

# Reflections of Her Life

Rosemary McKeith, affectionately known as "Cookie," passed away on May 31, 2026, at the age of 77. Born on November 12, 1948, at Sydenham Hospital in Harlem, New York, Cookie was raised in the Bronx, where she spent her formative years surrounded by family and friends. Later in life, she relocated to Columbia, South Carolina, shortly after her parents retired there, where she continued to build meaningful relationships and create cherished memories.

Cookie dedicated her professional career to caring for others as a respiratory therapist, specializing in neonatal and geriatric patients. Throughout her career, she brought compassion, skill, and comfort to countless patients and their families during some of life's most vulnerable moments. She earned her Associate's Degree from Borough of Manhattan Community College and took great pride in both her education and her work. Outside of her profession, Cookie enjoyed a wide variety of interests. She loved sports, especially swimming and basketball, and could often be found enjoying a good book, listening to music, or watching movies. Above all else, she cherished her family. Some of her happiest moments were spent babysitting, laughing, and playing with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cookie was preceded in death by her father, Eddie McKeith, Sr.; her mother, Clara Belle McKeith; her brother, Eddie McKeith, Jr.; and her dear friends, Lucille Aponte and Nancy Crippen.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Kim Dickerson (Laurel); her daughter, Courtney Adams (Corey); her grandchildren, Courtney Roberts (Gerrad), Kamara Whitening (Tymeria), Keisha Randle, Crystal Randle, Joshua Randle, Jelani Waithe, Kore Dickerson, and Jada Waithe; her great-grandchildren, Karsyn Randle, Leilani Jones, and Ezekiel Jones; her brother, Samuel McKeith (Althea); her goddaughters, Cindy Carrington and Shauna Carter; her niece, Nyoki McKeith; her nephews, Derek McKeith (Crystal) and Dwyer McKeith; and a host of extended family members, friends, former colleagues, and loved ones.

Cookie will be remembered for her caring spirit, her dedication to helping others, and the love she shared so freely with family and friends. Whether caring for patients, enjoying a good book or movie, or spending time with those she loved, she approached life with warmth, kindness, and generosity. Her legacy lives on through the many lives she touched and the family she treasured. Though she is no longer with us, the lessons she taught, the love she gave, and the memories she created will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered.

# Order of Service

## Processional

## Opening Hymn

## Lord's Prayer

Alexis Albert

## Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Alphonso Counts

## Old Testament

John 14: 1-3

## New Testament

Philippians 4:6-7

## Selection

Doubt Recording by Mary J Blige

## Obituary Reading

## Family Reflections

Samuel McKeith, Brother  
Kim Dickerson, Son  
Courtney Adams, Daughter

## Eulogy

Rev. Alphonso Counts

## Closing Prayer

*Pallbearers*  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Floral Bearers*  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## *I Am With You Always*

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME,  
WHEN I AM GONE, RELEASE ME, LET ME GO I HAVE  
SO MANY THINGS TO SEE AND DO YOU MUSTN'T TIE  
YOURSELF TO ME WITH TEARS BE HAPPY THAT WE  
HAD SO MANY YEARS.

I GAVE YOU MY LOVE, YOU CAN ONLY GUESS HOW  
MUCH YOU GAVE ME IN HAPPINESS I THANK YOU  
FOR THE LOVE YOU EACH HAVE SHOWN  
BUT NOW IT'S TIME I TRAVEL ALONE.

SO GRIEVE A WHILE FOR ME IF YOU MUST THEN LET  
YOUR GRIEF BE COMFORTED BY TRUST IT'S ONLY  
FOR A WHILE THAT WE MUST PART SO BLESS THE  
MEMORIES WITHIN YOUR HEART.

I WON'T BE FAR AWAY, FOR LIFE GOES ON SO IF YOU  
NEED ME, CALL AND I WILL COME THOUGH YOU  
CAN'T SEE ME OR TOUCH ME, I'LL BE NEAR  
AND IF YOU LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART, YOU'LL  
HEAR ALL MY LOVE AROUND YOU SO SOFT AND  
DEAR AND THEN, WHEN YOU MUST COME THIS WAY  
ALONE

I'LL GREET YOU WITH A SMILE AND SAY,  
"WELCOME HOME."

*Celebrating  
The Life of*



# *Rosemary McKeith*

November 12, 1948 - May 31, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 10:00 AM

JP HOLLEY FUNERAL HOME NORTHEAST CHAPEL  
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REVEREND ALPHONSO COUNTS, OFFICIATING

## *Expression of Gratitude*

WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS THE HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE TOWARD ALL OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONSOLED US DURING OUR BEREAVEMENT. YOUR PRAYERS, LOVE, PRESENCE, ACTS OF KINDNESS, AND SERVICE HAVE SUSTAINED US. THE CARDS AND OTHER MATERIAL GIFTS WERE WARMLY APPRECIATED. WE SAW ALL OF THESE AS GOD'S LOVE EXPRESSED THROUGH YOU. THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU, KEEP YOU, AND GRANT YOU TRAVELING MERCIES AS YOU RETURN TO YOUR VARIOUS DESTINATIONS.

—THE MCKEITH FAMILY



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