



## Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney

March 30, 1949 - January 8, 2021

PHYLLIS STEGER McEENEY was born in Meridian, Oklahoma on March 30th, 1949 to the late Daniel B. and Opal C. Steger. She went home to be with her Lord January 8th, 2021 after a lengthy illness.

She was educated in Logan County Public School System and graduated from Guthrie High School. She attended Langston University a historically black college in Langston, Oklahoma and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Logan County, Oklahoma.

Phyllis lived and worked in several cities in the United States. She started her career as a young woman in Baltimore at Reads Store. She was also employed at Commercial Credit Corp. where she became a manager. She lived in Chicago, then California where she worked for the IBM Corp. While living in Raleigh, NC. She worked for Hartford Company and IBM. She also resided in Reno, NV, College Station, TX and Oklahoma City. After moving back to Baltimore, she became a personal care provider; and this was her most rewarding employment because she loved working with the elderly. Phyllis received numerous awards and accolades for her work in Raleigh, NC fighting to stop Domestic Violence, after the tragic death of her daughter and grandson.

She was a proud member of Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church where she served in

the Missionary Ministry and she was the President of the Senior Ushers Ministry until her health prevented her from carrying out her duties.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Cordae Lee and grandson, Kendall Dianis; two brothers, Richard L. Steger and Ralph J. Steger and two sisters, Bonita D. Steger and Karen C. Steger.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a daughter, Keisha Harris Wright; a son, Kerris R. Lee (Lucy); two brothers, Tommy L. Steger (Willa) and Timothy V. Steger; one sister, Shirley A. Williams; one granddaughter, Brijae Wright; two grandsons, Avery Lee and Oliver Lee; a special adopted son, John McEleney Jr.; two aunts, Davetta Brothers and Johnella Brothers; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and special friends, Virginia Lipscomb, Shirley Nicholas, Robin Richardson, and Angela McFadden.

# Cemetery Details

## Raleigh Memorial Park

7501 Glenwood Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27612

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

JAN **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Hill Baptist  
4800 Hartford Rd

## Service

JAN **20**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Hill Baptist  
4800 Hartford Rd

# Tribute Wall



“ To view the visitation of Phyllis McEleney please click the link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 14, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.



January 19, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ Phyllis was always so joyful and kind. Always wonderful company to be around. She will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.



Taryn Smart - January 19, 2021 at 11:14 AM



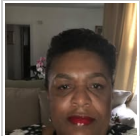
“ *To the McEleney and Steger Family:*

*So sorry to hear of Phyllis's passing. Such a warm and friendly person, with a big Smile. She will be truly missed.*

*"Earth has no sorrow that heavenly can not heal".*

*May GOD continue to keep each of you in his care*

-----  
**Vera wood** - January 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Carolyn Crawford-Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.*



-----  
**Carolyn Crawford-Scott** - January 18, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.*



-----  
January 18, 2021 at 12:33 AM

JP

“ To my dear Sister in Christ, you will truly be missed. I will always remember your sweet and Loving ways. RIP!



judith Perkins - January 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM

F1

“ Faver High School, Class of 1967 purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.



Faver High School, Class of 1967 - January 16, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.



January 15, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Phyllis Dorthelia McEleney.



January 15, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ 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** - January 14, 2021 at 06:04 PM

GL

*Auntie Phyllis, you left some very good words of wisdom! Things to reflect on and set a good example of how we should treat the ones we love the most. Therefore, she will always be with us because of the works and things shared. You always know a tree by the fruit it bares "Rest in Peace"*

GL

---

**Gerald Lampkin** - January 20, 2021 at 02:05 PM