

Zion Memorial Gardens
301 Tarrant Huffman Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35206

Acknowledgement

The family of Yvonne Humes McDade Jefferson would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt prayers, expressions of love, calls, visits, and thoughts during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you!

To Our Beloved Von

Your time with us may have passed, but the unforgettable memories and your spirit will forever be in our hearts and minds. Quiet, gentle, strong, loving, and bold is the legacy you leave behind. So many lives you've touched and molded with your graceful kindness, giving heart, and desire to help. Though you are no longer with us, and it pains us deeply, you've left an imprint in our hearts that is unparalleled. What may have been perceived as a weakness, was your humble spirit, open heart, and your determination to stay the course that God laid before you. Your loving words of wisdom, guidance, encouragement, and humility will be missed tremendously. You are at peace and no longer pained by this world.

We will forever love and cherish you.

Your Family

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SUNRISE
December 13, 1950
SUNSET
June 26, 2024



Saturday, July 6, 2024 11:00 AM

THE WAY OF SALVATION

801 Tarrant Road Gardendale, Alabama 35071

Reverend Charles Eubanks, Officiating
Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church, Gardendale, Alabama 35071



God blessed our family with a real treasure, *Yvonne Humes*. She was born to James and Gussie Humes on December 13, 1950, in New Castle, Alabama. She was destined to do great things in this world. Which was predetermined by God. She always had a love for God and her unwavering faith was evident in the way she loved, lived, and treated others.

At an early age, Yvonne became and continued to be a faithful member and God-led servant in Mt. Joy Baptist Church, New Castle, Alabama.

After obtaining her degree from Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama, and her marriage to Sylvester McDade, her journey led her to Riverside, California. There, she became an educator and later a mother of two, Doctorre McDade and Brandi McDade.

A few years later, she continued her rewarding and lengthy career with the Department of Defense Schools for 40 years and in the field of education for over 45 years. Her classroom experience spanned 10 years. During which, she taught 3rd and 6th grade, U.S. History, World History, Geography, and U.S. Government. She also made an impact on the lives of 7th-12th graders in English Language Arts. Yvonne had a passion for teaching and enjoyed integrating hands-on activities in her instruction.

Although Yvonne started her teaching career in Riverside, California, she has spent most of her career with DoDDS overseas schools working above the school level. She transitioned to training educators and principals in curriculum and instruction classroom management. She served at the following District Offices: Panama/Cuba, Okinawa, Japan, and Pacific and European Area Offices as the Social Studies ISS.

She worked in Germany, Panama, Azores, and Misawa and Okinawa, Japan. During these times, she sponsored the student council, cheerleading, senior class, NJHS, girls' volleyball team, and senior and junior class sponsor.

It was during her time in Germany, she met and married her love, Lonnie Jefferson. The two continued their love story working, traveling, visiting family, retiring, and more traveling, until she took her final breath.

Yvonne held the following professional positions: Grade Level Chair, School Improvement Chair, Social Studies Department Chair, English Department Chair, Member of the Curundu Middle School Board, and Professional Staff Development Committee chair.





Although she retired in July 2023, Yvonne continued to educate by becoming a substitute teacher in and around the Madison, Alabama, area including the school at their local church, Union Chapel M.B. Church of Huntsville, Alabama.

Her professionalism and diligence resulted in quite a few accomplishments as follows:

Omega PSI Phi Fraternity – Citizen of the Year, Republic of Panama
DoDD - Outstanding Federal Employee, Azores, Portugal
Nominee Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Educator, Seol Korea
O'Misawa Lodge & Tuskegee Airman - Citizen of the Year, Misawa, Japan
Phi Delta Kappa – Most Outstanding Educator, Germany
Zeta Phi Beta – Finer Woman of the Year, Okinawa, Japan
Guest Lecturer – University of Panama
Presenter – International Educational Conference, Rome, Italy; Berlin,
Germany; Vancouver, Canada
Guest Speaker – Education, Incirlik, Turkey

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Gussie Humes, two brothers, James Humes III and Harold Lynn Humes, and granddaughter, Chi Ari McDade.

Yvonne leaves to mourn: her loving husband, Lonnie Jefferson (Madison, AL); her dutiful son, Doctorre McDade (Birmingham, AL); daughter, Brandi (Chris) Johnson (Jacksonville, FL); two doting granddaughters, Kylie Twyman (Huntsville, AL), and Kiori McDade (Birmingham, AL); bonus granddaughter, Awa McCarter (Houston, TX); grandson, Brandon Johnson (Jacksonville, FL); a young loving boy so very dear to her, Dylan Lavergne Kennedy; brothers, William (Josephine) Humes, Sr. (Simpsonville, SC), and Melvin (Norma Faye) Humes (Birmingham, AL); sister-in-law, Gwendolyn Humes (Birmingham, AL); and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends



Prder of Service

Processional
Selection
Scripture Readings:
Old Testament
New Testament
PrayerReverend Norman Griffen
Selection
Reflections (Please Limit to 2 Minutes)
Mr. Barney
Poem
Selection
Eulogy
Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church, Gardendale, AL
Selection
Recessional











THOSE WE

Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Just because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
For as long as there is a memory,
They'll live on in our hearts.
A gift for such a little while,
Your loss just seems so wrong.
You should not have left before us;
With loved ones is where you belong.
Love, Your Husband