



Marcia B. Pittrell

May 10, 1950 - May 3, 2026

With full hearts, we announce that Marcia B. Pittrell of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of the late McKinley and Caldonia J. Dickerson, born on Wednesday, May 10, 1950, opened the doors to her heavenly home on Sunday, May 3rd.

Marcia, lovingly known as “Sweetlum,” was a wife, sister, aunt, G-Ma, GG-Ma, and dear friend to many.

It was often said that Marcia was a “runner” — either running alongside someone or running after someone — though she would have much rather been dancing. Marcia loved to dance and could truly cut the rug with the best of them. She had both the stamina and the legs to prove it and was often told she had legs like Tina Turner herself.

Marcia graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School and immediately afterward enrolled in Phillips School of Business, where she earned a certificate in Hospitality and Bookkeeping. Her career began shortly after completing the school’s two-year program, and her education proved to be the perfect match for the environments in which she would dedicate more than 50 years of her professional life.

She was first employed by Virginia Union University, home of the mighty Panthers. She found the campus atmosphere exciting and truly enjoyed being

part of the university community. She could often be found on the yard cheering on students and offering support whenever needed. After more than 20 years, she decided a change was needed and was encouraged to apply to the University of Richmond — home of the Spiders — in 1990.

During her time at the University of Richmond, she served as a service associate, manager trainee, and later service manager in the Heilman Dining Center before retiring as a Service Manager on May 31, 2015. Upon retirement, Marcia decided it was finally time to take a seat and get off her feet — though there were times she forgot she still needed to get up. After her retirement hiatus — a season of rest, refocus, and rebound — she hit the ground running once again. Summers became filled with beach vacations, mountain skyline views, amusement parks, movie theaters, and concerts in the park shared with family and friends.

Marcia, affectionately known as “Sweetlum,” was preceded in death by her parents, McKinley and Caldonia J. Dickerson; her estranged husband, Lamont Pittrell; her youngest daughter, Sharon P. Dickerson-Reed; her youngest grandson, Tariq Ormond Dickerson; her brothers, McKinley W. Dickerson Jr. and Sylvester Dickerson; and her beloved four-legged grandpup, Choc.

She leaves to cherish her memory her eldest daughter, Frances A. Dickerson-King (Jermaine); her sister, Sandra Dickerson-Fox; her eldest grandson, Steffan K. Dickerson (LaKia); her great-grandchildren, Steffan K. Dickerson Jr., Kalani E. Dickerson, and DaKariia N. Dickerson; her ride-or-die, polyester fiberfill, cotton, and mochi-stuffing backseat car mate, Teddy Bear; and a large host of extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
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Richmond, VA 23222-2413
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Memorial Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Marcia B. Pittrell*



March Funeral Homes - May 06 at 04:45 PM

BR

*May you rest in peace dear cousin!💕
From your extended family
Dottie*

Beatrice C Robinson - May 09 at 06:56 PM

LJ

“ *Everything I know about fine dining and hospitality came from this legend! God bless her family during this time. She was a pillar in my life.*



LaQuashia Johnson - May 16 at 09:04 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcia B. Pittrell.*

Wilma J. - May 14 at 01:16 PM

SB

“ To Frankie and family. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved mother. A family matriarch holds a special place with every family member and in every heart she touches, and i know her love, strength and guidance have shaped so much of the beautiful legacy she leaves behind. May you find comfort in your memories, peace in the love she shared and strength in the support of those who care about you. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With heartfelt sympathy. Sandra Barley

Psalm 30:5

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning

sandra barley - May 12 at 07:04 PM

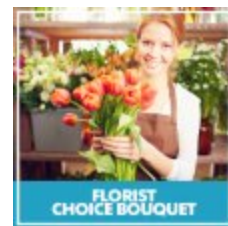
TM

“ I met and worked beside Marcia for a long time at UR and she was always more than a co worker to me. She always told me the truth not sugar coating anything. A true diamond. Rest well my friend.

Tracy Miles - May 12 at 02:45 PM

DM

“ Dr. Kimberly McClearn purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Marcia B. Pittrell.



Dr. Kimberly McClearn - May 12 at 09:05 AM

SW

“ My condolences to Frances and family on Marcia's transition. Marcia and I started at UR the same year, and I always enjoyed chatting with her when I'd see her at lunch at Heilman Dining Center. She and I had a couple of conversations before her retirement about her life in retirement. While I didn't see her much after she retired, I'd often ask about her when I'd see Frances. You are celebrated, Marcia!

Steve Wilborn - May 11 at 06:29 PM

FD

“ Today is bittersweet, as it is both my mom's birthday and Mother's Day, and she is not here to celebrate either. Her passing last Sunday (May 3rd) took its toll then and is hitting even harder today.

But I know there will be a day of celebration in her new heavenly home on her birthday, and it will be a day of rejoicing.



Frances A. Dickerson-King - May 10 at 02:27 PM

CD

“ I love you with all my heart, and I will forever wrap my paws around you. Thank you for all the car rides, the chicken nuggets from my favorite restaurant, McDonald's, but more importantly, for sharing your space with me.

Choc — aka Rug 🐾



Choc Dickerson-King - May 09 at 09:24 AM

JJ

“ I worked with Marcia for years at the University of Richmond for many years she was a kind and fun outgoing person to work with she was loved by many she will be surely missed

Judy Jones

Judith Jones - May 08 at 06:12 PM

JH

“*Marcia, you were never just a manager to us. You were the momma and grandma of the dining hall, the person everybody knew they could come to no matter what. There was never a time we asked for help, support, or guidance that you did not at least try to make happen, and that kind of care is rare. You made it easy for people to show up for you because you always showed up for us first. Thank you for the love and feistiness you brought into that dining hall every day. Your impact goes far beyond the workplace, and so many of us are better because we had the chance to work with you and learn from you. You will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.*

Steff and Kia, I love y'all deeply. Praying for your strength and comfort during this time.

Johneisha Hickman - May 08 at 11:48 AM

DF

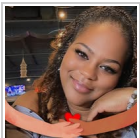
Frances, Steff & Lokia plz know that my heart goes out to each of you. My Sharon's mom was a beautiful person that loved ALL of her family deeply. Please be comforted by the love of God!

Dorothy Fox - May 09 at 05:03 PM

MO

“*Rest in Peace Marcia. We had some great times at work and will always remember our time together with a full heart.*

Michael Onorato - May 08 at 11:16 AM



“*My deepest condolences to the family during this time. Marcia was like family to the Hawkins and we will miss her deeply. May she RIP.*

Tequita Hawkins - May 08 at 11:10 AM

WE

“ *I used to party hard with my cousin back in the day*



Wayne Evans - May 06 at 07:50 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 - May 06 at 04:45 PM