein she was the first African American to teach music in Anne Arundel County. She taught at Arundel Junior High, Annapolis Junior High, and Arundel Senior High Schools. She received many awards from the State of Maryland for her outstanding choirs.

After retiring as a music teacher in Anne Arundel County, Joyce joined the faculty at Sojourner-Douglass College. She enjoyed her years at Sojourner-Douglass and looked upon this experience as one of the

highlights of her career.

An accomplished musician, Joyce was blessed to have been coached by Todd Duncan (famed operatic performer), Madam Dusek of the Peabody Conservatory (now part of Johns Hopkins University), and Dorothy Maynor (famed internationally known lyric soprano). Joyce performed several oratorios throughout the region as a soloist in such performances as Handel's "Messiah", Haydn's "The Creation", and Mendelssohn's "St. Paul".

One of her most memorable performances was in the early 1960s when she performed at the Maryland Governor's Mansion on the occasion of the Secretary of State of Liberia visiting Governor and Mrs. J. Millard Tawes. Marion Thacker Smith, her former piano instructor at Bennett College, was her accompanist. Joyce also said another memorable performance was when she was a sophomore at Bennett College. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the campus and Joyce was a part of the music that was performed by the Chapel Choir.

In 1958, she joined Mount Moriah AME Church with her family wherein she taught Sunday School. For 15 years, she was the Choir Director of the Senior and Children Choirs. In 1974, she organized a Midshipmen Choir of over 25 voices that performed one Sunday out of the month at Mount Moriah AME Church.

Joyce also found time to serve with many organizations in the County including, being one of the founders and the first president of EBO Arts, Inc. She was the first African American to serve on the Annapolis Fine Arts Festival Board, and she was the founder and first president of the Annapolis Fine Arts Club. Joyce also served on the Annapolis Opera Board. She was appointed to the Cultural Arts Board of Anne Arundel County by County Executive Janet Owens. She served as a member to the Anne Arundel

County Advisory Board for Planning and Zoning for 11 years; appointed consecutively by three County Executives, O. James Lighthizer, Robert R. Neall and John G. Gary.

Mount Moriah AME Church has always been the center of her faith and has helped her over the years to deal with the reality of life. "GOD is really good, all the time" was one of her favorite sayings. As a member of the Anne Arundel County Advisory Board, Joyce was instrumental in speaking out against the demolition of Bates High School and the historical site of the original Mount Moriah AME Church.

Joyce was very involved in the community. She was a devoted member of the Annapolis Chapter of The Links, Inc. for 30 years and also was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Pi Omega Chapter.

Joyce's husband, the late Willie McManus, Sr., was very active at Mount Moriah AME Church. He was a member of the Trustee Board, the Usher Board and various organizations. Her three children were also active in the Church.

Joyce is survived by 3 children, Marcheta Q'McManus-Eneas (Judson) of Nassau, Bahamas, Willie McManus Jr. of Annapolis, Maryland and Stephanie McManus Collins (Lionel) of Washington, D.C. Joyce also had 3 grandchildren, Judson Picot Eneas of the Bahamas, Kemba Eneas Walden (Matthew) of Maryland and Kashta Kandia Eneas (Karen) of California and 3 great-grandchildren, Monica Walden, Victor Walden, and Khari Eneas.

Joyce will be missed by her family, friends and students. She touched so many lives with her positive outlook and love of life.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, or the Annapolis Opera of Annapolis, Maryland.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cem

Annapolis, MD

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Moriah AME Church
2204 Bay Ridge Ave
MD 21403

Service

AUG 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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2204 Bay Ridge Ave
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Picot McManus*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family of Mrs. Joyce McManus.*

I only found out on August 21st of this month about the passing of your mother. I was saddened to read about it in the paper. I've known both your mother and dad. Your mom had always treated me and my sister with a lot of love, care and affection. She was a patient, as you know, of my dad Dr. Samuel Callahan and a great friend to my mother Evelyn. Your mom and my mom taught together at Bates long ago. I want you to know that I will always cherish the memory of your mom. One thing I know about your mom and that is she was a great woman that loved each of you. I pray that you all will find strength, peace and comfort during this time.

Sincerely,

Samuel Callahan, Jr.

Samuel Callahan, Jr - August 22, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *This message of condolences to the family of Mrs. Joyce McManus is from Newton Gentry III. Joyce was truly a friend of mine. I had the pleasure of serving with her on the Anne Arundel County Planning Advisory Board. Her compassion and love for the arts will truly be missed! May Gods peace be with the family during these difficult times!*

Newton Gentry III - August 20, 2018 at 09:24 PM

BP

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the McManus Family.*

I had the privilege of being a student of Professor McManus at Sojourner- Douglass- College, Annapolis.

She was supportive, caring, extremely talented and a great mentor. I adored her!

Thanks to her I am a Jazz Fan!

Mrs. McManus will be missed by all who loved her.

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.

May each loving memory shine candle-bright ,bringing peace and comfort to your hearts."

Bonnie Powell

Class of 2003

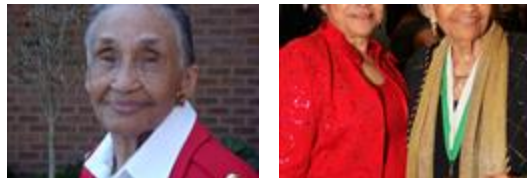
Sojourner-Douglass College



Bonnie Powell - August 19, 2018 at 10:50 PM

PG

“ *Link Joyce will always hold a special place in our hearts. She served on the Anne Arundel County planning and advisory board with Newton and became a dear friend to him. It added so much to have her love and support for the two of us, a dedicated teach, mentor and friend, she will be so missed by her family, friends and the community of musicians she nurtured and cherished.*



Pamela Gentry - August 19, 2018 at 08:54 PM

MA

“ My high school music teacher at Arundel high school back in the middle 60s. One teacher I have always remembered through the years. "When Autumn Leaves Start to Fall" I still don't read music but I do sing in our church choir.
God's Blessing to your family in the loss of Ms McManus.



Martee-Jo Albrick-Dawson - August 18, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the McManus family.



Shelly Parker - August 18, 2018 at 07:51 AM

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Kemba Walden - August 17, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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Kemba Walden - August 17, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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Kemba Walden - August 17, 2018 at 05:08 PM

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Kemba Walden - August 17, 2018 at 05:06 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 16, 2018 at 08:40 AM