



## Terea Vines

December 22, 1931 - September 14, 2025

Mable Alice Terea Gregory McNeil Vines was born on December 22, 1931, in rural Fayetteville, Tennessee. The youngest of eighteen children born to William Henry and Leona Gregory, she remained devoted to honoring her parents' legacy throughout her life. All of her beloved siblings preceded her in death.

From modest beginnings, Mrs. Vines distinguished herself through her dedication to education. She was the first of her siblings to pursue higher learning, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State College (now Tennessee State University). Achieving this milestone required great perseverance and sacrifice—qualities that would define her life and career.

Mrs. Vines served as an award-winning educator for more than thirty-five years. She taught in Tennessee, Kansas City, and ultimately in Maryland within the Prince George's County Public Schools. Through her steadfast commitment to teaching, she inspired thousands of students and mentored educators who would go on to serve as supervisors and principals, leaving a lasting impact on generations of learners.

Deeply devoted to her family, Mrs. Vines combined her commitment to excellence in education with a passion for service. While countless individuals

benefited from her dedication to teaching and learning, she was equally recognized for her compassion toward those in need, her faithful service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and her abiding pride in her roles as wife and mother.

In 1964, Terea married Lenard L. McNeil, Sr., who preceded her in death. From this union came two daughters: Melodi Je McNeil of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Dr. Patsy Merea McNeil of Bowie, Maryland.

In January 1989, Terea married James Mosley Vines, Sr., and relocated from Kansas City to Temple Hills, Maryland. Together, they shared a long and happy marriage. She became the cherished stepmother of James Mosley Vines, Jr. (Doreen), Keven Vines (Rebekah), and Angela Vines. Her family circle grew further through her brothers-in-law—Walter Vines (Pat), Richard Vines (Myrtis), Ulysses Vines (Helena), Carter Vines (Pansy), and Charles Vines (Virginia), Harold Vines (Lula). James Vines, Sr. and all the brothers-in-law have preceded her in death.

Following a long illness, Terea Vines passed to her rest on September 14, 2025. In addition to her daughters and stepchildren, she leaves behind step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nineteen nieces, twenty-three nephews, thirty-two great-nieces and nephews, and nineteen great-great-nieces, all of whom added immeasurable joy to her life. She also leaves her dearest and most devoted friends, Eva Stokes, Esther Wroten, Sylvia Dennis and Grace Ware along with many caring companions. In particular, the steadfast devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby and Barbara Ravenell brought her much happiness.

Her faith was the foundation of her life. She became a Seventh-day Adventist as a college student while working her way through school at Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Terea was dedicated to evangelism, leading

many to the church. She was a devoted member of Dupont Park SDA Church, where she served as elder, greeter, liaison to the Usher Board, member of the Fifty-Plus Society, and Vice President of the Church Aid Society under the leadership of Brother Darnell Watts. She was also a longstanding member of the Les Charmes ladies' group.

We celebrate the life and legacy of a remarkable woman whose love, strength, and accomplishments will resonate for generations. Mrs. Vines was a role model to her children, family, students, and community, and her life's work remains an enduring inspiration

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Fort Dupont Park Seventh Day Adventist  
3985 Massachusetts SE Ave  
Washington, DC 20019

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Dupont Park Seventh Day Adventist Church  
3985 Mass Ave SE  
Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Brenda Brown & Jacci Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terea Vines.*



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**Brenda Brown & Jacci Brown** - October 17, 2025 at 08:08 AM

MF

“ *Marcellus, Celeste, Emmanuel & CU Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Terea Vines.*



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**Marcellus, Celeste, Emmanuel & CU Family** - October 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM

TB

“ *The Buckman-Garners purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Terea Vines.*



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**The Buckman-Garners** - October 15, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SF

“ Scott & Rhonda Mason and family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Terea Vines.



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**Scott & Rhonda Mason and family** - October 15, 2025 at 01:40 AM

MV

“ Myrtis Porter Vines purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Terea Vines.



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**Myrtis Porter Vines** - October 13, 2025 at 02:21 PM

TA

“ Tonya and Ayanna purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Terea Vines.



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**Tonya and Ayanna** - October 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Terea Vines.



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October 09, 2025 at 05:07 AM

TC

“ the employees at Kimberly Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terea Vines.

the employees at Kimberly Clark - October 02, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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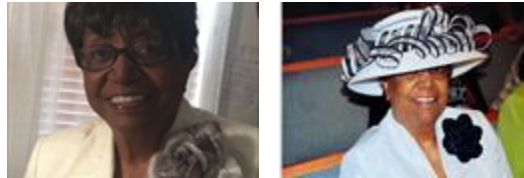
“ the employees at Kimberly Clark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terea Vines.



the employees at Kimberly Clark - October 02, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PM

“ 2 files added to the album Terea



Patsy McNeil - September 30, 2025 at 05:12 PM

RB

*When I think of Mrs. Vines, I picture her ever-present smile that lit every room she entered along with her warm and playful spirit. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate the life of this woman of God and pray for your comfort, knowing that she's in the arms of our savior, Jesus Christ. God bless you.*

Rhonda Beene - October 17, 2025 at 11:17 AM

RO

“ Rhonda Oliver lit a candle in memory of Terea Vines



Rhonda Oliver - September 26, 2025 at 10:32 PM

RO

“ I was truly heartbroken when I heard the news of Mrs. Vines passing. I had the privilege of working with her and taking care of her for almost 6 years. I always looked forward to her stories about her life and was always excited to come to work with her. I absolutely adored her. She was a wonderful person with a beautiful spirit. Her absence in this world is truly missed and felt. I love you Ms. Terea. Gone from my sight but forever in my heart. 💔😭🕊️

Rhonda Oliver - September 26, 2025 at 10:31 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 - September 26, 2025 at 12:47 PM