



Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley

May 25, 1944 - October 7, 2019

Florence Ellen McCall Bartley transitioned from this life to life eternal on Monday, October 7, 2019. She was born on May 25, 1944, in Hampton, Va., the second of six children born to the late Morris Otis and Bennie Earl McCall. The family later moved to Newport News, Va., where she was educated in the city's public school system. She was an honor graduate of the class of 1962 of the former George Washington Carver High School. After graduating from high school, she began undergraduate studies at Virginia State College, now Virginia State University, in Petersburg, Va. While there, she joined the Army's R.O.T.C. program, and upon graduation from college, she was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant.

In 1967, Florence embarked on a 13-year military career that included assignments in the states and abroad. During an assignment in Germany, she was affectionately known throughout the command as "Captain McCall" because she distinguished herself as Adjutant to the Manheim military community for three years. After returning from that assignment in Germany, she married Army officer Benjamin Hires in 1974. The young couple welcomed their daughter, Crystal Ellen Hires, in 1976. The union was later dissolved through divorce.

Upon completion of active duty, Florence affiliated with the U.S. Army Reserves Command and was promoted to the rank of Major. When she was discharged from the Army, she traveled to Texas and accepted a position with the Department of Internal Revenue Service from where she later retired after 30+ years of service.

Florence met Spencer Michael Bartley from New York in 1999, and after a long distance relationship for over a year, they were married in 2001. They lived in New York for a year after marrying and soon relocated to Texas where they made their home for the next 17 years. They enjoyed spending time together, traveling and going dancing. Spencer was her "Honey-do."

Ellen, as her Texas friends knew her, joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA), Incorporated, Xi Theta Omega Chapter (Arlington) in January of 1991. Over the years she held several notable positions in the chapter including, Hospitality Chairman, Conference Chairman, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President (2001-2002). She served as the Cluster Financial

Secretary and Regional member of the Keeper of the Door committee. In 2016, Ellen was recognized as a 25-year member of the sorority and also became a Life Member. She spearheaded the ground work that ignited the start of the Arlington Foundation for Excellence in Education, a charitable arm of Xi Theta Omega Chapter which was founded in 2005. She loved AKA and AKA loved Ellen.

Ellen was one of the founding members of Altrusa SETCER club which was chartered in January 1997. She served as Board President, Treasurer, and Director and was a member of several committees. She played a significant role in ensuring the club followed Robert's Rules of Order and organizational procedures.

In addition to her parents, Florence Ellen was preceded in death by her brothers, neQuiniso Abdullah (Walter O. McCall) and Dr. Maurice H. McCall. She is survived by her husband, Spencer, of Mansfield, TX; her daughter, Crystal Hires, of Euless, TX; siblings Mozell Y. Davis (Dr. Burton) of Harrisburg, NC, Dr. Alvin C. McCall (Anna Lackschewitz) of St. Louis, MO, and Eileen R. F. McCall of Newport News, VA.; sisters-in-law Ernestine McCall of Pontiac, MI, and Muminah Abdullah of Austin, TX; Goddaughters Devin Alexander, Kamry and Karrington Henson; five nieces, nine nephews, four grandnephews, eight grandnieces, two great-grandnephews, cousins, a host of extended family members, and friends who will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Arlington Foundation for Excellence in Education, The Ellen McCall Bartley Memorial Scholarship.

Donations should be mailed to:

Arlington Foundation for Excellence in Education
Attention: Ellen McCall Bartley Memorial Scholarship
P. O. Box 150301
Arlington, Texas 76015

For more information, visit www.arlingtoneducation.org.

Events

OCT 15 **Visitation with Family** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church
126 E. Park Row Drive, Arlington, TX, US, 76010

OCT 15 **Ivy Beyond The Wall Ceremony** 07:00PM

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OCT 16 **Celebration of Life** 09:00AM

Crossroads Christian Church
6450 TX-360, Grand Prairie, TX, US, 75052-8797

OCT 16 **Burial** 11:30AM

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, US, 75211

Comments



“ Through my Sorority sister, I learned so much about Alpha Kappa Alpha. She was dedicated to AKA and the Xi Theta Omega Chapter flourished under her guidance. She served faithfully. Rest In Peace.



Cheryel Carpenter - October 16, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ From: Refus and Angelia Rundles purchased the 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel for the family of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley.



From: Refus and Angelia Rundles - October 16, 2019 at 04:36 AM



“ I have been reminiscing; I keep on seeing her beautiful smile. Every single time I have seen Ellen, she has brought a smile to my face and heart. Ellen and Professor have been an asset to our Sunday School class and to our ministry. Words cannot fully express our gratitude of getting to know Ellen. Further, she will be thoroughly missed.

Refus and Angelia Rundles

ANGELIA RUNDLES - October 16, 2019 at 04:06 AM



“ Devin Alexander lit a candle in memory of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley



Devin Alexander - October 15, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ I will forever cherish your smile, your attitude, your strong will and loving spirit. You were named my GodMother and the Lord couldn't have ever blessed with me a better one! I was named your Jr Bride and you allowed me to have the memory of being an AKA debutante which is a memory that I will forever cherish! I have memories in my mind of you as well as memories around my house of you, from the books, the photos, the prayers, the ruby gems etc each piece was a gift from you and they are each items that will I always hold dear to my heart. Thank you being my GodMother. May your beautiful, loving and caring soul rest in paradise! You will be truly missed. I pray for strength for the family during this time. I love you and I know you're in Heaven smiling down.

Devin Alexander - October 15, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences to the McCall family. Florence was a lovely person and I am sure she will be missed as all of you were an important part of G. W. Carver's rich history.

Larry and Nettie McAllister Orie



Nettie Orie - October 15, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ I just received word of Ellen's passing and although I had not seen her since we graduated from Carver High School in June 1962, I have fond memories of her. It does not surprise me to just now learn of her numerous accomplishments and her career. She was always friendly, intelligent and musically accomplished. She sat in front of me in orchestra and I still recall her looking back with a glance of approval when I played my part the right way.
My deepest condolences to her family.
I know that we shall meet again.

Edward Nelson
Elk Grove, CA

Edward Nelson - October 15, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ My prayers are with Florence families at this time. May God give you the strength to continue on.

Her school mate. Carlton Lassiter

Carlton Lassiter - October 14, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ Ellen, Crystal and Dietric getting Devin ready for her christening ceremony. This is just one precious memory I will carry in my heart always.
Ellen was a sweet and kind person. Now she's traded her cross for her crown.
Deepest sympathy to the family.



Cherry Alexander - October 14, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ Stephanie Gaston lit a candle in memory of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley



Stephanie Gaston - October 14, 2019 at 12:26 AM



“ Ellen and I worked at IRS. In fact we celebrated our retirement on the same date from the same group. Ellen will be missed, with her bubbly smile and strange eyes. I just got my birthday card. To the family stay strong for Ellen.

Ms Willie Travis - October 13, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ Cathy Grambling lit a candle in memory of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley



Cathy Grambling - October 11, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ May the Lord bless and comfort the family of Soror Ellen.

Cathy - October 11, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Our condolences and prayers goes out to Ellen's family during this time of sorrow. she will be missed. We praise and thank God for the time she shared with her family and friends. I remember how her face lit up when spoke of her AKA sorority, which she loved very much.

Please know our loving thoughts are with you. I pray God continue to bless you. In Christ Jesus. Love Reverend Silas John and Dorothy Bartley.

Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Silas John & Dorothy Bartley - October 14, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley.



October 11, 2019 at 12:21 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Ellen and I had an exchange of texts recently and it was very enjoyable. I was happy to hear from her. I pray that your family find peace in the weeks to follow and know that you have lots of prayers coming your way.
Joyce Newsom

Joyce Newsom - October 10, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ Melaniece Slone lit a candle in memory of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley



Melaniece Slone - October 10, 2019 at 10:40 PM



“ Gayvial James lit a candle in memory of Florence Ellen McCall-Bartley



Gayvial James - October 10, 2019 at 08:32 PM