



Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin

December 30, 1968 - March 15, 2015

The Life Of Letitia Tara Tappin:

Letitia Tara Harris was the firstborn of six children to John and Darlene Harris in Detroit, Michigan on December 30, 1968. After spending a short amount of time in Detroit, the family relocated to the sunny state of California. Once there, she continued to receive her education in the Van Nuys School District. After graduating from Monroe High School, Letitia attended Los Angeles Valley Community College, then transferred to Morgan State University where she graduated with a B.A. in Sociology. She also earned her Master of Arts of Teaching (MAT) at the College of Notre Dame Maryland.

A short time after transferring to Morgan State University, she caught the fancy of another Morganite. However, she gave chase, but he caught up swiftly. Therefore, while studying undergrad at Morgan State she met the love of her life and husband, Mark Tappin.

After graduation from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, she began working as an assistant buyer for the retail giant, Nordstrom in Orange County, California. Within a year, she transferred to the Nordstrom in Pentagon City Mall. After two years of working at Nordstrom, she knew that she wanted more out of life, so she moved back to Baltimore to become a teacher. The two married and later gave birth to their only child Sydney Marquis Tappin.

She began her teaching career by working at two challenging schools, one in Baltimore City, Harlem Park Elementary and Dogwood Elementary in Baltimore County. After spending three years as a teacher, she enrolled herself into the Aspiring Leaders Program to become a principal.

With her strong love for family, she desired to be closer to her family, so in August 2002, she moved back home to Detroit, Michigan. Not wasting any time, she started back teaching at Conant Elementary and after three short years later she became principal at Hickory Grove Elementary. After the closing of Hickory Grove, she made the transition to become the principal at Eastover Elementary.

She wanted the absolute best for everyone (students, teachers and parents). With her unique leadership style, she motivated everyone to go after their dreams and goals. Letitia loved telling stories about her family, students and how supportive and considerate her teaching staff was. She loved the sun, summer time and the family trips, but always looked forward to the start of a brand new school year. She was a mom to everyone not just Sydney. Letitia was a selfless serving woman and the rock of all of her families.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel
7707 West Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48235

Funeral Service

Saturday, Mar. **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mrs. Mona Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin*



Mrs. Mona Wilson - March 25, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ *Letitia and I worked together at Conant Elementary school. She was beloved by her students. All the kids wanted to be in her class. Each student would stand in line to receive a hug from Letitia at the end of the school day. She was a positive, encouraging and delightful person. She left us much too soon. My sympathies to her family. She is now in the arms of the Angels.*

Denise Hessler



Denise Hessler - March 24, 2015 at 08:55 AM

SW

“ *Sherry Wiggins-Baker*
Boca Raton, Florida
Former Parent Lahser High School
Student Academic Acceleration Program (SAAP)

May the peace that passes all understanding be with the Tappin family. The education community of Bloomfield Hills will cherish the jewel that she was. I'm grateful for what she gave to so many students in the district.

It is well with her soul!

Sherry Wiggins-Baker - March 22, 2015 at 09:13 PM

KF

“ *May She Rest in Peace and May Her Memory*
Be Eternal!!Prayers to the Tappin Family!!In
Sympathy,
The Kik Family.



kik family - March 21, 2015 at 12:11 PM

DJ

“ *Blessings of comfort and peace to the family*

Kimberly Jones & Family



Dorothy Jones - March 21, 2015 at 10:24 AM

NA

“ Heartfelt condolences to Mark and Sydney!
Letitia was a gem and I'm thankful for the
friendship that was formed while she taught at
Milbrook. I learned a lot from her and it help to
mold me into the educator that I am today.

Letitia had such a beautiful spirit! I know she is singing among the
angels and looking down on you.

May God give you strength and comfort today and always.

Novella & Gerard Ables



novella Ables - March 21, 2015 at 08:18 AM

JP

“ Joyce Dean Purry lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Joyce Dean Purry - March 20, 2015 at 07:00 PM

GJ

“ Geralyn Janeczko lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Geralyn Janeczko - March 20, 2015 at 05:26 PM

GJ

Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts
are with you and your family during this difficult time. With Sympathy,
Geralyn Janeczko

Geralyn Janeczko - March 20, 2015 at 05:30 PM

AJ

“ *Letitia was such a sweet and vibrant woman. She always greeted me with a warm smile. I am thankful that I knew her and I am truly grateful for the love and blessings she poured into my daughter's life. May her family find peace and comfort in the many many happy memories of Letitia. God bless you.*



Alexis Johnson - March 20, 2015 at 01:35 PM

WP

“ *With love, The BHS PTOC purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin.*



With love, The BHS PTOC - March 20, 2015 at 12:44 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McKee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin*



Barbara McKee - March 20, 2015 at 11:21 AM

BM

“ *Greeted with a smile and a warm hug. She always made you feel special and loved. We will miss her. Love you girl! Aunt Barbara*

Barbara McKee - March 20, 2015 at 11:21 AM

TG

“ I will cherish my memories of Letitia. She shared her bright smile, warmth, compassion and strength with everyone she met; and she always kept those who needed extra care close "in her pocket". My heart aches for her daughter, husband and extended family. May your many years of love and wonderful memories sustain you. With sincere sympathy,
Thomai Gersh

Thomai Gersh - March 20, 2015 at 08:55 AM

PS

“ Paula Smith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin.



Paula Smith - March 20, 2015 at 08:09 AM

PJ

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Letitia's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family!
Peggy Jenkins

Peggy Jenkins - March 20, 2015 at 07:07 AM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin.



March 20, 2015 at 06:34 AM

RP

“ I am so glad I had the time to meet such a wonderful person. Not only was she a sweet heart but a wonderful role model to all of her colleagues that had the pleasure of working with her. Mrs. Tappin will be truly missed. From my family to yours I send my sincere sympathy. Regina Perry

Regina Perry - March 20, 2015 at 02:08 AM

SB

“ Rest in paradise family

Shawn Butler - March 19, 2015 at 07:16 PM

KJ

“ I was only a substitute at East Over after retiring form a local school. I was always greeted by this fine woman on every day. She stole my heart as she captured all of the hearts of her students that came into the office. This is one woman that was dedicated, charming, and filled with love for her students, staff, and colleagues. My heart Is breaking.

kathy jalon - March 19, 2015 at 07:04 PM

PM

“ Paula McDermid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Paula McDermid - March 19, 2015 at 06:38 PM

JB

“ My visits to Eastover School while a school board member were always brightened by Ms. Tappin's warmth and grace. I know she was a wonderful educator, leader and most of all, caring human being, and our school community will miss her so very much. My sincere sympathy to her family. May a God bless and comfort you.

joan berndt - March 19, 2015 at 05:56 PM

PM

“ Letitia and I were colleagues at Conant elementary school in Bloomfield Hills. Hearing of her loss has really saddened me. She was a wonderful and dedicated educator. I have fond memories of her great smile. She often talked of her family and it was always nice to see her daughter, Sydney at Conant . Dear Mark and Sydney may God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time.
Paula McDermid

Paula McDermid - March 19, 2015 at 04:58 PM

AF

“ Your warm smile and beautiful personality will be truly missed, I will forever keep you in my heart.

Auntie Mariann Frazier - March 19, 2015 at 04:51 PM

AF

“ Auntie Mariann Frazier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Auntie Mariann Frazier - March 19, 2015 at 04:49 PM

AF

“ Auntie Mariann Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Auntie Mariann Frazier - March 19, 2015 at 04:48 PM

SC

“ Scherri Clopton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Letitia Tara Tappin



Scherri Clopton - March 19, 2015 at 01:12 PM

SC

“ I love you and miss you dearly already, may God bless you always...R.I.H, my Angel.

Scherri Clopton - March 19, 2015 at 01:10 PM