



“Bless You!” From The McBride Family

The McBride Family wishes to thank the community for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. The family has been sustained by the compassionate ministries of prayer, peace, and presence during this time of great loss. Our special thanks to Pastor J. Dwayne Heard and the Elizabeth Baptist Church family for accommodating our needs at this time. As we mourn the loss of our beloved Oralene, we find solace in the memories we shared. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will continue to guide us on our journey.



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The Services To Celebrate the Life of



Oralene Olivia McBride

**February 24, 1941
Sunrise**

**December 31, 2023
Sunset**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
11:00AM**

Elizabeth Baptist Church

*1210 Himrod Ave • Youngstown, OH
Pastor J. Dwayne Heard, Officiant*

- Order of Worship -

Celebrating the Life of Oralene Olivia McBride



~Final Viewing~

Reading of Sacred Text

Prayer of Comfort

Music Ministry

Acknowledgment of Public Tributes

The Life & Legacy of Oralene

Music Ministry

Words of Hope ~ Pastor J. Dwayne Heard

Committal & Benediction

Recessional



The Dawning

*No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day.*



The Life & Legacy of Oralene Olivia McBride



Oralene, beloved mother, wife, and cherished member of the Youngstown community, peacefully passed away on Sunday December 31, 2023, at the Hospice House Boardman, Ohio in the presence of her family. Oralene was born on February 24, 1941, as the only child of Oliver and Macella (Lamb) Mitchell in Youngstown.

Family was paramount in Oralene's life, and she was blessed to build a family with her husband, Obie McBride. Her dedication to as a mother to her 4 children, Rhonda Grizzard, Linda McBride, Christopher T. McBride, and Ronald C. McBride, was admirable.

Oralene was not one to withhold the corrective action of the "rod" either. In essence, as Grandma, she would "tear into that behind!" when it was deemed necessary. The family reminisces now with laughter her infamous beat downs when they misbehaved. In retrospect, they acknowledged her firm, fair and consistent approach kept them on the right path.

As the matriarch, she nurtured and loved her family immensely. Her lineage remains vibrant with nine grandchildren, which include Jason Clay, Randall Clay and Justin McBride whom she reared. She also shared her love among nineteen great-grandchildren, and a score of additional relatives and friends.

She also will be fondly remembered by her, granddaughters Bonnocca McBride & Danielle Armstrong, granddaughter-in-love Lashonda Brown and dear neighbor Dana Harrell, all who remained close to her providing support especially during her final days.

Oralene had a zest for life that was infectious. She loved taking sips of her favorite beverage, Pepsi, in her red cup, and the mischievous glint in her eye would add an extra charm to her personality. Her response when caught being naughty, she would simply shrug her shoulders and say, "WELL!"

Professionally, Oralene excelled in hospitality where she worked for Johnson & Gordon Cleaning Services, which was contracted by Youngtown State University. Her encouraging presence to students on its campus reflected her hope for the success of others.

She found solace and comfort in her faith, and regularly attended services at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church & WOW Ministries. As she entered the place of eternal rest, she was embraced by her parents, her husband and brother, Hollie Wilson.

May Oralene's gentle soul find eternal peace, and may her memory continue to be a source of inspiration and comfort for all those whose lives she touched for indeed, it is WELL with her soul.

Lovingly shared by The Family