



Dr. Louvenia Magee

March 22, 1942 - December 16, 2020

Per the request of Dr. Louvenia Magee there will be no public viewing.

On March 22, 1942, Louvenia Magee began her Sunrise journey in Northampton County, North Carolina, where she was born to the late James and Louvenia Walden Magee. She was the sixth of eight children and was frequently called “baby girl.” She transitioned from time to eternity on December 16, 2020 in the serenity of her home.

During her Morning journey she was baptized into the body of Christ at age ten and became a member of Roanoke Salem Baptist Church in Garysbyrg, North Carolina. For a time, she was a member of Allen AME Church in Washington, DC, Largo Community Church in Largo, MD and Israel Baptist Church in Washington, DC. In 2004 she became a member of Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD and was also a member, under pastoral care, of St. Peters Missionary Baptist Church in Weldon, North Carolina. She also regularly attended Mt Oak United Methodist Church in Bowie, MD. Louvenia remained active in the church, especially in Christian education and Foreign Missions, until failing health prevented her from continuing to do so.

Her Noonday journey began with her education in Northampton County, North Carolina, where she graduated with honors both from Gumberry High School, with a high school diploma, and from Elizabeth City State Teachers' College,

in Elizabeth City, North Carolina with a BS Degree. It was in during her time in Elizabeth City that she met and later married Willie C. Gafney, Sr. To this union were born two children. She continued her education receiving Masters and Doctorate Degrees from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. She loved to learn and attended numerous other colleges and universities receiving certificates and continuing education credits.

Louvenia began the Afternoon phase of her life as an educator. She had extensive experience in the field of education that included working with students from PreK to Adult. Being an educator was her calling and she used her God-given gift to teach students with all ability levels, tutor foster and court custody children, present Praxis I and Praxis II workshops for aspiring and practicing teachers at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania as well as in churches and in private settings, and to serve as Adjunct Professor of Literature at Bowie State University.

During her Evening years Louvenia labored for the kingdom as a curriculum developer, educational consultant, teacher, school administrator and teacher trainer in the United States and abroad in South and Central America, Africa, Asia, and Europe. She taught English during the daytime at Mongolian Teachers' University in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and taught Bible at night in private home settings there. Louvenia also established Christian schools in Ghana and Bolivia. Having traveled widely, to nearly 80 countries, and having interacted with people on all of the inhabited continents, Louvenia developed an avid love for people of all nations and tongues.

She received numerous awards, honors and recognitions for her work. However, what mattered to her most was that she was doing God's work. Louvenia loved the Lord. She stated that her goal in life was to make a positive difference in the lives of others, live a life that reflected Christ and His love, and to leave a legacy of service and faith. She was serving the Lord in

Romania when illness forced her to return to the United States for medical treatment in 2017. She was hopeful that she would be able to return to her work, her students and her colleagues, but this was not to be the case. She continued to teach high school literature and adult Bible classes virtually until the end of the school year.

Now it's Sunset. She leaves to cherish her memory a daughter, Rev. Dr. Wilda C. Gafney, who resides in Fort Worth, Texas and a son, W.C. Gafney II "Jay" (Rana), who makes his home in Waldorf, Maryland; three beloved grandchildren, Bakari, Arria and Hashim, one great-granddaughter, Aiya, two sisters, Fenolosia C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, and Maxine M. Greene and husband Rev. Willie M. Greene of Garysburg, North Carolina, two brothers, John Rogers Magee, Sargent Major, U.S. Army (Retired) of DeRidder, Louisiana and William Magee, Major, U.S. Army (Retired) and wife Mildred of Universal City, Texas, four devoted caregivers/daughters at heart, Angela M. Greene of Raleigh, North Carolina, Julia Goodman Gafney of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Opal Scott of Bowie, Maryland, and Ruth Annette Magee of Seat Pleasant, Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Louvenia is now enjoying the pleasures of Heaven with her brothers, J. Mark Magee, James Otis Magee, and Rev. Henry M. Magee and other loved ones gone before.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Dr. Louvenia Magee, Please Click the Link below.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - December 21, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Dr. Louvenia Magee*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

OJ

“ I'm graduating from high school this year and I was looking back on all the teachers that got me this far and Dr. Magee was the first to pop into my mind. My heart is absolutely shattered at the news of her passing. I send my condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. Despite having her as a teacher way back in elementary school, her wisdom has stuck with me to this day. She was the kindest and most raw woman I've ever met. She always had something to give to her students and I loved her for it. I remember one day during recess, like a little troublemaker I got in trouble. Of course I cried in her classroom and she comforted me. Just straight up embraced me like I was her child. I've never felt such warmth from anyone like that. During recess I never even wanted to play, I would just want to sit in her classroom all day and talk with her. We would sit there and she just talked to me about life. I may not have understood at the time, but as I got older, her words never left my mind. Although she is no longer with us, she lives through us, her students, her family, and everyone's lives that she touched. There was truly no one like her.

Ozioma Jatto - January 22, 2022 at 11:32 PM

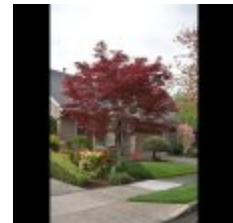
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Ozioma Jatto - January 22, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Dr. Louvenia Magee.



February 02, 2021 at 06:39 AM

DS

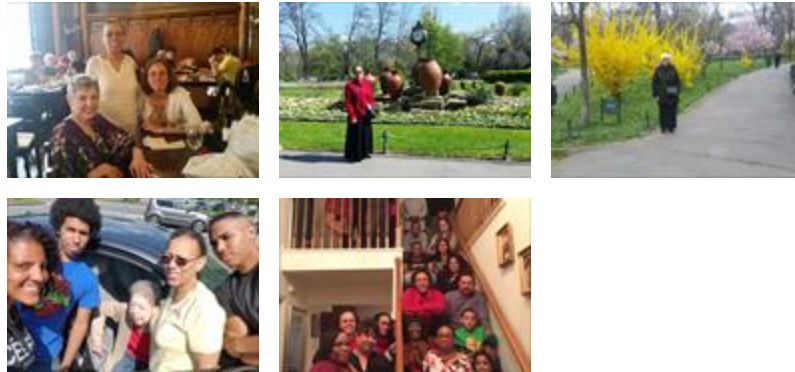
“ To the Louvenia "Magee and Gafnery" Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my dear friend, and your MOM. Although we had not talked in a few months, I had no idea that Dr. Magee was very ill. The last time that I had spoken to her, she was doing fine, going to John Hopkins University. Well, with sadness, to Wilda and Jay, while I know that you are sad, please remember the good times that you and your mom had. I do remember lots of good times that we had. Lots of fun. So God will take care of you. Continue to be blessed and safe. With Love, Dr. Cathine Gilchrist



Dr. Cathine G. Scott - January 02, 2021 at 07:50 PM

OS

“ 20 files added to the album Louvenia Magee



Opal Scott - December 30, 2020 at 06:04 PM

LJ

“ To the family of Dr. Magee, I am truly saddened by the loss of my dear friend and your mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend. Please accept my sincere condolences. She will be truly missed by so many, but we have so many memories to cherish. I met Louvenia at the South Bowie Community Center where we went to exercise. Never did I know that our friendship would extend beyond those walls to the dinner we shared when she left to teach at the mission school in Romania, to our trips to the Kennedy Center, to Great Falls for a hike, to church where we worshipped together. We talked and sent texts, and I will always remember her friendship and the care she showed me when I lost my brother a little over a year ago. Rest in Glory, my dear friend. Gone, but never forgotten.

Linda Cowan Jackson

Linda Jackson - December 30, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JH

“ She was an awesome missionary who labored for The Lord all around the world. We thank God for her faithfulness and stewardship over the years. She is now resting. We were blessed to have met her along her journey.

*Edwin and Julia Horsley,
Roanoke Salem Baptist Church, Garysburg NC*

Julia Horsley - December 30, 2020 at 02:53 PM

WM

“ To the Family, We send our deepest heartfelt condolences. Dr. Lou was a true and sincere example of a person close to God's heart. Our shining star. We loved her selflessness and genuine regard for her fellow man. Walter and Barbara McKinney

Walter McKinney - December 30, 2020 at 02:08 PM

“ A Tribute to Dr. Louvenia Magee

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary Lord for you.*

*The verse of this song describes the life you sought to live before
our Lord and Savior.*

*You started on this journey so many years ago,
And now it's time to leave it all behind.*

*The dear family, friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors you've
come to know.*

You sought Divine direction and a heart to do His will.

*Your work became your passion as you used your talents, gifts, and
skills.*

Your labor was never in vain because You worked unto the Lord.

*You graced us with your presence and showed us God's
unconditional love.*

Showing honor, pride, and dignity, you saw the best in us.

*For God was the strength and joy of your life, you made no bones
about it.*

The life you lived showed others how to live and seek God too.

So, we pause today to honor the life you lived before us.

*Showing us, there's "No might have been" when we do what we
must*

You implanted seeds of hope and glory in all you did for us.

So, all may see the Father in you and want to know Him too.

*We know you're walking with our Lord and Savior today, receiving a
crown of glory.*

Walking to that heavenly mansion, He prepared just for you.

*Surrounded by rejoicing angel because a faithful servant has been
called home.*

*We so appreciate the love you bestowed on us forever and always.
We hope you knew you gave us small glimpses of heaven each
time we were in your presence.*

*We hope you knew that in our book, you walked in grace and
beauty.*

*Teaching us to act justly, love mercy, and walking ever humbly
before our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Although we hate to know you have gone to everlasting where
there's no return*

We know in the quietness of our hearts, you are hearing.

“Welcome, Louvenia, my good and faithful servant.

*I am proud of you for a job well done. You were indeed a living
sanctuary.*

Come unto me and rest.”

*You are gone from us but will live on in us and through us. Until we
meet again, our dear sweet Louvenia Magee.*

Cecelia e. Jones-Bowlding

Cecelia E Jones-Bowlding - December 30, 2020 at 07:55 AM

MW

“ *Mignon Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Louvenia Magee*



mignon Wilson - December 29, 2020 at 08:31 PM

LM

“ To the Magee Family, I am so sorry for your Loss, My prayers are with you. She was such a sweet person. I'm truly going to miss her. Aunt Pookie rest in Heaven I know you have such beautiful wings up there. I will see you again.

Linda Magee-Kelly

Linda Magee-Kelly - December 29, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Louvenia Magee.



December 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM

JM

“ It is hard to believe my dear friend is not with us any more. I met Dr. Magee when she was my grandson's teacher at Glenarden Woods. We became friends and our friendship continued for over 10 years. Due to covid, I could not stop by as much as I would have like, but we would text and she would tell me how her day was and what she had eaten. Also would discuss her appointment with her PT instructor and her walking when the summer time was here. In our walk of life we meet many people and I must say that I am so glad to have had Dr. Magee to enter my life. She didn't just live and speak the word, she was a doer of God's words. Sleep in Heavenly Peace God's Angel.

Josephine Mourning

JOSEPHINE MOURNING - December 28, 2020 at 07:16 PM

RG

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of one who was my dear friend in the ministry as well as the Bowie Senior Center. I will miss her and all the love she shared with so many others. Rest my sister until the time God will reward you. Family we love you and always stand with you. Love and peace. Rev.Gloria Gaddy and family



Rev. Gloria Gaddy - December 28, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KM

“ Good morning family, I am grateful to God for the opportunity of getting to know Dr. Magee. Who had a no non sense spirit that did not hesitate to tell you when you spoke incorrectly. Who had compassion and love for God's people. Who followed the call, the mission and the vision to the end. Thank you family for sharing Dr. Magee at Israel Baptist Church. She touched so many lives in so many ways. Her love for Christ and in teaching the unadulterated truth of God's word certainly touched my life. Please know that our hearts are with you. Kevin and Karen Morgan.

Karen Morgan - December 28, 2020 at 09:59 AM

AM

“ Dr Magee was my 5th Grade teacher at Glenarden Woods Elementary School. Had it not been for her emotional and spiritual investment, I would not be the confident leader I am today . She demanded excellence and got me believe in my own mental ability. It was always clear that teaching wasn't a job for her,it was a way of life, a calling. On my behalf of my wife Sharon Michel and my parents Marc & Pierrette Michel we extended our thoughts and prayers to the Magee Family . Her legacy lives on !

*First Lieutenant Andy L. Michel
United States Army*

Andy Michel - December 27, 2020 at 10:15 PM

RL

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Rev. Evelyn K. Lee - December 27, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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Rev. E. K. Lee - December 27, 2020 at 03:31 PM

RL

“ Family, my deepest condolences to you during this time of sorrow. Please know that you are in my thoughts, heart and in my prayers. The last time I saw “Pookie”, was at our home church (Roanoke Salem). “Pookie” as many affectionately called her, would always recognize her family. I will forever remember her beautiful smile. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Rev. E K. Kee and family of the late Uncle Everette and Aunt Inez Kee, Pleasant Hill, NC

Rev. E. K. Lee - December 27, 2020 at 03:28 PM

HR

“ Dr. Magee was very special to us, our prayers are with you all.
Deacon George & Deaconess Helen Reed
St Peters Missionary Baptist Church
Weldon, NC

Helen Reed - December 27, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SS

“ I am so saddened to learn of Dr. Magee transition to heaven. Dr. Magee was my 5th grade science teacher in 1992 at Birney Elementary School. It was due to her love of teaching that afforded me many opportunities and instilled a love of learning in me. I can never thank Dr. Magee enough. She will be greatly missed and her family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

Stephanie Sims - December 26, 2020 at 03:56 PM

PM

“ I have so many memories of my Aunt Louvenia. I called her Aunt Pookie tho. She was so real and down to earth with me. One memory I have vividly was when I was curious about my faith and a personal relationship with Jesus. I was a Catholic at the time. She guided me to the scriptures and helped me to understand them. Was the beginning of my seeking a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

She was a big sister, a confidante and my other mother. Also, she always had a listening ear. I have many many fond memories and am truly going to miss her! Prayers to us all to get through this knowing she is with the Lord interceding for us all now.

Penny Martin - December 26, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MW

“ My name is Michele Wallace. I worked at Glenarden Woods Elementary School. I was in the Special Ed Department and she was determined that all children would learn in her class. When you entered her class the children belonged to her, and it didn't matter if the real parents entered, those children were hers! She left a legacy for all of us and she will never be forgotten! Peace and Love ❤️

Michele Wallace - December 24, 2020 at 04:46 PM

WF

“ There are a few, but I have such fond memories of us sitting upstairs in the den watching the old shows and movies on TV. Then I told her about Chicago PD. Oh boy she got hooked on PD. When I was at home she would text me and tell me PD was on USA and I would do the same. Also I enjoyed so much our day trips together. I will miss those times we spent together. I will forever cherish her memory.

Wilhelmina Farmer - December 23, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Red Roses and White Carnations (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Dr. Louvenia Magee.*



December 22, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear about the passing of Dr. Louvenia Magee. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sister, Maxine, my classmate, and to the entire family. May God surround you with his love and give you strength at this difficult time.*
Carroll & Fran Sykes. Bowie, Md.

Carroll & Fran Sykes - December 22, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *I have such wonderful memories of Louvenia sharing her insights and opinions about life and her travels. She was such a giving and lively woman.*

*With deepest sympathy,
Diane A. Flythe*

DIANE FLYTHE - December 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *We send our deepest Condolences to the Family of Dr. Louvenia Magee she will truly be missed. May God continue to comfort the family may you have peace in your hearts. With great love The Russell's Family and Sister Florence Garrett*



Wendy Russell - December 22, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CK

“ Thanks be to God, Dr. Magee was a thorough and deep reader of the bible and was kind enough to share how she reached her deep rooted faith through God's Word to me. She first shared with me *Through The Bible* (series) by J. Vernon McGee. I was hooked. She became slightly annoyed with me because I wanted to keep the series longer than she had liked. So I bought my own commentary set and from there a beautiful bible partnership formed. We prayed, read, studied together and independently. Dr. Magee was so knowledgeable about scripture and I had so many questions. Our initial study began with the book of Acts.

From there we cruised, traveled and studied history together. I will sorely miss my bible teacher and friend. I am a stronger Christian because of Louvenia. Her lengthy missionaries journeys has inspired me to do the same (hopefully soon). She gave me good advice if I decided to travel abroad or do domestic missionary work. She even gave me a book on Corrie ten Boom.

Her lifelong career of teaching and generosity was known and appreciated by hundreds, even thousands.

I will miss my friend and bible teacher, but I know she is with our Lord for all eternity.

Please know that Jesus Christ is here to abide in His loving care and concern for you.

*With my love and care to all the family,
Carole King*

Carole King - December 20, 2020 at 08:28 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me,
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - December 20, 2020 at 05:37 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 - December 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM