



Ms. Tonya Jean McCall

March 1, 1967 - September 21, 2016

Tonya J. McCall, 49, of Peoria, IL passed away at 2:02 pm, Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at her home.

Tonya was born on March 1, 1967 in Peoria to Dr. W. Roscoe and Geraldine (Williams) McCall. She attended District 150 schools, graduating from Richwoods High School in 1985. She attended Illinois Central College, earning an Associate's Degree in Business Management. She was a long-time supervisor at Illinois Central's Childcare Connection, and also worked for many years at John Pearl Insurance Co. as an underwriter.

Tonya professed faith in Christ at a very early age and was baptized at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in 1978, where she sang in the youth choir. Over the years, she attended other churches in Peoria, including Rising Sun Church and St. Paul Baptist Church.

Tonya will be long remembered for her beauty, her sense of humor, sharp wit and keen encyclopedic memory- especially of trivial facts. She loved old movies, was a voracious reader of history and poetry, and remarkable knowledge of music and song lyrics. Tonya could be seen attending local sporting events, concerts, and community activities, and was active for many years in various community groups. She was named Ms. Black Arts Festival in 1985.

She leaves to cherish her memory literally thousands of friends- many of whom have posted loving tributes to her on Facebook. Most of all, she leaves an adoring family of grieving survivors, including: Her parents, Dr. W. Roscoe and Geraldine McCall of Peoria; one son, Nicholas Beard of Riverview, FL; one daughter, Morgan Moredock of Peoria; brothers Steven (Valerie) McCall of Huntley, IL and Christopher (Tiffany) McCall of Peoria; a devoted partner, Tim Foreman of Peoria; 3 grandchildren; two nieces, Chrisa and Lia; three nephews, Cameron, Cole and Dominick; and a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church with a visitation beginning two hours prior to the service at 10 am. Host Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark A. McConnell and Officiant, Rev. Steve McCall, Pastor of Learning to Live Bible Chapel, Cary, IL. Tonya will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Simons Mortuary - September 27, 2016 at 03:59 PM

PA

I loved the tribute I am a cousin of Roscoe and Geardine on my mom's Queen Crews(Brown) side siblings Naomi,Rev. Michael Sinclair and others and I am Priscilla aka as Ann May my cousin rest in Peace

Priscilla A. Turner aka Ann - September 27, 2016 at 09:10 PM

CP

I am so sorry to hear. You are in my thoughts and prayers! I had the pleasure of knowing her at my son Joshua sporting event who is Morgan's big brothet. Heaven got back truly an angel. My deepest condolences!

Christina Pickett - October 02, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

LK

“ *My condolences to the family*

LJ King - January 05, 2017 at 07:16 PM

JP

“ *My Deepest Symphathy.*



Jessie Payton - October 01, 2016 at 02:27 PM

KH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Tonya's passing. I worked with her at OSF outpt registration. We always had a fun time working together! I was so shocked when i saw this in the paper.*

Kim Hangartner

Kim H - September 29, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Flowers*



Simons Mortuary - September 29, 2016 at 04:40 PM

SJ

“ *Sonya & LeRoy Linwood Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Sonya & LeRoy Linwood Jr. - September 29, 2016 at 11:43 AM

ND

“ *To the Mc Call family,
From our family to yours, we are so sorry for your loss. Children just aren't supposed to die before the parents, so I am sure your loss is tremendous. From many years as neighbors, I will remember her sweet smile. May God surround you with His arms, His love and His peace.
Brad and Nancy Dunham and family*

Nancy Dunham - September 28, 2016 at 05:03 PM

DJ

“ *Derrea & Jerry James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Derrea & Jerry James - September 28, 2016 at 01:08 PM

HC

“ *Herman & Denise Crayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Herman & Denise Crayton - September 28, 2016 at 08:37 AM

LK

“ To the family you have truly lost a angel and I am sorry for your loss praying for the family there are no words that I can say to comfort you so just look to the hills which cometh your strength God will see you through all your pain

Lonnie Kimbrough - September 28, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.



September 27, 2016 at 10:34 PM

EL

“ I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER TONYA'S BRIGHT WELCOMING SMILE AND THAT VIBRANT PERSONALITY. MY FAMILY YOU HAVE OUR SINCERE HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES LOVE YOU ALL ELAINE MAXINE AND TERRY

Elaine - September 27, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.



September 27, 2016 at 03:33 PM

DB

“ *Deborah & David Burns purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



Deborah & David Burns - September 27, 2016 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ *John F. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



John F. - September 27, 2016 at 02:23 PM



Antoinette
Francher-
Donald

“ *Dearest, McCall Family:*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Tonya. Although, I didn't hang around her a lot when we were growing up, I always remember her beautiful and enduring smile. May your family find peace and strength in our Heavenly Father during this difficult time. Heaven has gained another angel.

Antoinette Francher-Donald

Antoinette Francher-Donald - September 27, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



September 27, 2016 at 03:59 AM



“ *Praying for your family at this time. Reta Williams Doss*



Reta G. Doss - September 26, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *To Dr. Roscoe and Geraldine McCall, your Union Academy family in Florida sends our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your daughter. Words can not express our feelings but our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*

*George R. Sabb, President
Union Academy High School Alumni Association*

George R. Sabb - September 26, 2016 at 04:34 PM

SG

“ *Fellow Piscean with a heart of Gold. It was always a blast to count-down to Pisces season on Facebook. You will be missed. I'm keeping your family in my prayers. Rest well young lady.*



Sally Gray - September 26, 2016 at 09:42 AM

DS

“ *Debrina J Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Debrina J Smith - September 25, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ *Dr. McCall and Geraldine*
I knew Tonya as a student at Charter Oak School and was sad to see her obituary in today's paper. She was a sweet girl and I always enjoyed seeing her. Please accept my deepest sympathy to you and others who knew and loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Jeanette Hillyer

Jeanette Hillyer - September 25, 2016 at 11:06 AM

AT

“ I will always remember Tonya as this amazingly giving person. As my next door neighbor as a little girl, she first invited me into her home where I met her wonderful family and later she invited me to her church-- Friendship Baptist Church, where eventually my extended family as well as my immediate would occasionally attend. By the posts she shared on Facebook to these lovely posts folks are sharing after her passing, I can tell that Tonya continued to live her life with an open heart, giving and receiving Love. To her parents, her brothers and her children and grands, I wish you support, comfort, and strength. I know you have lost an incredible source of light in your life. With much love, Alice Jackson (Traore).



Alice Jackson Traore - September 25, 2016 at 08:06 AM

CC

“ My heart goes out to the Williams-McCall Family. May your loving memories of Tonya sustain you. I will miss that lovely smile of hers as only she could greet you. May God bless.

Cleo and Gloria Carter - September 25, 2016 at 07:48 AM

AJ

“ Annette Lucy And Johnny Lee Williams Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Annette Lucy and Johnny Lee Williams Jr. - September 25, 2016 at 05:11 AM

VR

“ *Veronica Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Veronica Rodriguez - September 24, 2016 at 10:21 PM

VR

“ *Veronica Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Veronica Rodriguez - September 24, 2016 at 10:06 PM

JG

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Morgan, Nick and the McCall family. I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven got an Angel for sure. Wishing you peace at this difficult time.*
Janice Glasper

Janice Glasper - September 24, 2016 at 09:22 PM

WC

“ *Wilbert And Joan Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Wilbert and Joan Collins - September 24, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



September 24, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *Dr. & Mrs. McCall & Family,*

You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your daughter and sister. I will be praying for your family during this difficult time. May God bless you all. Laraine Bryson & Family

Laraine Bryson - September 24, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *Tonya and my daughter, Nichole graduated from Richwoods, the same year - 1985. Over the years, Tonya always had a warm and welcoming smile, when she greeted me. So down to earth, so lovable: now she can share that cordial smile and humor in heaven, as she helps God's angels spread the news about Jesus Christ. May memories bring peace and consolation to her parents, children, siblings, other family and friends.*
Lorene King

Lorene King - September 24, 2016 at 05:32 PM

Lisa Randle

“ *Lisa Randle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Lisa Randle - September 24, 2016 at 05:20 PM

LP

“ *Dear Geraldine & Dr. Roscoe McCall, sons, brothers and the entire Williams Family,*

With heart felt sadness of the news regarding Tonya's demise, Alex and I would like to offer our blessing and condolence during your hours of bereavement. Sorry due to circumstance, I am not able to attend the funeral services but my prayers will be with you all during that time. RIP Tonya, Auntie Lil, Milwaukee WI. Lillie Patterson & Alex Patterson



Lillie Patterson - September 24, 2016 at 04:30 PM

AL

Our prayers go out for the the family the Lathan family

Al lathan - September 25, 2016 at 10:22 AM

TS

“ *Tanisha Slaughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Tanisha Slaughter - September 24, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



September 24, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *Tanya was a wonderful person. A warm smile and a passionate persona were only portions of her dynamic. In her short time here she brought much joy to her family and friends. I was deeply saddened to hear of her passing. My sentiments to her family. I cannot know the hurt you must be feeling. I pray that peace will soon come. God bless all of you and may he keep you in his grace.*



Jack Sanders.

JACK SANDERS - September 24, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ *Nichole Squires lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Nichole Squires - September 24, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ *Marcella Buckley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Marcella Buckley - September 24, 2016 at 11:24 AM

NS

“ *Nichole Squires lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Nichole Squires - September 24, 2016 at 11:20 AM

LW

“ *Leonora Wells purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



Leonora Wells - September 24, 2016 at 10:04 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Annette Lucy - September 24, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ To the McCall family sending my condolences and praying that God will comfort you in this hour of grief.Cheryll Gordon & Family!



Caad Gor - September 24, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ Polly Furness lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Polly furness - September 24, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ Dr. and Mrs. McCall/Family

I pray that God will grant you all His peace and mercy during this time of sorrow. I was saddened when I heard of Tonya's death.

Anna Marks - September 24, 2016 at 04:40 AM



“ Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Linda Harris - September 24, 2016 at 01:19 AM

GS

“ *Glenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Glenda Smith - September 23, 2016 at 11:16 PM

LW

“ *Lenora Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall*



Lenora Williams - September 23, 2016 at 08:47 PM

YJ

“ *To the McCall Family;*

I am so sorry for your loss, may you find comfort and strength in God during your time of sorrow. Tonya was truly a beautiful person, and will be greatly missed.

Yvonne Johnson-Langford - September 23, 2016 at 07:56 PM

LB

“ I met Tonya in the 80's. We both worked at the Peoria Civic Center. We clicked instantly. She introduced me to all of her friends. She would pick me up in her brown Cutlass and we would sometimes cruise the streets of Peoria. We wouldn't be looking for anyone or anything in particular. Amazingly, though, everywhere we drove, someone knew Tonya. She was a friend and a confidant to so many people.....including me! She was blessed with such a wonderful spirit, a warm heart, quick wit, a gorgeous smile, and fierce determination to achieve whatever goal was in front of her. And, I have to admit, she baked the best chocolate chip cookies in the history of America! I will never ever forget you my dear friend. May you rest in Heaven.

Lillian Blake - September 23, 2016 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ Jackie Cannon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Jackie Cannon - September 23, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JC

My condolences to her immediate family. I will miss her truly.

Jackie Cannon - September 23, 2016 at 06:15 PM

SR

“Wow!! I was truly saddened by the news of Tonya's passing. I haven't seen or talked to you in years but will never forget the memories we shared growing up. Rest well pretty girl. Much love to your family.

Your cousin, Marty .

Stacie "Marty" Rice - September 23, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - September 23, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - September 23, 2016 at 01:08 PM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tonya at he Center for Health. I will always remember how kind and caring she was with everybody. She lit up the room with that beautiful smile! She will be missed by all who knew her. My heart goes out to her family. You should be so proud of your wonderful Mother and your beautiful Daughter! God Bless.

Barb Colgan

Barb Colgan - September 23, 2016 at 01:05 PM

TM

“ McCall family may God keep you in his loving arms, my heart cry's out for my dear friend. She's so beautiful inside and out. Always showing her pearly whites. If you knew T, you know she like to keep her toes done. Me, T, and another coworker took lunch together and lunch took longer than expected because T had to get her feet done. And not to forget those fuzzy socks she wore in the winter with any outfit or shoes cause they were so comfy. She always made me laugh and smile when nothing was funny. I will always keep her in my heart and never forgotten.....

God Bless the McCall family, Trina Maggit

Trina Maggit - September 23, 2016 at 12:21 PM

BJ

“ Bobbi And Jerin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall



Bobbi and Jerin - September 23, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jean McCall.*



September 23, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Life is short and you must make the best of it each day. Rest Well My dear Cousin.*



Jackie Morgan - September 23, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *I am several years older than Tanya but I remember when our families spent alot of time together when we were younger. I always looked forward to playing with her when she was a baby. I used to sing an Aretha Franklin song to her but plugged her name in it my dad told me that was a "grown people's song" but Tanya loved it. I did too Rest in heaven my dear heart. Say Hi to my dad*

Marilyn Woolery - September 23, 2016 at 06:50 AM

PP

“ There are so many memories that I have with my Sister that it is painful to think about them she was one of a kind. Tonya and I shared lockers in high school and was very protective of one another she would always try and tell me who was right for me and who i shouldn't be talking to 😊😊 I will never forget u Sis. Love u I will see u in Heaven.

Love always

Your Brother 4ever PatPollard Sr

Pat Pollard - September 23, 2016 at 12:34 AM