



## Linda J. McGowens

August 1, 1950 - January 7, 2021

Linda Jeanette McGowens, daughter of the late Herman Harris and Betty Thompson was born on August 1, 1950 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life, after a long illness on January 7, 2021.

Linda received her education in the Baltimore City School System. She graduated from Edmondson High School in 1968. After high school, Linda attended Towson University and Morgan State University, where she graduated Suma Cum Laude with her master's degree in Childhood Education.

She started her teaching career as a 4th grade teacher at Johnston Square Elementary School, where she taught for 23 years. She was destined to become a teacher, because her grandfather, William H. Bruner was a black superintendent in Frederick Maryland.

Linda had brains and beauty. She was a connoisseur of fashion and her outfits had a match from head to toe. Linda was very organized and had a routine for her everyday life.

She loved animals, and cats were her favorite. She was a collector of all sorts and had an enormous Wizard of Oz collection. Linda enjoyed watching television, and some of her favorite TV shows were the Big Bang Theory and

the Wendy Williams show. Harry Belafonte and Etta James were two of her favorite singers. Her favorite foods were lobster and crabs, and her snacks were any type of chocolate with almonds. When she was younger, she loved to travel. Two places she loved to travel was Ocean City and Maine.

Linda had a generous heart and a beautiful soul and always loved to help others with positive advice. She absolutely loved babies, especially her grandchildren.

Linda leave to cherish her memory: her husband, McArthur McGowens; her daughter, Ayana Stepteau-Baker, preceded her in death; granddaughter, Taijae J. Mallard McGowens; grandson, Daniel G. Baker, III; son-in-law, Daviel G. Baker, Jr.; stepson Chad L. McGowens; 3 great grandchildren: Ace S. Smith-Bey, King A. Smith-Bey, and Peyton A. Smith-Bey; Goddaughter, Darice Friend; two brothers-in-law: Autry (Patricia) McGowens, David (Denise) McGowens; two sisters-in-law: Betty Harris and Rosa Gladney; and a host of relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Service

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JAN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To view the service of Ms. McGowen please click the link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Linda J. McGowens*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Linda was my mother's double cousin. She was responsible for introducing my parents. I, my brother Stephen, and my beautiful children and grandchildren would not be here otherwise. My deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Lisa Roy** - February 27, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *My mother Barbara Jones-Brown and Ms. Linda were friends as long as I can remember. I remember Ms. Linda took Ayana, my sister Keesha and I to Six Flags when the girls were very young. I told Ms. Linda that I wouldn't have kids after the entire day in the park with the girls.. 😊. We laughed. Two years later at age 18 I had my one and only child. I will always cherish that moment. You will truly be missed.*

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**Tracey Outten** - January 21, 2021 at 10:44 PM

Jackie Von

“ Jackie Von lit a candle in memory of Linda J. McGowens



Jackie Von - January 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM

PC

“ My wonderful friend since age 11. I love and miss you and always will. I thank God for all the wonderful memories we shared. I know He received you with open arms. We will meet again my dear friend.

Patrice Johnson Cook - January 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

Jackie Von

“ Sending love and prayers for the family during this time of great loss. I am heart broken and I cannot believe you are no longer here. I will always remember the love, laughter and good times we shared thru the years. Rest in peace Linda.. Jackie Von Hendricks

Jackie Von - January 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ Moses And Ernestine Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Linda J. McGowens



Moses and Ernestine Wiggins - January 18, 2021 at 09:20 PM

MW

*Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal!*

Moses and Ernestine Wiggins - January 18, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LW

“ *LaVerne Wake purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Linda J. McGowens.*



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**LaVerne Wake** - January 14, 2021 at 07:50 PM

MH

“ *Dear Linda, I didn't get a chance to see you before God called you home, but you will be truly missed by all who loved you! You are not alone and you do have Family that love you dearly. Until we meet on the other side, Rest in Peace Linda! Love always Your 1st Cousin Michael C Harris*

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**Michael Harris** - January 12, 2021 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ *Michael Harris lit a candle in memory of Linda J. McGowens*



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**Michael Harris** - January 12, 2021 at 05:08 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 11, 2021 at 01:46 PM