



Berlene McKandes

October 20, 1954 - November 29, 2008

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Greater Coleman Temple C.O.G.I.C., 2405 Bay Rd., with the service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor H. J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will accept friends at 300 Homestead Ln. on Monday, December 8, 2008 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Berlene Antoinette McKandes passed away, Saturday, November 29, 2008 at St. Mary's of Michigan hospital after a brief illness. She was born in Saginaw, MI to Melvin and Mildred Moore McKandes on October 20, 1954. She attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a faithful member of Coleman Temple. Surviving is her father, Melvin (Audrey) McKandes; son, Darrio McKandes, Saginaw, MI; daughter, Nicole McKandes, U.S. Navy-Virginia; four grandchildren, Nalisha Sharper, Virginia, Darriona McKandes, Las Vegas, NV, Camryn McKandes, Saginaw, MI, and Curtis Gibson III, Virginia; brothers, Melvin (Bessie) McKandes, Kevin and Michael Jordan, Craig McKandes; sisters, Jimeka McKandes, Kenya Bady, and Markisha Goodman; many other aunts, uncles and cousins. She will be greatly missed by her cousin, Valerie Palmore, who was more like a sister.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ I knew Sis. Berlene most of my life. She was always encouraging and had something good to say. Always spoke, she was very kind and warm-hearted. She loved God, and God's people.

May God bless the family, You all are in my heart and prayers.

Nikki, if you need me I am here.

Love and Blessings!

monica - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To Uncle Melvin, Aunt Audray, Nikki & Dererio and the rest of my family:

My heart is heavy but I know the Lord has taken my cousin in his arms to rest. My family and I offer our deepest sympathy to you all at this difficult time of sorrow. Know that God makes no mistakes and DEE DEE is safe in the Master's arms. She was needed in heaven to be a part of the heavenly choir. She is smiling down on us and wanting us to get our lives right in order to see her again. Rest on my cousin, I'll see you again.

*With Love and sorrow,
Sylvia, Marcus & Johnathon George*

Sylvia George - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My (thoughts) for Dee-Dee:

I am glad so many of us (relatives) gathered by your hospital bed on Thanksgiving Night to bid u farewell.... 'till we meet again.

Hold it down cuz, you and "Uncle" John, Aunt Janie, my other cuz 'Duke' and my friend Reg (he's there too, there before you), oddly I mentioned you during my phone conversation with Reg on T-giving night, Reg wasnt EXPECTED to "leave"....

Give all the fam' my love and see-ya-laters.

Latah big Cuz,

Ja-Ja

Joselyn - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ TO AUNT DEE-DEE, WE REMEMBER THE TIMES BEING IN CHURCH AT COLEMAN TEMPLE WHEN IT WAS ON WADSWORTH ST, AND NIKKI WOULD KEEP US IN THE NURSEY, WELL GRANDMA BESSIE & AND GRANDAD MELVIN WOULD BE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. WE WILL MISS YOU ALOT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE GOTTEN BIGGER AND IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER, THE LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE. NIKKI, KEEP YOUR HEAD UP, AND KNOW THAT WE STILL ARE FAMILY, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON US. R.I.P. AUNT DEE-DEE

Destiny, Deja, & The Twins - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Seems like just the other day I saw you and you flashed that pretty smile and made a faith confession that things would work out in your favor.

I remember making friends with you at Central Jr. High. Seems like yesterday. Time keeps slipping away. You have left a mark a many of your friends hearts that cannot be erased. God bless you Dee Dee and your family.

Pastor W.F. Casey

Pastor Willie Casey - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers go with you and the family and may God Bless each and everyone of you. She's come along way and only God knows best; so, let's embrace her as she leave to go to a new and better place. God Bless!!!!

November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dario, Nikki, Melvin and Audrey,
I was so sorry to hear about Dee Dee...
She was always a sister to me and I loved her dearly. We know she is at peace now and rejoicing in heaven!
Please accept my sincerest regrets and know that although I am not there my arms are around you all!
I wish I could be there! Please know that I love you all still!
With a heavy heart...
Tina

Tina McKandes - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Melvin(Bessie), loosing a love one isn't easy, but God give us the strenght to hold on. Time is all I can say special when you loose a love ones back to back. You're in my prayers Melvin & The McKandes Family.

Peter & Deniene Cooper - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ Darrio, My heart goes out to you. I'm sorry I can't be there for you. Just know that I love you and you are in my prayers.....Shica

Yashica Campbell - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To the entire McKandes and extended family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy. It may have been only a month ago that I saw Dee Dee coming out of JcPenny's with Nikki's children, beautiful as she was when I met her 20+ years ago. I pray God's peace, strength, healing and understanding be with you all, especially during this holiday season. God Bless,
Sharise (Tracy's Friend)

Sharise Jones Steele - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ MOTHER,
I AM SO PROUD OF YOU FOR RAISING ME LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO
RAISE MY CHILDREN, ALTHOUGH YOU ARE GONE YOU WILL NEVER BE
FORGOTTEN. YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES WHILE YOU WERE
HERE ON EARTH AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE GOJE TO HEAVEN YOU ARE
STILL ENCOURAGING PEOPLE. YOU ARE MY PERSONAL ANGEL NOW,
AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN ON ME. I LOVE YOU SHUG,
KEEP MESTRONG.

YOUR IRREPLACEABLE DAUGHTER
NICOLE

NICOLE A BELL-MCKANDES - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ As we lay down to bed we know that you will see that everyday is a wonderful day
with you. We are blessed that we had such a wonderful person to help us thru the
trials and tributes in life. May God be with you with every step of the way. My
heart goes out to the family of the McKandes. God bless you and love you
always.

LaCreShanette Reed - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ I feel blessed to have known you. I remember you working at the church and you
always had a smile, a forever smile. I knew you had hard times in your life but I
don't know a more beautiful person inside and out!!! God did some of His best
work in you! It's hard to believe you are gone, but I am not surprised, if I were
God, I would want you with me too. Please know that you are loved and missed,
but you will never be forgotten. You left a smile on my heart!!! I love you!

Kristine Trigg - November 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM