

# Acknowledgments

The family of Melahi Marie McNeill would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, visits, and words of comfort shown during this time of loss. Your love and support have brought strength and peace when it was needed most. Every gesture, whether great or small, has meant more than words can express, and we are truly thankful to have such caring family and friends surrounding us.

# Interment

Saturday, April 11, 2026  
Riverside Cemetery  
85 Finch Rd  
Erwin, NC 28339



**Sanders Funeral Home**  
106 E Market St • Smithfield, NC 2757  
Phone: (919) 934-8416

# IN LOVING Memory



*Melahi*  
**MARIA MCNEILL**

**MAY 30, 1962 — MARCH 27, 2026**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026  
2:00 PM**

**THE POTTER' HOUSE OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

# Reflections

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day.”

Melahi Marie McNeill, born May 30, 1962, passed away on  
March 27, 2026.

She was a beloved mother, aunt, and grandmother who was  
loved by her family and all who knew her.

Melahi had a way of making others laugh when they needed it  
most and was known for always speaking her truth. She was  
real, bold, and full of love. Her presence brought laughter,  
honesty, and warmth to those around her, and she will be  
deeply missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Andre; her loving  
brother, Julian; her nieces, Skylar and Chanita; her  
grandchildren, Shabazz Hough, Kajuan Haywood, Nasir  
McKoy, and Nyanna McKoy; her great-grandchild, Andrea;  
and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews: Nazir, Christian,  
Kamaria, Kristianna, Chantel, Kia, Ciara, Kamaria, Jazz,  
Phenix, Deion, Mykell, Warrior, Zailey, and Nauluj. Her  
memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and  
loved ones.



# Order of Service

Presiding

Rev. Lionel T. Shepard

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- Elder Pamela Riverbark

New Testament-Lionel T. Shepard

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Pamela Riverbark

Song

Pastor Denzel Washington

Reflections

(2 minutes please)

Silent Reading of Obituary

Eulogy

Apostle Carolyn Carter

Recessional