



Vernetta L. McClain

November 25, 1934 - December 26, 2021

Vernetta Lavern "Sug" Dunn McClain, daughter of the late Everette Louis and Corinna Williams Du199nn, was born November 25, 1934, in Wake County, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett Herman, James Thomas, and Bert Nelson Dunn.

Vernetta was reared as a country girl in Knightdale, North Carolina, with siblings. Her dad nicknamed her (Sugar), which affectionately shortened to "Sug". She was taught and learned the value of serving God, hard work, and loving people. At an early age, she attended Good Hope Baptist Missionary Church, Knightdale, NC, under the leadership of the Rev. Claude R. Trotter, where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"Sug graduated from James E. Shepherd High School, Zebulon, North Carolina. She attended Shaw College, which is now a university. She also graduated from the Baltimore School of The Bible in 1992. Although education was high on her list, being well dressed and stylish was her way; off to work, she went! Influenced in her early twenties by a fond aunt, Maggie, and sister Eliza she moved to Baltimore, Maryland. While a resident of Baltimore, Vernetta joined Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Bishop John T. Crummedy in 1967. Bishop Chilean Smith, Sr.,

followed by Rev. Terry G. Thornton whom continue to be her covering pastor where she remained active until her health began to fail. While at Sweet Hope, she was a member of the Senior Usher Board, ?Sunday /School, VBS, and other ministries, including Outdoor and Street Ministry, Nursing Home, Soup Kitchen, Clergy Ministry including the Progressive Freewill Baptist Conference. God called Evangelist McClain into the Gospel Ministry. She boldly shared the good news of Jesus always encouraging her family and those she met. She preached her initiatory sermon on June 23, 1985. Her scripture came from Luke 14:17, "Come; for all things are now ready; with a message entitled, "Come Over Here".

Vernetta met and married the late Fred (Frank) D. McClain and parented two blessed children, Consetta and Ashley.

Vernetta's public work included healthcare by way of private duty, nursing homes, and hospital services. She retired from Good Samaritan Hospital as a Nursing Assistant.

Her hobbies included redesigning hats, dresses, coloring, gardening, cooking for family gatherings, and dressing sharp. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, sister- in-law, mother-in-law, godmother, and trusted friend. She was a woman of God, a homemaker, and a Disciplinarian (LOL), who loved crocheting and a good laugh.

Although in a long-term care facility for 12 years, God remained her constant companion, protector, and provider. On Sunday, December 26, 2021, God beckoned to her and said, "Sug, my grace has been sufficient for thee: and my strength was made perfect in your weakness... your time departure is at hand, for you have fought a good fight and you kept the faith.

Cherishing her memory and celebrating new life is her daughter Consetta

Good (Jim); son, Ashley McClain (Rolanda); grandchildren, Jason (Davida) of Virginia, Terica Mackey (Nicholas) and Trinity McClain; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Gabrielle, Savannah, and a bonus child Jaylan; sisters, Eliza Pearl McKoy and Evangelist Bessie Carol Dunn Smith (Bishop Chilean Smith, Sr.) of Baltimore MD, Elise Earl Womack of Zebulon, NC and Barbara Diane Settles (Rev. Lenwood) of Raleigh, NC; brothers, Clarence (Prophetess Beatrice) of Raleigh, NC Clifton Rufus Dunn (Tempie) and Stanley of Raleigh, NC, Bishop Arnell Issac (Minister Lillian) and Rev. Sherell Lynn Dunn (Faye) of Knightdale, NC; one sister-in-law, Barbara Givens Dunn; one brother-in-law, Melvin Gill Both of Raleigh, NC; and a host of nieces and nephews; godchildren Unsel Dunn and Joni Brown. Mom had several endeared friends; however, Mother Louise Baynard often referred to herself as the 14th Dunn child.

To God Be All The Glory!

Cemetery Details

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1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church
3925 Dolfield Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vernetta L. McClain*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wilford McClain & Clara McClain lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain*



wilford mcclain & clara mcclain - January 28, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Love and miss you aunt Shug* ❤️

LaKeisha Dunn Johnson - January 07, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Sheraldine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain*



Sheraldine Lewis - January 03, 2022 at 09:20 AM

PE

“ Our family has always been strong in the Lord and Aunt Shug was a living testament to that fact. I am proud to have exemplary women who have left such a spiritual and loving imprint on my life. God kept her in purpose and I do believe she continued to serve hers until she was called home..Prayers of Peace and Strength for our family.



Pensie - January 01, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LN

“ Linda Dunn Raleigh NC lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain



Linda Dunn Raleigh NC - January 01, 2022 at 07:24 PM

KO

“ Kennth And Cheryl ONeal lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain



Kennth and Cheryl ONeal - December 31, 2021 at 06:12 PM

SD

“ Shirley Debnam lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain



Shirley Debnam - December 31, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SD

So sorry for your loss, I offer my deepest condolences.

Shirley Debnam - December 31, 2021 at 01:02 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Ann McCullers lit a candle in memory of Vernetta L. McClain*



Patricia Ann McCullers - December 30, 2021 at 02:26 PM

RE

*REV.S.L.DUNN AND SISTER FAYE.L.DUNN OF KNIGHTDALE N.C. SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE MCCAIN AND DUNN FAMILIES IN THE TIME OF OUR BEREAVEMENT, YOUR BABY 🥺
❤️ BROTHER ,MINISTER:SHERELL. LYNN. DUNN.*

REV.S.L.DUNN - December 30, 2021 at 05:21 PM

RE

*GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN, WE LOVED YOU (SUG)
SHERELL*

REV.S.L.DUNN - December 30, 2021 at 05:23 PM

EW

*My college, friend, mentor,you are still loved, until we meet again on the other side. O" what a time that will be!!
Elder Annette Wedington*

Elder Annette Wedington - December 31, 2021 at 04:40 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 - December 30, 2021 at 09:28 AM