

# Poem

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 and 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 traveled on alone

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must then let your  
grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that we must part  
So bless the memories with in 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 or touch me, I'll be near, and if you  
listen with your heart,  
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome home"

# Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for  
your expressions of sympathy, caring, and  
compassion shown to us during these most difficult  
hours. Whether it was a prayer, a phone call, a visit,  
food, kind words or your presence, we want you to  
know how truly appreciative we are.



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# CELEBRATION

# of Life



12-1-1955

12-16-2025

# Melissa McCoy

SERVICE: DECEMBER 29, 2025

VISITATION 10:00AM CELEBRATION 11:00AM

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# Obituary

MELISSA DICKERSON MCCOY, (ALSO KNOWN AS POPEYE; DOLLBABY) AGE 70, OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON DECEMBER 16, 2025.

MELISSA WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 1, 1955, IN NYACK, NEW YORK, TO THE LATE ISAAC AND ALICE (KEE) DICKERSON. SHE WAS LOVINGLY RAISED IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, BY HER LATE AUNT, ROBERTA (DICKERSON), AND UNCLE, JOHN WILLIAMS.

MELISSA WAS KNOWN FOR HER KINDNESS, HER JOYFUL SPIRIT, HER PERSISTENCE TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE ELSE BEFORE HERSELF, AND HER LOVE OF DANCING. SHE WAS DEEPLY DEDICATED TO HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND CARRIED A LIFELONG PASSION FOR TEACHING. IN HER QUIET MOMENTS, SHE ENJOYED A GOOD PUZZLE BOOK, BINGE WATCHING HER JUDGE SHOWS, AND TREASURED TIME SPENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS ABOVE ALL ELSE.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN: ANTHONY MERRITT JR., ANTOINE MERRITT SR. (WIFE TISHON MERRITT), AARON JOHNSON SR.(WIFE COURTNEY JOHNSON), AND STEPHANIE JOHNSON (HUSBAND DERRICK BARNES) WHICH BRINGS ALONG HER 8 GRANDCHILDREN: ANTOINE MERRITT JR., ANTHONY MERRITT III, TYEANNA HUNTER, AARON JOHNSON JR., DAYMEER MERRITT, BONITA MERRITT, JARED MERRITT, AND AUTUMN JOHNSON. SHE ALSO LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY OF HER BROTHER, LINFORD DICKERSON; HER SISTER, VIRGINIA MOORE; HER MATERNAL AUNT, MILDRED LEE; AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND COUSINS.

MELISSA WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY SIX BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER.

# ORDER OF Service

OFFICIATING PASTOR: ROBERT SMITH IV

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NEW TESTAMENT

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"A SONG FOR MAMA"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

READING OF THE OBITUARY

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