



EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning!
We extend our sincerest thanks to so many friends and family who brought food, flowers, or other articles, while other gave time, energy, shared a laugh or gave gifts. Still others offered fervent prayers and uplifting songs. We are so grateful for every expression of love. Please accept our thanksgiving from the bottom of our hearts. We cannot find words adequate to express our gratitude. May the Lord bless you all the days of your lives.

FLORAL BEARERS
Class of 1983

PALLBEARERS
9th District Funeral Directors

INTERMENT
Springfield Baptist Church Cemetery
3374 Springfield Road ~ Sparta, Georgia 31087



CELEBRATING HER ELEGANCE

ROSE M A R I E A MCGHIEE

NOVEMBER 22, 1965 - MARCH 24, 2026

Order Of Service

Sunday April 5, 2026

Hancock Central High School Gymnasium

11311 Highway 15 North | Sparta, GA 31087

Reverend Derek Hill, Officiant

Musical Prelude

Musicians

Processional

Family And Clergy

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Snead, Jr.

Solo

Kenneth Sneed

Scripture Readings

Old Testament | Reverend Larry Carter

New Testament | Reverend Dr. Samuel Duggan

Solo

Reverend Gregory Ellison

Life Reflections

Family

Friends

Solo

Tiara Latimore

Musical Tribute

Milkshake Mayfield

Eulogy

Reverend Eric Baker

Acknowledgements

Tri-Cities Funeral Home Staff

Benediction & Grace

Tri-Cities Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

Fellowship & Repast in Cafeteria

This Is Not Goodbye

I did not want to leave you
It was just my time to go
I know your heart is breaking
So, I need to let you know
That although you can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side
I promise time will numb the pain
And help dry the tears you've cried
You can reach me in your memories
Just think of me, I will be there
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
Where we didn't have a care
Please carry on and live your life
I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day
As this is not goodbye.

She Is Gone

You can shed tears because she is gone, or you can smile because she lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that she left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what she would want. Smile, open your heart, love and go on.







ROSE MARIEA MCGHEE

Reflections Of A Life Well Lived

Our Beloved Rose Mariea McGhee was born on Monday, November 22, 1965 to the parentage of Barbara McGhee and the late Raymond McGhee, Jr. She was called home on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and joined the New Hope Powelton Baptist Church in Sparta, Georgia. Later, she joined First Baptist Church Gresham in Atlanta, Georgia under the leadership of Pastor Norman H. Thomas, Jr.

Rose attended Hancock Central High School and graduated in the Class of 1983. After graduating she attended Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Services in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated in 1985.

Rose was preceded in death by her father, Raymond McGhee, Jr. and her brother, Gettis Cortez McGhee, Sr. Rose had a heart of gold, and she always went above and beyond to serve others. As a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, she served for 41 years, and she used her skills and compassion to comfort grieving families. She was the embodiment of kindness, and her genuine care for others will never be forgotten.

However, Rose's devotion to her work never stopped her from enjoying her life. She loved spending time with her friends and family, and she especially enjoyed playing golf. On the golf course, she found peace, and she was able to escape the stresses of life. Also she enjoyed pickle balling and traveling.

In 2005, Rose started her own printing service, "A Touch of Rose Graphicz & Designz", which she took pride in.

Rose was dedicated and accomplished funeral service professional whose career reflects decades of service, leadership, and commitment to excellence in the funeral industry. She began her journey in funeral service at Ingram Brothers Funeral Home in Sparta, Georgia, where she started her apprenticeship and developed a strong foundation in the profession. Through hard work and determination, she became both a Licensed Embalmer and Licensed Funeral Director.

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Throughout her distinguished career, Rose has served in numerous respected funeral homes across Georgia, including Mapp-Gilmore Funeral Home in Madison, Sellers Brothers Funeral Home in Atlanta, Goolsby Mortuary in Atlanta, Trice Funeral Home in Barnesville and Thomaston, Pollard Funeral Home in Atlanta, Plummer Funeral Home in Decatur, Smith & Son Funeral Home in Monticello, Watts Funeral Home in Union Point, and Warren Brothers Mortuary in Sparta. Her extensive experience across these establishments has allowed her to compassionately serve countless families, providing care, dignity, and professionalism during their most difficult times.

In addition to her professional work, she has been an active and influential member of several organizations within the funeral service community. She is a proud member of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Inc. (GFSPA), where she has held numerous leadership roles, including Assistant Director of Education and Research from 1999 to 2007, and later serving as Chairman of the Board. Her commitment and excellence were recognized when she was named "Mortician of the Year" for the 9th District in 2002, and at the 77th Annual Convention in Augusta, Georgia in 2003. She has also contributed her time and leadership as Chairperson of the Banquet Committee, Membership Committee, and Hospitality Committee. She was a member of the Hancock Central High School Alumni, the Ladies Golf Association of the Hidden Hill Country Club, and the Corvette Cruisers.

Rose currently serves as President of the State of Georgia for the Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Alpha Omega Chapter. Her leadership within the organization also includes roles such as Assistant Education Director, Membership Committee Chairperson, and Chapter Secretary. Also, she is affiliated with the 100 Black Women of Funeral Service, further demonstrating her dedication to mentorship, representation, and advancement within the profession.

Rose Mariea McGhee's legacy is defined by her unwavering commitment to service, her leadership within professional organizations, and her compassionate care for the families she has served. Her impact on the funeral service industry continues to be felt throughout the State of Georgia and beyond.

Rose leaves to cherish her memories and smiles, a loving mother, Barbara McGhee, a beloved sister, Paula McGhee, and two brothers, Raymond and Paul McGhee, all of Sparta, Georgia; one niece: Kailah McGhee of Loganville, Georgia, one great-niece, Remington McGhee of Loganville, Georgia; two nephews: Santeek Shepard of White Plains, Georgia and Gettis McGhee, Jr. of Portland, Oregon; a God daughter Imani Rose Davis of Atlanta, Georgia; six uncles: Ervin Frazier of Brooklyn, New York, Russell (Alice) Frazier of Covington, Georgia, Larry (Patricia) Shorter of Union Point, Georgia and Paris (Earnestine) Jackson of Sparta, Georgia, Lucious Johnson, Jr. of Crawfordville, Georgia, and Gettis Clair, Jr. of Jamaica, New York. Godparents: Joe and Annie Baker of Sparta, Georgia. Her Bonus family: Bonus Dad: Willie Worthen; Bonus Sisters: Cynthia Chatman-Harris, Stephanie Brooks, Bobbie McMurray, Janice (Bernard) Sharpe, Tasha (Bryant) Boone, Latonya (Willie) Johnson; Bonus Brothers: Cedric (Marqueta) Swain, Kenneth (Trecia) Worthen, Antwain (Nicole) Worthen, Laderick (Britney) Worthen, and Kurtris (Elaine) Cummings, Jeffery Baker, Terry Baker and Eric (Kimberly) Baker; Bonus Nieces: Jemelanie Rowling of Sandersville, Georgia, Nikia (Torico) Wilson of White Plains, Georgia and Brionna (Corey) Gaines of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Bonus Nephew: Tius Shepard of White Plains, Georgia and a host of other relatives and friends.