



Mrs. Bettye Jean McAllister

August 23, 1949 - May 20, 2022

Bettye Jean(Wideman) McAllister, was born August 23, 1949 in the Promise Land area of Greenwood county South Carolina to Betty Lou Wideman and Joe Lee Holloway. She graduated from Brewer High School of Greenwood and later attended and graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte North Carolina. She also obtained a Masters Degree in Urban Education from Saint Joseph University. On December 26, 1972 she married Leroy C. McAllister and from that union was born Ebonee Monique McAllister an Michelle Denise McAllister. Bettye worked in a variety of jobs including investigator for the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services, a teacher and social worker. She also sold real estate and was a Mary Kay Representative.

Bettye made her transition to the after life, peacefully at home, on Friday, May 20, 2022. She was preceded in death by three siblings; Bobby Lee Wideman, Harold Holloway and Freddie Holloway.

Bettye is survived by her husband of fifty years, Leroy C. McAllister, two daughters, Ebonee McAllister Spencer and Michelle D. McAllister, five grandchildren; Arianna Spencer, Cameron Spencer, John W. Spencer and Giselle White. Bettye is also survived by her brother Ronnie Wideman, one aunt Margaret Smith of Greenwood South Carolina and two sisters-in-law; Willie Mae Wideman of Greenwood South Carolina and Reverend Patricia McAllister of Downingtown Pennsylvania. There are a number of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Dinan Funeral Home, 1923 Spring Garden St., Phila., PA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her name to the NAACP , 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215.

Cemetery Details

Interment Private

Previous Events

Visitation in Funeral Home

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shelly-Dinan Funeral Home inc.
1923 Spring Garden St.
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 563-3655
<https://www.dinanfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bettye Jean McAllister*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes to my dear friend, Ronnie Wideman, his brother-in-law, nieces, and their entire family on the passing of their beloved Bettye Jean Wideman McAllister. She was a woman of beauty, knowledge, intellect, character, strength, humor, grace, public service and activism, and had a deep love for her family. Also, as all AKAs, she had a mission of service to all mankind, which she demonstrated passionately through her work and actions. We thank God for her rich legacy. To God be the Glory for her wonderful life. Continued prayers for Ronnie and the entire family. Her Soror, Lillie Johnson*

Lillie O. Johnson - June 06, 2022 at 09:57 AM

JS

“ *Bettye and I were AKA line sisters with a special bond. I admired her courage in continuing her studies after her Mom passed. We met in the library to chat between classes when I lived off campus.*

After we graduated, she went to work at Philadelphia DHEW, Office and Education and I came to Headquarters here in DC. We stayed in touch, shared life experiences. We grew closer when she found courage to share her life story and we edited her text together. I was moved and inspired that she be published.

Bettye was full of life and joy! We often laughed about her grabbing a mike to do stand-up comedy.

She's gone to soon! Prayers of strength and resilience to her family in the days ahead.

Love to you all  

Julia Rose Shepherd - June 04, 2022 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ *To Bettye's family,*
I am so sorry to hear about her demise. I lost touch with Bettye after graduating from JCSU. We were room mates our Freshman and Sophomore years. Thanks to this connection, we can finally communicate with each other. I will cherish the memories of us as room mates. We had each others back in college. I am hoping that each of you will find comfort knowing that she was a loving person in college and always knew what she wanted. She always met her goals. My prayers are with you today and tomorrow. Calvernetta Beasley Williams

Calvernetta Beasley Williams - May 26, 2022 at 10:38 PM

TC

“ *Bettye was like a sister to me. We visited with each other via phone over the years as we lived in different states. She was a beautiful person in so many ways. I will miss the laughter, joy and love we shared. She is no longer in pain and at peace. I thank God for holding her now. Tami Coleman*



Tamara E. Coleman - May 26, 2022 at 09:25 PM