



Mrs. Doris Mae McCrary

February 2, 1940 - February 24, 2016

The Journey:

Today we celebrate and reflect on the life of a phenomenal woman, born Doris Mae Foster on February 2, 1940 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She brought joy to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and to those who knew her. Doris and Quinard were joined in holy matrimony on November 13, 1962. To this union was born five children.

Her husband passed on May 16, 1970 leaving her to raise their five children. With her strong belief and faith in Christ she knew everything would turn out fine. Doris had a strong belief in getting a college education and she enrolled at the University of Detroit Mercy in 1970 where she received a Bachelor of Science in Arts/Communication Studies, English and Journalism within three years. Doris earned her Teacher Certification in Secondary Education. She continued her education receiving two Master Degrees in Ethnic/Urban Development and Education from Marygrove College in Detroit.

Her passion was education, and as a self-motivated leader, she taught for over 35 years at various schools and colleges. She was extremely passionate in making a difference in every child and adult that she educated. She retired after 27 years from the Detroit Public Schools System. After retirement she returned to work for both of her alma maters in a teaching capacity for the University of Detroit Mercy as a Student Teachers Supervisor and for

Marygrove College as an Adjunct Professor until her death.

Doris had a strong belief, faith and love in Christ. She believed anything is possible if you believe in prayer. She taught Sunday school in the churches she attended, such as St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (now St. Peter Claver Community Catholic Church), in Detroit. She was instrumental in developing a program at St. Peter Claver to honor kids each year on their school achievement and promotion.

Doris was very outspoken on her passion for education. Doris always believed in order to be a good educator, you also had to care about the students you were teaching. She believed you had to reach the mind through the heart. She believed that every student should have the opportunity to learn regardless if they had any social and economic disadvantages.

She enjoyed entertaining and having fun with her family and friends at her home. She was also on The Hole Reunion Committee for over 17 years. The committee would entertain family and friends by having their annual party in October. She was a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed writing educational material (some were copyrighted) and reading books on education and black history. Doris enjoyed planting flowers every summer around her house and on her deck. She loved cooking for her family on every holiday at her home. Her love for family was always her first priority.

You name it, she did it for the love of education: school committees, school programs, conducted staff in-services across the curriculum, designed and presented workshops for English, Math and Science teachers, accreditation committees, peer coach training, chairperson for staff development, chairperson for MEAP Committees, instructional specialist, writing coordinator, writing consultant, Assistant English Department Head, curriculum designer,

curriculum consultant, Skillman Foundation Good Schools as a member of the K-12 school site visitation Teams, English Language Arts Coach for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), designer and producer of curriculum guides for Harcourt Brace Book Company, English Teacher, special program instructor, English and Journalism Instructor, supervised the school newspapers, designed MEAP testing materials for the teaching staff and this is just naming a few. She received many awards and recognition and many accolades. Doris started an educational consultant business called MCD Consultant for many years.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park East

4280 East 13 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jesu Catholic Church
17180 Oak Drive
Detroit, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Doris Mae McCrary*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I was just thinking about Mrs. McCrary, the other day and was scrolling through Kettering's RIP on Facebook and came across a posting of her passing, my heart sank and tears started to flow. Mrs. McCrary, was my 11th grade English teacher at Charles F. Kettering High School. She was one of a kind, she instilled in me the love for Greek philosophers. She was kind, understanding and overall an excellent teacher. I remember the last time I spoke with her, it was right before I got married in 1988 and she congratulated me on my upcoming nuptials. Mrs. McCrary, left a footprint on my heart and she will be forever missed.*

*Love, Ja Vonne M. Ransom
Former Student*

Ja Vonne M. Ransom - November 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Grandma I miss you so much your missing thinks about you everyday my heart breaks more I miss EVERYTHING about I feel like I have nothing left without you you were the FAMILY especially my family I don't think life will NEVER be the same without you lady I love you so much and I can't wait to give you the biggest hug ever I truly need one from you ,*

Sidni Baxter - January 30, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ I am extremely honored to have met, been taught by, and encouraged to pursue a college degree by Mrs. McCrary. She was such an inspiration to me. When I told her that I was pregnant my senior year and would not be going to college, she made it a point to emphasis that a child would not stop me from attending college. She told me that it should inspire me to reach my goal. I often recall our conversations throughout my life and she was right about everything that she said. Rip Mrs. McCrary and my sincere condolences to the family.

Susie Rankin - May 18, 2016 at 01:44 PM

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“ I think of Mrs. McCrary often and how great of a teacher/friend she was to me. I am so sorry to hear of this loss to her family because she was a very special mother. As a student of her English and Journalism classes, and later a class aide, I was always impressed with her intelligence and her life as a single mother. She was the look of success to me, and her upbeat spirit was contagious. I will treasure the memories of this dear soul. God Bless you all!

Erica Young - May 18, 2016 at 09:43 AM

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“ Mrs. McCrary was my 11th grade English teacher and the person who set me on a great career path in journalism. She was the first person to tell me that how much she wanted to see me succeed. Everything I have accomplished, was because of her motivation and love. RIP Mrs. McCrary. I love you.

Aaron Hightower - May 03, 2016 at 06:48 AM

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“ *Arletha Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doris Mae McCrary*



Arletha Robinson - March 04, 2016 at 07:01 AM

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“ *Doris M. McCrary we love this phenomenal woman who made a tremendous impression on my life. I feel grateful for many reasons, when I was attending the University of Detroit she was always serving the children and the people of our community. She was a mentor and a friend. We want you to know you all are in our thoughts and our prayers.*



Arletha Robinson - March 04, 2016 at 06:58 AM

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“ *St. Peter Claver Catholic Community purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Doris Mae McCrary.*



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community - March 03, 2016 at 09:52 AM