



# Tanya Thompson McCoy

October 27, 1951 - July 6, 2020

## An Unforgettable Legacy

Tanya Marie (Thompson) McCoy, daughter of William Cornell Thompson and Georgia Thompson Fennell, was born on October 27, 1951 in Bluefield, Virginia. While a teen, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she graduated from Coolidge Senior High School and attended American University. She received her bachelor's degree in political science and public administration in 1978.

Tanya began her career at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a Grants Management Specialist. She excelled during her 35 years at NIH where she received several awards for her leadership and her work on life science grants. She was especially fulfilled by her work with Native American communities. Tanya gave her life to Christ at an early age and was a longtime member of Brightwood Park United Methodist Church. More than anything, Tanya was a devoted and loving mother to her pride and joy – Alyssa and Amber. Upon her retirement, the real adventure began. Tanya started volunteering at The Edge Salon, traveled the world, took art classes, and joined the Takoma Park “Swim Team.”

Tanya will be met in heaven by her Grandmother Alice, her parents, brother George, and beloved cousin Beverlye. Left to cherish her legacy are daughters Alyssa (Christopher) and Amber (Elise); siblings Toye (Kenton), Christy (Chris), Sterling (Sherri) and sister-in-law Bertha; nephews Eric and Derek; and nieces Mya, Chance, and Kelli. Her “honorary” children – Brian Healy, Elaine, Sonia Bajwa, and Skye; her family at The Edge Salon; and granddog Bigelow will continue to make her smile from above. She will be deeply missed and forever quoted by countless friends, colleagues, and family members.

Tanya T. McCoy - Child of God, Mother, Sister, Daughter, Friend, Philanthropist, World Traveler, Believer in Black Excellence, Salon Receptionist Extraordinaire, Hallmark Aficionada, Founder & Senior Editor at TNR (Tanya News Roundup), QVC Devotee, #Megxit Supporter, Collector of Exquisite Jewelry, YouTube Makeup Tutorial Enthusiast, Style Influencer, Exotic Complainer, Tantalizing Scorpio.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center (Laurel)  
7601 Sandy Spring Rd.  
Laurel, MD 20707

## Memorial Service

JUL 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast for the Memorial Service of Tanya Thompson McCoy, Please Click the Link Below:



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**March Life Tribute Centers** - July 10, 2020 at 06:04 PM

OH

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear about the loss of Tanya. My Mother Rena Hall and Brothers David and Edward share your loss and grieve with you.

*Tanya was the first person that showed me what a big sister was, she was 16 when I first met her, I was 8. She was so tall, pretty, outspoken and so very kind to me. The girl next door who only want to grow up so I could buy my own clothes and wear make up.*

*She arched my eyebrows for my graduation picture from high school, she did my makeup when she did Mary Kay, she took me to her barber to get my afro in shape. She took care of me.*

*She was my original road dog, when it was time to go to college, I had no clue what to do or where to go, she encouraged me to think outside the box and try something different. My different ended up being aviation. She and another friend of my oldest brother drove to Daytona Beach Florida. To see a school called Embry Riddle. I was so scared, but I rented a car,found a place for us to stay and toured the school and ended up enrolling there. She took care of me.*

*When I became a contractor at NIH, she took care me*

*When my daughter move out, and found an apartment, to my delight, Tanya lived in the next building. She took care of me, my daughter and granddaughter ,*

*I write this with tears in my eyes, but a heart full of great memories of Tanya, so glad she was in my life, Love to you all*

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Oneida Hall - July 19, 2020 at 02:51 PM

WM

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” - Psalm 147:3 Right now, when your loss is so fresh, it may be difficult for you to imagine that this pain will ever go away. But in time, the blessing of God's unfailing grace will soften the hurt that you're feeling and bring your heart the peace, comfort, and hope that it needs to heal. until then please remember there's a circle of friends surrounding you who are embracing you and lifting All up in prayer. There is love that will live forever, and there are memories that will shine through the sorrow. With Deepest Sympathy - In Love and Peace Walter and Sidonie McCoy

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Walter McCoy - July 17, 2020 at 01:37 PM

AS

“Your mom had such a beautiful spirit. One of God's angels has been called home to serve him.

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Anita Springs - July 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM

WM

“4 files added to the tribute wall



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Walter McCoy - July 14, 2020 at 10:18 AM

KK

“ My condolences to Tanya's family. I first met Tanya in 1973, National Dental Institute, Grants Management Office. She always greeted me with a radiant smile and good conversation. We shared many work-life experiences and worked through our career difficulties together. She was a great inspiration and you would look forward to your next visit. May her soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her. God bless and take care of her family. Kenny Bond

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King P Bond Jr. aka Kenny - July 14, 2020 at 09:37 AM

MM

“ What is your life? It is just a vapor, appearing for a little while, and then vanishing.  
- James 4:14

*Tanya was such a delight of a person. I am certainly going to miss her and her wonderful Spirit. I so often enjoyed talking to her at the Pool (Takoma) and outside before we went to carry on the remainder of our day, work for me, but for Tanya, it just seem to be and ongoing wonderful adventure each day. She would always tell me, " you'll get there". To her daughters, Alyssa, Amber and family, my sincerest heartfelt condolence. I ask that God continues to comfort and bless you all. During this time and forever. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to meet Tanya on this journey and we shall meet again.*

*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
- Matthew 11:28*

*Myron A. Morgan*

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MYRON A. MORGAN - July 13, 2020 at 01:30 PM

EL

“ Thank you for your joy, humor, and razor sharp insights about the world! I am so grateful to have Amber in my life and I know I owe so much of our connection to you—you were there as we took our first steps into a new stage in life, and you guided us (and clowned us) along the way. We've grown so much since our time in Houston (thankfully), and I am so proud of the women we have become. None of that would've been possible with you. I am so lucky to have met you. Sending all my love to Amber, Alyssa, and your whole family.

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**Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo** - July 13, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MC

“ Sending love and light to both Alyssa and Amber. Your mom had a beautiful spirit and one that I have never forgotten. Her kindness, joy, and energy before I even knew what energy was was always felt. Seeing her smile always made my day and her hugs were definitely the best. I knew Alyssa was silly but meeting her mom I knew where she got it from! Sometimes people don't know how their presence alone means so much to someone and Tanya was exactly for me. Love always to the moon and back.

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**Monique Currie** - July 13, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ It is too early to go, but only God knows. Rest in peace.  
Ayawo from Cotonou

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**Ayawo** - July 13, 2020 at 12:29 PM

KG

“ *To Tanya's Daughters: My sincere condolences for the homegoing of your mother. I am grateful to God for allowing me to meet Tanya and to have her as my Team Leader at NCI. I enjoyed our laughs and talks about the Lord. She was so proud of you both because she would often tell me about your accomplishments. I will continue to keep you all lifted up in prayer. May the Holy Spirit comfort you both along with her family and friends, in Jesus name -- AMEN!!!*

*I'll see Tanya again in the Father's house!!! Call on Jesus and He will hear and answer you!!!*

*Sincerely,  
Kimery B. Griffin*

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**Kimery B. Griffin** - July 13, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ *Tanya was such a great person and mother to her 2 daughters. I was lucky enough to coach , Alyssa for 4 years at Emmanuel College and had many interactions not only for the 4 years in college but continue our relationship for all these years. She was such a high moral. Upbeat lady*  
*Andy Yosinoff*

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**andrew yosinoff** - July 13, 2020 at 12:20 PM

AU

“ *Angela Urdaneta lit a candle in memory of Tanya Thompson McCoy*



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**Angela Urdaneta** - July 13, 2020 at 12:07 PM

ND

“ To Tanya's family: A lost of a family member is really painful. God the Creator know the importance of a family that's why He gave himself to the world via a family. Tanya will be missed but we will be praying God to sustain all of her family members during this hard time. May her soul rest in peace.



*Nina Deborah from US Embassy Bangui in CAR.*

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**Nina Deborah** - July 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DN

“ To Tanya's family: Losing Tanya is like losing a "forever" sister. Gilla Faye and I remember fondly the time we spent together during our childhood on Thayer Street in Bluefield, Virginia. Playing outside until the street lights came on, George ruining our mud pies and messing up our dolls. Going to Sunday School and church every Sunday or not being able to leave the house. And, of course, Tanya coming home to be in my wedding. What fun we had. To the family, please know that we are lifting you up in prayer and you can always come to Bluefield to visit. We love you all.

*Deborah, Gilla Faye, and Peggy*

*Tanya's home church - Bethel United Methodist Church*

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**Deborah Neal** - July 13, 2020 at 11:24 AM

CC

“ No words can express my sadness for the loss of my sista friend of 40+ years. Her smile and kindness will be remembered forever. Tanya loved God, her girls, Amber and Alyssa and her family. We loved her too.

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**C Coleman** - July 13, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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July 13, 2020 at 03:24 AM



“ *Pete & Maria purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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**Pete & Maria** - July 13, 2020 at 01:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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July 12, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ *It is with extreme sadden to hear of the passing of Tanya. On Saturday, September 21, 2019, The Agnes and The McCoy became one family. Your daughter became our daughter and our son became your son. We remember when our son first told us about her. He spoke so highly of her with such funnest, respect and admiration. He immediatly felt in love with her. When Tanya first made contact with me via telephone, we immediately and instinctly connected. Throughout the time period, we continued to bond. Tanya showed complete class, hospitable, generosous and kindness to my immediate family and myself upon arriving into Balitmore for our children wedding. I will truly miss our private conversations regarding family. Sometimes the voice of God is hard to understand, when it interrupts our lives and reveals a difficult plan. Please know and undestand that even in the midst of the difficult storm, the spirit of God will comfort and miraculously come to our rescure. God may have called Tanya home. However, her spirit is with you still. Alyssa, Amber and the entire family of Tanya our prayers are with you.*

*With loving memories,  
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Sr, & Micah Agnes*

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**Reecy Mc** - July 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

AF

“ *Aunt Chantal, Uncle Lee & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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**Aunt Chantal, Uncle Lee & Family** - July 12, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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July 11, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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July 11, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Walter & Sidonie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Tanya Thompson McCoy.*



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**Walter & Sidonie** - July 10, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. You have our deepest sympathy in the lost of your mother and remember we will always be here for you.*

*Love  
John & Brenda*

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**JDNorris** - July 10, 2020 at 04:53 PM

MB

“ Thank you, Tanya for everything you've poured into me and Diamond. We love you and the girls forever. Am and Alyssa--you've made her proud. Love you,

*Michelle and Diamond*

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**MICHELLE BULLS** - July 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM

EM

“ I find it very difficult and shocking that I am composing what are supposed to be words of comfort due to the passing of Tanya. Few people do I remember exactly where I met them. I do however remember meeting Tanya at a Grants Management retreat. At that time, African Americans were few in numbers in the profession. My buddies and I had roamed around the hotel where the retreat was held, but my roommate and others stayed behind in our room. When I returned to my room, my roommate and a few others were laughing and having fun in the room. When I opened the door, I realized I knew everyone in the room except Tanya. God she was beautiful. I can see her sitting, legs crossed, impeccably dressed with a smile that lit that room up! My roommate introduced me to Tanya. Over the years I would serve with Tanya on various groups and committees. She brought a wealth of knowledge and good common sense to our discussions. She was a tremendous source of inspiration if she sensed you need some encouragement. As my wife was battling breast cancer, she gave me a card that said by His stripes we are healed. Then after I had my own serious surgery, she also cautioned me not to let the pressures of the job make me ill. Over the years, as Tanya dealt with life's challenges such as knee surgery, etc., but that smile stayed as bright as it was that night I met her all those years ago. It is my hope and prayer that her memory will shine bright in all of your hearts and that she will continue to be an inspiration to her family. May the grace of God and the knowledge that she is with the Lord sustain you and keep you filled with peace, all the days of your lives. I am E.C. Melvin, and I consider it a privilege to have known Tanya Thompson McCoy.

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E. C. Melvin - July 10, 2020 at 07:04 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to Amber, Allysa and the family. Tanya and I had been friends for 40 plus years and kept in touch over the years after I left DC. She was a genuine friend and will truly be missed. Love and prayers to the family.*

*Deborah Blackmon*

*Atlanta. Georgia*

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**Deborah Blackmon** - July 09, 2020 at 09:29 PM