



Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess

January 23, 1948 - January 21, 2020

Political Activist and Champion for Veterans' Rights, Millicent Anne McNear-Bess of Dunlap, IL; formerly of Galesburg, IL passed away at 10:35 am on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, IL.

Millicent was born January 23, 1948 in Galesburg, IL to Sheridan and Dorothy (Taylor) McNear, Sr. She attended Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO and Governor's State College in Macomb, IL.

Millicent had a passion for politics. She worked tirelessly with Knox County Democrats and various veterans' organizations to effect change for veterans regarding their economic, homeless and benefits plight. She was a longtime friend of Senators Roland Burris, Dick Durbin and Ambassador Carol Mosley Braun. Millicent had a strong work ethic. She achieved educational success, strived to better veterans' struggles in her community and state, held employment positions at Mid-State Bank, Bergners, State Department's SPO (Special Police) Division, and raised six accomplished children.

Millicent is leaves to cherish her most precious memories five daughters, Felicia Barnes of Leicestershire, VA, Additrica "Addie" (Casey) McGee of Galesburg, IL, De'Trina "Dedei" Scicslowicz of Kansas City, MO, Pamella (Nolan T.) Bess-Tabb of Galesburg, IL and Denise Bess Pierson of Peoria, IL; one son, John (Haley) Bess, Jr., of Ft. Madison, IA; one brother, Joseph McNear of Peoria; 20 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Sheridan McNear, Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 pm, Friday, January 31, 2020 at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, 153 E. Tompkins Street, Galesburg, IL, with a visitation beginning at 12 noon. Host Pastor James Hailey. Rev. Tyson Parks, III, Pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church in Peoria, IL , will officiate. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
153 East Tompkins Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
153 East Tompkins Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Yearbook Photos*



Brooklynne Tabb - January 20, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



brooklynne tabb - September 27, 2020 at 11:06 AM

YT

“ *Your Sorors- Bev, Shann, Gloria, Demetra, Thembi, and Tina purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNeair-Bess.*



Your Sorors- Bev, Shann, Gloria, Demetra, Thembi, and Tina
- January 30, 2020 at 02:27 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Millicent Anne McNeair-Bess*



Annette Lucy - January 30, 2020 at 02:56 AM

PC

“ To the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess:

The Pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you in your time of sorrow and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure.

May the Lord's precious promises bring you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

God be with you.

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - January 29, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess.*



January 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess.*



January 28, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNear-Bess.*



January 27, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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January 27, 2020

To The Family of Sister Millicent McNear-Bess:

Although you have left us in life, you have no more pain, struggles or strife; you are going to the land where others trod, and a land where there is peace and contentment with God; we will always remember you and there we will find the love of God in our hearts.

You will be missed but never forgotten,

Central District Association

Gloria Meachem
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Bessie Tory

Corresponding Secretary

Central District - January 27, 2020 at 01:39 PM

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To the Family of Sister Millicent McNear-Bess:

We, the of the United Usher Board of Peoria, offer our heartfelt sympathy during this time of sorrow.

We say to you, look to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith and remember that there is peace in knowing Jesus. So be encouraged

*and trust that
God will take care of you.*

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may
obtain mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*

*Humbly Submitted,
The United Usher Board of Peoria*

*Essie Ellis, President
Bessie Tory, Corresponding Secretary*

United Usher Board - January 27, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNeair-Bess.*



January 26, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNeair-
Bess.*



January 25, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Millicent Anne McNeair-Bess.*



January 25, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *To the family of Ms Millicent-Anne McNeair-Bess you all have my Deepest Sympathy and My Condolences for your loss I am very sorry to hear about her. She was a very nice and sweet woman she would be missed deeply. Much love 💕💕 you all.*

Susan Washington - January 24, 2020 at 10:37 PM



Thank you!

Pamella - January 26, 2020 at 12:20 AM



“ *She's made us laugh, she's made us mad, she's confused us and made us smile too. I will never forget her. Addi, Dedei, Felicia, Pam, Denise, and John...one of my fondest memories of your Mom was spending the night at your house and your Mom making French toast with powdered sugar on it in the mornings. Seems like such a little thing now, but it was a pretty big deal to me at the time. She helped me get my first real job at Musicland in the mall. And she kept an eye on me there too. She has always been sweet and kind to my family and I and I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you during this difficult time. Love you guys!
Renee Hamilton and family*

Renee Hamilton - January 24, 2020 at 06:16 PM



Renee, thank you for sharing ❤️

Dedei Bess - January 31, 2020 at 09:22 AM