



Flower Attendants
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

Interment

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
1655 Piedmont Highway
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection

Refuge Temple Church Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament...Apostle Herbert Edwards, Sr.

New Testament.....Elder Antonio Williams

Prayer

Elder Antonio Williams

Selection

Refuge Temple Church Choir

Remarks

Thomas Aiken (Dad)

Cianna Clinkscales (Sister)

Selection

Refuge Temple Church Choir

Words of Comfort

Apostle Herbert Edwards, Sr.

Benediction

Recessional

Obituary

Melissa Michele Pugh-McCray, 43, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, passed peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2020, at her home. Born in Greenville, South Carolina, on December 22, 1978, she was a daughter of Thomas Lewis Aiken and the late Clara Rine Clinkscales Pugh. Melissa was known for her brilliant mind and outstanding achievements. She continuously stayed on the honor roll throughout elementary school, middle school, and high school. Throughout high school Melissa was a part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program for students who want to be challenged. She ranked in the top 10% of her class with a 4.1 GPA average and graduated with honor from Southside High School in 1997. Melissa followed her mother, Clara Clinkscales Pugh's, academic career at Rutledge College, by attending Clemson University, one of the most prestigious colleges in the state of South Carolina. During Melissa's studies in college, she worked for Clemson University Department of Housing as a Resident Advisor Academic Mentor and was involved in multiple scholarly organizations. She was a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and The National Honor Society. Through her college studies she was recognized for her great talents. On December 20, 2001, Melissa graduated from Clemson University, Magna Cum Laude and received her honorific Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with great distinction.

After graduating, Melissa followed her former college sweetheart, Scot McCray, to New Jersey, and pursued her career in elementary education, teaching 2nd and 3rd graders for almost 6 years." On February, 15, 2003, she married her former husband, Scot McCray, bearing two handsome sons within their 10 years of marriage. During her last days Melissa found joy socializing at work with customers, attending her children's social activities, engaging in community events as well as reconnecting with family and childhood friends. She was a mother, sister, cousin, friend, mentor, role model, and much more to each and every one of you. Most of all she was loved by many.

Surviving, along with her dad, two sons, Chandler S.N. McCray and Preston J.N. McCray, both of Camden, NJ; her stepdad, Bobby L. Clinkscales of Greenville, SC; maternal grandmother, Gladys Kears; one brother, Joshua B. Clinkscales of Greenville; one sister, Cianna C.B Clinkscales of Greenville; seven aunts, Bobbie P. (Peter) Kpapharo, of NY, Brenda Kears, Gloria (Antonio) Williams, Linda Aikens, Lula Dogan, Shirley Aiken, all of Greenville, SC, and Tinny Cooper of Columbia; two uncles, James C. (Sandra) Pugh, Sr., of Greenville and Odell Pugh, of New Orleans, LA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Melissa was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Rine Clinkscales; paternal grandfather, Willie Kears; maternal grandfather, Costell Pugh; maternal grandmother, Beulah Pugh; and two aunts, Joyce Donald and Mazie Kears.