



## Maria Ruth McNair

December 10, 2018

Mrs. Maria Daye Johnson McNair passed away peacefully at her home on December 10, 2018. She was born February 26 in the 1930's in Darlington, NC. As a child she, was educated in Halifax County Public Schools and graduated from Chancellor High School. After high school she continued her education at Virginia and Norfolk State Universities majoring in Elementary Education. She was married to Samuel McNair on April 6, 1968. She had 3 children Franchestee Barner, Fitzgerald McNair and Verita Powers.

Maria was very talented with hat designing, sewing to include drapery and upholstery, floral design and created many custom orders for friends and family. She was known as an expert in fabric and precision measurements. Maria was passionate about nutrition, exercise and natural medicine and spent 2 weeks at Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Wildwood, GA in 2017 healing and completing their curriculum. Before she went to heaven Maria was working on a book of her personal natural healing recipes that she shared with others and saw great results. This book is to be published in 2019.

As a Federal civilian employee, she loved her job-serving soldiers in the "Old Guard" as a Master Tailor and retired from Department of Defense after 28 years. Maria formed lifelong friendships with coworkers that she has maintained throughout her retirement years. In retirement she accomplished one of her many dreams of becoming an author. She wrote, "The Autobiography of Maria Daye Johnson McNair Life and Legacy", published in 2016 and can be viewed at the lulu.com web site. Additionally, Maria enjoyed

investing in real estate buying and refurnishing houses. This was her ministry of helping the poor and the needy and she often would let people stay there without any charge.

Maria was an active community volunteer and church member. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights, DC and served as a Missionary and Vocal Choir Member. She also was a member of the First Mount Zion Baptist church in Dumfries, VA where she attended Sunday school and participated in the senior's ministry on a regular basis. Maria was a faithful tither actually paying tithes to both of these churches.

She was a great encourager and received advanced training in CPR and Suicide Prevention. After retirement she continued with her computer training at Prince George's Community College and received many certificates in desktop publishing. Maria was an active member of the Prince William county Senior Center and enjoyed exercising and meeting new friends.

Maria is survived by her beloved husband of 50 years Samuel McNair and children: Franchestee Barner (Honey) of Stafford, VA; Fitzgerald McNair (Fleurette) of San Diego, CA; Verita Powers (Cedric) of Springfield, VA and five grand children: Haven Barner, Cassidy Powers, Gabriella Barner, Jonathan Powers, Faith McNair and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She loved God and served him in her everyday life. As a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and neighbor she served everyone. You are truly SUPER FANTASTIC and are resting with the King and His angels in heaven. We look forward to the day we can see you again in heaven.

IN LUE OF FLOWERS, THE MCNAIR FAMILY REQUEST THAT ANY DONATION PLEASE BE MADE TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. (DIRECTIONS BELOW)

1. <https://www.cancer.org/> - They would want to click on the red "Donate" button in the upper right hand corner and they can make a memorial donation

and follow the instructions to have a card sent to your family.

2. They can also call 1-800-227-2345 option 2+1 and make a donation over the phone using a credit card and also request a card be sent to your family.

3. They can mail in a check donation to:

American Cancer Society

PO Box 42040

Oklahoma City, OK 73123

If to your family they need to include the following:

In memo line of check write "In Memory of ...."

On a separate piece of paper include the following four pieces of info:

a. Name of person being memorialized

b. Address where card should be sent

c. How card should be signed

d. Donor contact info

# Previous Events

## Family Time

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights  
4934 B St SE  
Washington, DC 20019

## Funeral service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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4934 B St SE  
Washington, DC 20019

## Second Funeral Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lebanon Baptist Church  
10588 Justice Branch Road  
Halifax, NC 27839

## Burial

DEC 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

Crestview Memorial Cemetery  
489 Smith Church Rd  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ Dear Granny,

*I have so many things to say about you and your life..but to sum it up you lived a super-fantastic life (as you would always say)!! To be quiet honest, even though you are gone from this earthly world, I just can't seem to find it within myself to use the past tense when referring to you because you are still living in my heart and in heaven at this very moment. You are such a blessing to me, you are my guardian angel, and because you always remember me..I will always remember you in the present and future, not the past. If there is one thing I can key in on is that you continually remember me in everything, whether that be for a gift at christmas, giving me a phone call while I'm at west point, wishing me happy birthday no matter what is going on, anointing me everytime I come to see you, praying over me, giving thanks for my life, giving me a little extra cash when you knew my pockets were tight, telling my mom to tell me that you're thinking about me, asking if I made it home safe from school, asking me about how school is going..whatever it may be you always remember me in every aspect I can think of and that means the world to me. You have blessed me beyond belief, you are truly my guardian angel. I just want say thank you for always watching over me on earth and now for watching over me from heaven..I love you Granny now and forever. Your grandson, Haven.*

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**Haven Barner** - December 18, 2018 at 09:16 AM

CR

“ My sincerest condolences for your loss. In these difficult times we can find comfort in the Bibles promise that soon we will be reunited with our loved ones again. John5:28,29

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**Crystal** - December 17, 2018 at 07:33 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



December 14, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



December 14, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ *Mrs. Ruthie, you were truly an angel! I learned so much from you, and I will always cherish the memory of how thoughtful, graceful, beautiful, intelligent, and genuine you were. Rest well in heaven .*

**Tonya Tolliver** - December 13, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



December 13, 2018 at 10:12 PM

MT

“ I’ve only known Mrs. Maria Dayle Johnson McNair for a short period of time as her caretaker ,during that time I realized what a wonderful woman she was ,strong willed ,knowledgeable and talented ,a great example to follow. She definitely has a genuine love for God and her family . I know she loved them all so dearly ,she always had nice things to say about her kids and grandchildren.  
A proud woman she was indeed .  
It’s been my pleasure to care for her .She will be missed .  
My condolences go out to the family.  
Your in the best of hands now Mrs. Mc.Nair!

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**Melanie Tufano** - December 13, 2018 at 06:29 PM

LD

“ I thank God for cousin Ruthie who always had a genuine love for her family. She would call her aunt Laura on a regular basis and ask how she was doing and would close with a prayer. Ruthie always thanked me for taking good care of HER AUNT LAURA BELLE. She was always a special blessing to us on Homecoming. We will miss you dearly.

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**Laura Jean Daniels** - December 13, 2018 at 08:56 AM

JE

“*Ms.Ruthie, as I think of you, it warms my heart to remember all of the words of wisdom and guidance you shared with me and Lady during our High School years, college and adulthood. You always gave the straight forward advice and encouragement to live our Best Life under God’s Law. It may have seems strange to us at the time, however it was only for our own good :). You were/are/will always be remembered in my heart as a Beautiful Woman after God’s own heart. I thank God for you and the opportunity to be a part of your extended family. Until We Meet Again....*

*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*

*Revelations 21:4*

*Jenny*

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**Jenny** - December 13, 2018 at 08:15 AM

HV

“*Harold and Brenda Henderson, Ashland Virginia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



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**Harold and Brenda Henderson, Ashland Virginia** - December 12, 2018 at 09:30 PM

GB

“ I am so grateful for a great grandmother like you. You always put others first, I remember when I was crawling around the floor and your exact words were “Gabriella you better stop running around before you fall and bust your head open”, sure enough I did just that, I remember like it was yesterday when I ran into the wall and busted my eyebrow open. The hair never filled back in till this day, but what can I say grandmothers know best. You always were there for me and loved me. I remember going to McDonald’s with and Cassidy and getting ice cream and we would eat it in seconds. All the time that we would have sleepovers and always stayed up watching the 11 o’clock news and staying up laughing and giggling and talking, and then you would tell Cassidy and I we need to go to bed and that we were driving you nuts! Well I just wanted to say thank you for inspiring me everyday, and you taught me so much and I am forever grateful for that. Your jokes are never old, your smile will always be in my heart. I am so glad that you are in NO more pain, you are healthy and you have a nice clean body, and you are at peace now. You are probably up in Heaven dancing, and telling jokes and cracking everyone up. I am glad that you are up with Jesus siting on his lap, and you are in a better place now. I am going to try to feel Super Fantastic down here. I know that you are definitely feeling Super Fantastic, Love you for ever and ever, until we meet again, Gabriella Maria Barner ❤️🙏”

gabriella barner - December 12, 2018 at 06:31 PM

LT

“ Larry and Brenda Todd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.



Larry and Brenda Todd - December 12, 2018 at 05:45 PM

FG

“ From Joseph and Betty A. Green purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.



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**From Joseph and Betty A. Green** - December 12, 2018 at 04:46 PM

HB

“ *As I reflect back over the years of my adult life I don't have a memory that does not include the best Mother In Law that ever walked upon this earth, Maria Ruth McNair. She poured her love, knowledge & wisdom of God, patience, kindness, dedication, and support into my life as if I was her own son. Her light, warmth, smile, laughter, and friendliness were contagious to everyone in her presence. I will miss our discussions about the power, mercy, grace, and love of the Most High God. She inspired me to be a better son to my own mother; a better father to my children; a better husband to my wife and her daughter but most importantly, to be a better man of God. I love you Maria Ruth McNair and I will miss you and cherish each and every moment I was honored and blessed to experience with you. I know that you are in heaven, greeting family members and friends, shouting, and praising the Most High God dressed in your pure white robe, with a golden crown upon your head. With the Father saying "well done my beautiful, loving, caring, mighty prayer warrior, and servant. Super Fantastic!"*

*Until we meet again, your beloved Son, Dr. Honney Lavern Barner, I am!*

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**Honney L Barner** - December 12, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



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December 12, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *My loving Mom:*

*You are my hero and now my angel in heaven. I will miss you so very much. You have left a void in my heart that can never be replaced. But I know God knows the best for you and He took you home. Thank you for being the best Mother in the universe. I know you are doing your happy dance in heaven and telling everyone how super fantastic you are. You deserve this grand celebration and more--enjoy the Lord to the highest!!*

*With all my eternal love, your daughter Fran*

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**Fran Barner** - December 12, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *Thank you Granny for being the most amazing grandma I could ever ask for the amount of strength you had in your life inspires me . I will never forget all the times you took me to McDonald's and all the times you took care of me . All the laughs and the stories and things you taught me .All the times I stayed over your house those memories are forever ingraved in my memory .Im glad your at peace now and reunited with all ur family and Jesus. Every basketball game I play from now on is for you , I'm going to try and stay super fantastic down here I love you*

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**Cassidy Powers** - December 12, 2018 at 06:37 AM

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“ *Eric Daye lit a candle in memory of Maria Ruth McNair*



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**Eric Daye** - December 12, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria Ruth McNair.*



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December 11, 2018 at 11:19 PM

VE

“ *So grateful God sent you as my mother! I know Jesus is taking great care of you. Rest from you labor! We miss you dearly. In His perfect love. Your daughter.*

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**Verita** - December 11, 2018 at 06:06 PM

ED

*Even though you're gone you'll not be forgotten. May God be please with you.*

*Ever so much*



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**Eric Daye** - December 11, 2018 at 08:04 PM

JD

*The beacon of light has gone out for a short while. We all need to move forward with continuing on with what Jesus has started. I will miss your encouragements, but have instilled in me what you have set out to accomplish, making a difference in this world. Thank you for guiding me in the right direction. Getting to know Jesus and following in his footsteps is the best gift that has been given to me. Thank you my dear Auntie, I love you and look forward to seeing you along with my other lovely family members that you have gone to be with, at those pearly gates when my number is called. You will always be among the other treasures of my heart, and collectively comfort my soul whenever needed. God bless you and may your soul rest in peace forever more. I will always love you; your nephew Jeff Daye.*

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**Jeff Daye** - December 12, 2018 at 08:37 AM