



Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not

Acknowledgments

The family and friends of the late *Hattie McKnight- Holmes* gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

Interment immediately following service at

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home

Repast hosted at St. John's Christian Community Church

Professional Services Entrusted to:

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Services

2140 North Fulton Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21217

Celebrating the Life of



Hattie Mae "Tab" McKnight-Holmes

Sunrise: March 4, 1959 **Sunset:** August 28, 2022

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Wake: 10:00AM **Homegoing Service:** 10:30 AM

St. John Christian Community Church

1208 East Lanvale Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

Reflection of Life

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14: 1-3

Hattie Mae McKnight-Holmes, daughter of the late Orié "Frank" McKnight and Mary McKnight, was born on March 4, 1959 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She peacefully transitioned this earthly life unexpectedly on August 28, 2022. Affectionately known as Tab, she was the youngest and most outspoken daughter of Frank and Mary.

In her early years, Tab and her family moved from Rocky Mount, North Carolina to Baltimore, MD. Even though Tab was raised in Baltimore, MD she loved and embraced her southern roots. Educated through the Baltimore Public School System, Tab earned her High School Diploma in 1977 from Walbrook High School. After graduating, Tab swiftly gained employment with Covington. In 1997, she began her career with the Baltimore City Public School System in Food and Nutrition as the Cafeteria Manager. She dedicated over 25 years of her life working with Baltimore's youth until her retirement in 2021.

In March of 2010, Tab married her sweetheart, William "Bill" Holmes Jr., who preceded her in death. For 11 years they shared a special bond full of love, laughter, and long lasting memories.

Tab was blessed with 3 beautiful children, Tracy, Stacy "Bucky," and Jesse "Jack" who she loved immensely. Their bond was unbreakable and you would rarely see one of them without her. Tab loved her family. She adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren especially, Ms. Kobi the youngest of the bunch, that she would call her Road Dog.

She was the mixologist of the McKnight Family and if you wanted to have a good time you knew to go to TAB! She loved cooking and baking. If you have had any of her banana pudding, cakes, pies, macaroni salad or chicken salad at any family celebration you knew she poured every inch of love in it. Tab also loved to travel. She was always a passenger or would quickly take a train for some fun out of the city. Let's not forget fishing! It was one of the many activities her, her late husband, and brother in law "Yank" thoroughly enjoyed together. Tab had a tell it like it is personality and was quick to share some advice or wisdom like only she could. Tab was treasured for being just her unapologetically.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Tracy McKnight-Allen (Dominick), Stacy McKnight "Bucky," and son, Jesse McKnight "Jack"; grandchildren, DeAndre (Tyniesha), Ashley, Ben, Tamera, Tybria, and Princess; great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, Kobi, Jaques, and Purshea; brothers who preceded her in death, Thomas "Pete" Hamilton, Frank "Rat" McKnight Jr., Ben "Tob" McKnight; sisters, Glorious "Glo" Goins (Yank), Mary "Noonie" Phaison (Rickey), and Stephanie McKnight; a special friend of over 30 years, Purnell "Juicy" Henson; a daughter at heart, Catrina; and a host of loving uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23 ~ Old Testament and John 14: 1-4 ~ New Testament

Prayer

Selection ~ St. John's Community Church Choir

Words of Comfort (Please limit to 2 Minutes per person)

Selection ~ The McKnight Family

Obituary & Reading of Cards ~ Mrs. Kenya Miller

The Last March

Selection ~ The McKnight Family

Eulogy ~ Pastor Tommie Jenkins Jr.

Benediction

Recessional

And Just Like That, . . .

Who would have thought 'til we meet again would be so soon! We met unexpectedly and shared 11 years of love, 11 years of fun, 11 years of laughter, and 11 years of joy.

The days passed, the seasons changed, I had some fun, and smiled here and there,

but not even a year went by for us to be reunited.

And just like that....together again!



Mommy... Thank You

Thank you for your love and support in all that we accomplished. Thank you for your strength and perseverance as it showed me how to be strong when times were tough. Your strength encouraged me to never give up. Thank you for your advice and pure honesty. Thank you for allowing me to grow, allowing me to make mistakes, and make the decisions that made me this beautiful strong woman. Thank you for listening when I needed to express myself. Thank you for helping me with my children and grandchildren. You've taught them life lessons that they will never forget. Thank you for every sacrifice, for every tear, for every smile, for every ounce of joy, for every shared moment of laughter, and for every journey that we have shared.

I am who I am because of you and for that, I say "thank you"

Lovingly submitted by your daughter, Tracy

Missing You

Mom, I am going to miss you! I am going to miss giving you a quick call and you would be ready to ride. I'll miss most our morning conversations. Now, Tracy and I are just the 2 amigos, but I guarantee that we have it from here. Go on get your rest and kiss everyone in heaven with you. Instead of saying goodbye, I'll say see you later.

Until we meet again, love Stacy "Bucky"

Because of You

Throughout my life, you have always been there. I am so thankful for your wisdom, advice, your words of encouragement, and your silent prayers. If I am brave and fearless, it's because you told me to be. If I am strong, it's because you showed me how to pick myself up. It's all because of you! Mom, I am going to miss you so very much. Thank you for being the best mom. I promise to always make you proud.

Devotedly submitted by your son, Jesse "Jack"

Grandma

God looked around his garden and found an empty space. Then He looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful as He only takes the best.

With love, the Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Sister Sister

Having you as our sister has been a blessing that we will never take for granted. Our bond is unbreakable and through the years we have grown closer and closer. We've shared so many tears and laughs, joys and pains that only a sister could understand. We would talk for hours about every and anything from recipes, to gossip, to cleaning, family, and all of our new beginnings. This journey called life will not be the same without you but we are all so thankful you were our sister.

Forever loved from sisters, Glo, Noonie, and Stephanie

Don't Grieve For Me

Don't grieve for me, I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid, you see.
I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned around and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way I found peace on a sunny summer day.

If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joys.
Family shared memories, a laugh, a kiss yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've cherished much, good family, good times, and a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee.

God wanted me and now I'm free.





