



Hester Mae McKinney

July 5, 1941 - June 9, 2022

Born July 5, 1941, in York County, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on June 9, 2022, at the age of 80 in Beltsville, MD, surrounded by loved ones. The daughter of the late Albert and Dovie Brice, Hester was the youngest of three children, preceded in death by Louise Brice McClean (Sister) and Wade Kenneth Brice (Brother).

Hester was educated in Gaston County Public Schools. After school completion, Hester married Otha Budell McKinney in 1956. Hester had her sights on Greatness in 1961 when she and Budell moved to Washington, DC. Early in her career, Hester worked managing a family-run Home Linens and Décor Boutique in Chevy Chase. Hester would provide decorative home ideas and foster relationships with some of Washington's most elite socialites.

Hester's passion for youth and community guided her to work for the DC Public School system. She served students at Terrell Junior High and Lasalle Elementary School, where she retired in 1995.

In addition to her career in education, as a God-fearing and devoted servant of the Lord, nothing pleased Hester more than spending time in church. In 1971 Hester joined the Meridian Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Roosevelt McIntyre, followed by the Leadership of Rev. Dr. Calvin E. Cage Sr. As a devoted member, Hester served and led the work of

several ministries at Meridian Hill, including; President of the Missionary Circle, President of the Willing Workers Ministry, and Head of the Family Food Ministry.

Hester loved singing with the Meridian Hill Echo-Senior and Mass Choir. While attending Meridian Hill Baptist Church, she received a PASTORAL AWARD for FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP. Pursuing her passion for helping others led by the spirit of God, Hester enrolled in Howard University to obtain a certification in Evangelism. After failing health and no longer being able to attend Meridian Hill, she joined Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Eldridge Spearman.

Hester is known to be a prayer warrior! She frequently prayed with her neighbors, colleagues, children's friends, and others she didn't know but whose names were given to her by people in her daily life. When Hester was not in church or working, you could find her spending time with her family. Hester loved to cook some of the most incredible meals you have ever had in your life, joke, entertain, and enjoy family meals and laughter around the table. She was always prepared with extras to feed anyone who walked through the door. Hester was a people person with a very infectious smile. She never met a stranger and found ways to connect with people regardless of their walk of life. When visiting Hester at home, you would undoubtedly hear her gospel music and preaching playing throughout the house, giving her home a calming and welcoming feeling. The preaching, singing, and praising never stopped, much like David's dance. Hester worshiped and praised God All Day Long!

Hester leaves to cherish her memories of 7 children, Vernessa Richardson (James), Columbus McKinney (Sandra), Lawrence McKinney, Angela Thompson (Earthy), Alvin Tucker, Alicia Tucker, and Augustus Tucker. 16 Grandchildren, 11 Great Grandchildren, 1 Great-great Grandson, and a

Hostess of nieces and nephews from (VA, DC, MD, NC, and RI).
Goddaughters Kiyonna Moton and Crystal Vines, and Godson Bernard
Bodden. Preceded in death by two sons, Carlos and Vincent McKinney, and
Husband, Otha Budell Mckinney.

Cemetery Details

National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Rd
Landover, MD 20785

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Meridian Hill Baptist Church
5354 Sheriff Road
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AN

“ Channel 12! Cant believe its almost 4 years since your transition. I found an old video of you and it made me laugh. Well my girl just stopping by. See you on the other side love you!

Angela - April 08 at 11:56 AM

AN

“ Channel 12!! Its Tracey coming to say whats up. Your girl is doing so good right now. I have grown my walk with the Lord and that is the most important thing for me at the moment. Know you were there to greet Sharon snd her big ole smile!! Anyway, thought I would say hello!! Love ya

Angela - February 26 at 08:06 PM

AT

“ It's been almost four years since I last saw your smile. Still, there isn't a day that goes by when I don't think of you 10 or more times. I can still hear your laugh, especially when you were with the kids you loved so much and felt so proud of.

I just wish I had said more often how thankful I am for your unconditional love for our family and God. Because of you, I know what steady faith and real love look like. Your example will carry me through the hard days, and it will keep me grounded until the day we meet again and I find rest with a higher power.

You did a good job. You'll always be loved, and you'll always be missed.

Augustus Tucker - February 22 at 07:59 AM

AN

“ Hey Channel 12!! I miss you my girl. Often find myself wanting to share life events, then remeber your no longer here. Watched Fred Sanford the entire day today thought of you as always. Love you!!

Angela - August 02, 2025 at 07:55 PM

NT

“ Hey ma I miss you it's almost your birthday another year you aren't here



najae thomas - June 30, 2025 at 09:29 AM

AR

“ Hey Ma, loving and missing you always my girl ❤️ continue and rest in God's arms

Ashley R - May 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CV

“ It has been almost 3 years and there is still that void of missing you in my life. I miss the talking over the telephone several times a day, the laughter, the words of encouragement and everything about you. I miss you so much and my life will never be the same without you and my mother. Waiting to reunite with you.

Crystal Vines - February 08, 2025 at 06:28 PM

AT

“ Time continues to pass, yet I think of you every single day. You were the perfect mother for me, and my heart will never be the same.

Augustus Tucker - August 23, 2024 at 06:39 PM

AR

“ I love you Miss Ann ☐❤



Ashley R - May 09, 2024 at 02:05 AM

AT

“ On my mind again today you and Mrs Guinyard. I know there is a good time being had with you two, King James, Brother Ellis, Mrs. Betty, Mrs Inez, and Daddy just to name a few. I miss you mom. Continue to rest ❤

Angela Tucker - December 28, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Hester Mae McKinney

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

TR

“ Hey Channel 12! Just coming through to say hello... love you girl



Traceyt - October 14, 2023 at 10:07 AM

AR

“ Happy 82nd Birthday Ma 🎂🌹 - I love and miss you tremendously.



Ashley R - July 05, 2023 at 06:58 PM

AT

“ Augustus Tucker lit a candle in memory of Hester McKinney



Augustus Tucker - June 06, 2023 at 03:31 PM

AT

“ Channel 12 I picked up the phone to call you again today to tell you about the old ladies at work. I miss you calling me Tracey when you call. I miss my rides to DC knowing when I come to town I could count out a bowl of chicken and noodles. Sad that I can't call. Happy to know your with the Lord and those whom you love dearly. I love you girl

Angela Thompson - April 11, 2023 at 03:51 PM

AS

“ It's still so hard to accept that you're gone. Although I know that you're still here in spirit, you are also the presence of the Lord. I miss you and I love you so much.

Ashley - February 09, 2023 at 11:22 PM

NG

“ Hey Channel 12! I miss you girl. My morning runs to McDonald's after work are not the same. I find myself picking up the phone to call you then realize your no longer here. I know you are worshipping with the angels and in the presence of the Lord, so this brings me the greatest joy. Continue to sleep in peace mom. Until we meet again.. Tracey:)

ngela - November 29, 2022 at 02:54 AM

AT

“ A strong black woman gone but never forgotten. As a single parent you raised 9 children in a city that was filled with crime and drugs and miraculously none of your children fell pray to the streets. Maybe because we've never seen you drink and you couldn't identify a drug if someone placed it in plain sight- the innocence of GOD's child. I sometimes want a drink after a long day of work. How you managed to work, cook, tend to your kids and make 1-2 weekday church service(s) all without any kind of substance/ booster will always amaze me. I pray that your granddaughters take the lessons you've taught them as they journey through motherhood and that all of your children keep GOD in our hearts as you've taught us. Thank you, Momma, for believing in GOD and showing us the way.

Today, my heart is filled with sadness as we approach the holiday season. By now you would be preparing the Thanksgiving menu. Your Christmas dinners were epic. Your mac and cheese, stuffing, homemade gravy, carrot cakes and potato pie no one can never re-create. Life will never be the same without you here on earth. I look forward to the day that we meet in our eternal place of rest. It's been 5 months now and although they say it gets easier- It hasn't and I still want my Momma, in a child's like way.

Augustus Tucker - November 08, 2022 at 10:20 AM

AR

“ I LOVE YOU MA 🌹 ALWAYS & FOREVER.



Ashley R - July 06, 2022 at 01:47 AM

AT

“ My heart is so heavy. I want my Moma (in my child voice).

Augustus Tucker - June 28, 2022 at 10:39 AM

CV

Praying for comfort. I love you

Crystal Vines - July 01, 2022 at 04:33 PM

NT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



najae thomas - June 27, 2022 at 10:51 AM

NT

“ We love you ma we are really going to miss you .. you were the best grandmother I could have asked for you were always there

najae thomas - June 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. With caring thoughts.

Evans family - June 18, 2022 at 08:37 AM

SR

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Ms. McKinney. You all have my sincere condolence's. May God bless and keep you all doing the time. Crystal Vines and I work at the same location.

Shirley Royster

Shirley Royster - June 16, 2022 at 06:15 PM

CV

“ Rest in Paradise until we meet again Godmommy Hester McKinney. I will hold on to the sweet memories and the things you taught me for 22 years

Crystal Vines - June 15, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - June 15, 2022 at 09:18 AM