



Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney

June 17, 2023

Marion Louise Birdwell McKinney was born September 10, 1929, to Hattie T. Taylor Birdwell and John Wesley Birdwell. She was the youngest of five children, Vivian Lucille Birdwell Brown, Flora Dorothy Birdwell Hale, John Earl Birdwell, and Mildred Pauline Birdwell Daughtry all of which preceded her in death. Marion is also preceded in death by her nieces, Elizabeth Frajan Brown Payne, Roslyn Yvonne Brown Harvey, Vivian Chlotealle Brown Granger. Daughters-In-Law, Vera Jacqueline Chatman McKinney, Brenda S. McKinney, and Mary Alexander.

Educated in the segregated school system in Washington County TN, Jonesborough Colored (1-4), Booker T. Washington (5-8), Girls High Brooklyn, NY (9-11), graduated Swift High, Rogersville, TN, Junior College at Swift Memorial Junior College Rogersville, TN. Completed LPN Nursing School at the Johnson City Vocational School, on March 12, 1959, where she was the first African-American nurse at the Johnson City Memorial Hospital completing thirteen plus years. She received her BS in Social Work from East Tennessee State University, on June 7, 1971. Marion retired from the Washington County School System after twenty years as a Social Worker. Marion married Ernest L. McKinney, Sr., on April 8, 1950. Ernest died on November 30, 2009. In her lifetime she served on numerous community boards and commissions.

Memorial Service will be held at Bethel Christian Church 701 Depot St.

Jonesborough, TN 37659. Visitation from 11:00 - 11:30, Ivy Beyond the Wall Service 11:30, and Memorial Service at 12pm. In lieu of flowers please donate to the McKinney Center Scholarship Fund, 103 Franklin St. Jonesborough, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

A special tribute will be conducted at 11:30 am

Memorial Service

JUN **24.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the McKinney Center Scholarship Fund, 103 Franklin St. Jonesborough, TN.

Tribute Wall

MR

“*Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Mary Rollins - June 26, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TC

“*On behalf of the family of Mary Alexander and her sister Mable Glaspie, we want to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Marion McKinney.*



Tammie Charlton - June 24, 2023 at 10:58 PM

NH

“*A distinguished and beautiful lady, Mrs. McKinney, was both well-known and beloved throughout the community. She greeted everyone with a warm smile and “cheery words of encouragement”. Mrs. McKinney was a great example for others to immitate as a mother, community leader, achiever, professional, and woman of God. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Sending our “heartfelt” prayers and sympathy to her family,

Nancy & Norman Howard

Norman Howard - June 24, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Connie Thompson - June 23, 2023 at 06:26 PM

CA

“ *Marion McKinney you were a Matriarch! Love you. A Dear Dear Auntie.*



Constance Connie Alexander - June 23, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney.*



June 23, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney.*

June 23, 2023 at 04:58 PM

GM

“ Mrs. McKinney is best described as a guardian angel, ordained from heaven. She and Mr. McKinney took me under their wings as one of their own in 1983 when I was a medical student at Quillen College of Medicine.

Ms. McKinney always lovingly called me "baby" and I always called her "mom". I will forever be grateful to the McKinney's for all the support, encouragement, love and compassion received over many years, which helped to mold me into the person I am today. They will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Gwen Williams, M.D.
Houston, TX

Gwen Williams, M.D. - June 23, 2023 at 04:47 PM

FF

“ Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Fred and Jackie Fields - June 23, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Paulette Robinson - June 23, 2023 at 08:13 AM

JH

“ Prayers for the family of such a great woman.



Joe and Diane Hardin - June 23, 2023 at 02:02 AM

RS

“ We send our Condolences to the family.



Ron & Gwen Smith - June 22, 2023 at 07:47 PM

CD

“ Ms Marion will be missed! My condolences to the family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Andre and Cheryl Dyer



Cheryl Dyer - June 22, 2023 at 06:35 PM

DH

“ Deborah And Herb Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Deborah and Herb Henderson - June 22, 2023 at 06:17 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Black lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Lisa Black - June 22, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Jeffery Ryans lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Jeffery Ryans - June 22, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *God called an Angel home! Ms. McKinney is a big reason for who I am today. She helped my parents and me with my college application. She took the time to be there on many occasions when we were not sure of the financial resources available, as well as other things. Such a dedicated person willing to help others succeed. Rest well sweet lady!*

Jeffery Ryans - June 22, 2023 at 04:27 PM

SW

“ *Steve And Susan Wagner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Steve And Susan Wagner - June 22, 2023 at 03:40 PM

JN

“ Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Jean Neal - June 22, 2023 at 03:33 PM

CC

“ Chuck Carroll lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Chuck Carroll - June 22, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ I'm really going to miss you. But I know you're in heaven dancing with your husband to some Luther. And I'm going to keep my promise to you. I needed you here to keep me in line but I know you were ready.



Keisha Douthitt - June 22, 2023 at 06:49 AM



“ Linda Workman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Linda Workman - June 21, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Linda Workman - June 21, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Gary & Moricina Fain - June 21, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Shelia Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Shelia Bagwell - June 21, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Van Rollins - June 21, 2023 at 12:22 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Connie Thompson - June 20, 2023 at 08:26 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Sandra Sylvers - June 20, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



William H. Hill Jr. - June 20, 2023 at 03:11 PM



So many fond memories of Ms. Marion, a true treasure to behold, my condolences to my friends Kevin, and Earnest Jr,(Buttons) “Junie “

William H. Hill Jr. - June 20, 2023 at 03:17 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to the family. She was so beautiful inside and out always the same when you would see her and a special lady.* ”



Sylvia Bachman - June 20, 2023 at 01:56 PM

MJ

“ *Mary James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney* ”



Mary James - June 20, 2023 at 01:35 PM

BS

“ *Buddy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney* ”



Buddy Stuart - June 20, 2023 at 01:10 PM

CG

“ *Claudia. Goines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney* ”



Claudia. Goines - June 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM

FL

“ *Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Frazier Lyons - June 20, 2023 at 11:50 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Louis locke Jr - June 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Janice wells - June 20, 2023 at 10:09 AM

PB

“ *We will miss you. Prayers for the family.*



Paul&Vanessa Braxton - June 20, 2023 at 09:44 AM

RN

“ *Ricky A Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Ricky A Nobleton - June 20, 2023 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - June 20, 2023 at 07:43 AM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Viola Patton - June 19, 2023 at 10:45 PM

VB

“ *Vanessa R Babb lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney*



Vanessa r babb - June 19, 2023 at 09:25 PM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - June 19, 2023 at 09:15 PM

BW

“ Billy G And Jane M Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Billy G and Jane M Williams - June 19, 2023 at 07:29 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



crystal anderson - June 19, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Carolyn Fain - June 19, 2023 at 06:19 PM

KT

“ Keitha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Keitha Thompson - June 19, 2023 at 05:48 PM

ML

“ Aunt Marion will be missed. Each year I enjoyed a Christmas card from her. She never missed a beat. I could call her and we had interesting conversations. On my last visit home, I had a chance to visit her and like always, happy to see me. Auntie you'll forever be in my heart. To my family, you're in our prayers and we love you all.

Mary Latham - June 19, 2023 at 04:48 PM

ML

“ Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Mary Latham - June 19, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JJ

“ Jaymon, edna and Adeline



Jaymon Johnson - June 19, 2023 at 02:28 PM

CB

“ Charles Buffiord sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Charles Buffiord - June 19, 2023 at 02:03 PM

MR

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Mary Rollins - June 19, 2023 at 01:03 PM

RG

“ Renea Hall And Girls sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marion Birdwell McKinney



Renea Hall and Girls - June 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM