

Obituary

Mrs. Vivian Loraine McKie Bonnette of Irmo, SC, affectionately known as "Auntie", was born on August 24, 1947 and peacefully entered eternal rest on Sunday, December 31, 2023. Vivian was the fifth of eight children and only daughter of the late Eddie and Anna Freeman McKie.

Vivian was a proud member of the Booker T Washington High School Class of 1965. During her high school years, she received many accolades and awards including honor roll as well as having perfect attendance. After high school, Vivian attended Cortez Peters Business College in Washington, DC. She returned to Columbia and worked at the SC Department of Revenue for over 28 years before retiring in 2002.

Vivian was truly the heartbeat of her family. She took the most pride in being an involved Mother, Auntie and Grandmother. She enjoyed leading her daughter's Brownie Girl Scout Troop and serving as the secretary of the Eau Claire High School Chorus Booster Club, and often chaperoned on field trips. As the only auntie, she was always hosting her nieces and nephews, which drove her daughter Michelle crazy (smile). And spending time with her grandchildren always put a smile on her face. She was very nourishing and served as a mother figure to many. Vivian was loved by all and poured love into everyone she met.

Cooking was her love language. She cooked Christmas dinner for the Main Post Office 3rd shift annually and her fried chitterlings were the family favorite at the annual McKie Christmas Breakfast. She was best known for her red velvet cake, sweet potato pie, and family favorite peach cobbler. Her sisters-in-law looked forward to their Christmas "goodie bags" that were always filled with her famous sweet treats. Her home was always filled with love and the smell of well-prepared meals. Vivian also loved to read, and she was an awesome dancer. Her brother Melvin was her favorite dance partner!

After 30 years, Vivian reunited with her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Robert Bonnette. Through this union Vivian was blessed to gain two additional children. Vivian and Robert were the personification of love. They loved spending time with one another and could often be found side by side watching their favorite television shows. They always shared a special New Year's Eve tradition by partaking in shrimp and champagne. And this past New Year's allowed their souls to reconnect.

Vivian was predeceased by her husband of 31 years, Robert Bonnette; four brothers, Lindell McKie, Eddie Roy McKie, Heyward McKie, and Morris McKie; and a niece Tonya McKie Bagby.

Mrs. Vivian Loraine McKie Bonnette leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving and devout daughter, Sonja Michelle Jacobs of Irmo, SC; two bonus children, Robert Bonnette Jr. of Little Rock, AR, and Sylvia Bonnette James of Smyrna, GA; three grandchildren, Bria Bonnette, Danielle James, and Robert James and one great-granddaughter, Aspen McKithen; three brothers, Albert (Violet) McKie and Melvin (Jerald) McKie of Columbia, SC and Bernard (Beverly) McKie of Irmo, S

C; a brother-in-law, Clarence (Ann) Bonnette of Orangeburg, SC; sister-in-law, Edna Bonnette of Columbia, SC a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....Mr. Antwan Dunmore and Mr. Jareek Samuel
"Hold To His Hands"

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Invocation.....Reverend Schrendria F. Robinson

Selection.....Bishop Reginald Steele
"We Are Often Tossed and Driven"

Scriptures Reading.....Minister Deidra Bonnette
Old Testament - Psalm 121
New Testament - I Peter 3:4

Prayer.....Reverend Veronica Michelle Mars

Selection.....Bishop Emmanuel Spearman
"Oil In My Vessel"

Remarks.....Mr. Melvin McKie, Brother
Ms. Donne L. McKie, Niece
Mr. Daryl A. McKie, Nephew
Ms. Sylvia Bonnette James, Daughter

Video Tribute.....Ms. Sonja Michelle Jacobs, Daughter

Selection....."Don't Cry for Me"

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Schrendria F. Robinson

Recessional.....Bishop Reginald Steele
"I'll Fly Away"

Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment

Bush River Memorial Gardens
5400 Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina



Prayer for Mother

Dear God, I gratefully thank You for giving me my mommy. You must really love me, 'cause You gave the best You had.

Watch over her and bless her Lord, and keep her in Your care, and may she feel my love for her, is my humble,

Heartfelt Prayer



Pallbearers

Beloved Nephews

Floral Bearers

Beloved Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Vivian Loraine McKie Bonnette, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A very special thank you to Amedisys Hospice Care, Nurse Jennifer David, Ms. De'ja Bell and Ms. Avis Byrd (personal aides), and First Light Home Care.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

Mrs. Vivian Loraine McKie Bonnette



**Monday, January 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Schrendria Robinson
-Officiating-**