



Dora L. McFadden

October 10, 2024

Dora L. McFadden, age 94, of 47 Edgehill Drive, Lancaster, PA, passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Death was due to natural causes.

Born in South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Fennel and Mary Johnson. She was the wife of the late Ernest E. McFadden, Sr. They had been married 61 years at the time of his death in 2009. The couple moved to Lancaster, PA seventy (70) years ago.

She was a lifelong homemaker who focused on her family and was fondly called “Momma” by her eight biological children. Her Impact was far more reaching as her Chester Street home was created as a loving place of safety and comfort welcoming a greater number of family, both immediate and extended, as well as friends and neighbors for whom she provided babysitting services or just a good home cooked meal and place to gather or sleep. That same environment was the second home to all of her grandchildren who affectionately knew her as “Nanny.”

Mrs. McFadden was a member in good standing of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and a past member of the Stewardess Board, Missionary Board, Jean Polite and Mary Boots Food Bank and many other church organizations and committees. Best known for her joy of cooking, Mrs. McFadden along with her sister-in-law, Eloise McFadden, served a multitude

of the church and its visitors through the Bethel Church Kitchen and Food Ministry.

She served as a longtime Sister of the Order of the Eastern Star, Silvery Moon Chapter No. 56 and Daughter of the Imperial Court an Auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Inc. in the Oasis of Harrisburg, in the Valley of Pennsylvania.

Left to treasure her memory are her five daughters: Mary Ballentine, Lethea A., wife of Cornell Monroe; Barbara J. Enty; Dorothy A., wife of Jesse Langley, all of Lancaster, Betty Daniels, wife of Forrest Daniels, of Georgia; three sons: Morris E, husband of Cheryl McFadden; Ernest E, Jr., husband of Daisy McFadden; Danny M. McFadden, all of Lancaster; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; One sister, Eula M. Johnson, of South Carolina; One brother, John Johnson, of Lancaster and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary B. Palmer; a brother, Robert Johnson; and a grandson, Anthony "Amp" McFadden.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dora's Life Celebration "Home Going Service" at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 450 E. Strawberry St., Church Town of Lancaster, PA 17602 on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Edward M. Bailey officiating. Interment will be at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery. There will be a viewing for the public on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. and a second viewing on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Bethel AME Church.

Anyone inquiring about flowers please contact the family or the funeral home at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
450 E Strawberry St
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 393-8379

Viewing

OCT 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
450 E Strawberry St
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 393-8379

Homegoing Service

OCT **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Sending Our Deepest Condolences To The McFadden Family.
Willie and Bonita
Borden*

Bonita Borden - October 18, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MB

“ *There are not enough words to express the kindness and love Ms Dora showed toward family, friends, and strangers, alike. The matriarch of such a large family still had so much love to give to others. Whenever we saw her, we were greeted with a smile. She and my nanny Mary Boots were friends, our families connected in so many ways, we mourn this loss with you all, and pray for your comfort in this time of need.
Respectfully,
Monique Boots and family*

Monique Boots - October 18, 2024 at 02:33 PM

BC

“ *Brandon C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.*

Brandon C. - October 18, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ *Diana W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.*

Diana W. - October 17, 2024 at 06:05 PM

M1

“ Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 14 purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 14 - October 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM

EJ

“ Sending prayers n condolences to the McFadden
family/relatives/friends from Earl,Mary,Bonnie,Papa,Aaron Boots.
Ms. Dora n I developed a loving n caring friendship while we were
volunteering at the Bethel AME food bank. Although my mother
Mary also a volunteer, I would call Ms. Dora mom. Ms. Dora learned
it was my birthday while at the food bank she made me a fried
chicken dinner n of course the dinner was tasty good. I will truly
miss Ms. Dora because of her ongoing friendship she shared with
me. Much ❤️ from Papa Boots

Earl F Boots Jr - October 17, 2024 at 02:16 PM

K&

“ Keith &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L.
McFadden.

Keith &. - October 17, 2024 at 08:36 AM

EG

“ *Mary, Barbara, Dottie & Family*
We are sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother.

Mother Dora Mc Fadden will always have a special place of memories in our heart.

Please know we are praying for your strength, the love of family, the peace of God during this difficult time of grief.

She fought a good fight, she finished her course and she kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

We Love you All

Dr. Thaddeus Godwin

Rev. Eloise Godwin



Eloise Godwin - October 16, 2024 at 11:12 PM

SJ

To My Dear McFadden Family, I am So Sorry to hear about the passing of your Dear Momma. Ms. Dora was like a Mother to me while living on Chester Street in my childhood days. Growing up with Dottie, Bet and hanging out with the family Ms. Dora always made me feel Welcomed. I will always Remember her Kind Heart and Loving Spirit. I will Cherish her Memory in My Heart Forever. I Pray that GOD will give the entire Family the Comfort and Peace that is needed at this time. Sending My Prayers and Love. 🙏🕯️🕊️🌹❤️❤️❤�

Love You All

Sheila Johnson-LaRue and Family

Sheila Johnson-LaRue - October 17, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dora L. McFadden.*



October 16, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ Your Cousin Barbara Iles [Maryland] planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.

Your Cousin Barbara Iles [Maryland] - October 16, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



October 16, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Jae Nadine Clark and Clark family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.

Jae Nadine Clark and Clark family - October 16, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



October 16, 2024 at 03:43 PM

WW

“ Walter W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.

Walter W. - October 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM

WF

“ Wallace Boyden & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



Wallace Boyden & Family - October 16, 2024 at 03:09 PM

WF

“ Wallace Boyden & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.

Wallace Boyden & Family - October 16, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



October 16, 2024 at 12:22 PM

FF

“ From The Cates Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



From The Cates Family - October 16, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of Dora L. McFadden.



October 16, 2024 at 09:57 AM

FN

“ Love you Nan!💔💔



Felicia Newman - October 15, 2024 at 12:05 PM

CH

“ Nanny I love you💔💔



Camilla Hoang - October 15, 2024 at 09:54 AM

TM

“ Tara McFadden purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



Tara McFadden - October 15, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ Nanny My Homegirl I Miss You !!



Tara McFadden - October 15, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TM

I Miss You Nanny, My Homegirl got her Wings 🕊️

Tara McFadden - October 15, 2024 at 09:12 AM

LT

“ Lamb Perry Smith Thornton purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



Lamb Perry Smith Thornton - October 15, 2024 at 07:23 AM

PM

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the McFadden family.

From Priscilla Gardner Murphy and Family. St. Helena Island S.C.

Priscilla Murphy - October 15, 2024 at 01:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dora L. McFadden.



October 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM

WF

“ Williams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora L. McFadden.

Williams Family - October 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM

SJ

“ Condolences to Mary, Kel and all of the immediate and extended McFadden family. God be with you as you mourn Ms Dora's passing. She will be missed by many. Love & Peace.
Shirley Jones and the Jones family.

Shirley Jones - October 14, 2024 at 09:26 PM

NW

My Deepest Condolences to the McFadden Family. Mrs. Dora was a beautiful woman inside and out always had a beautiful smile.

Nikki Williams - October 16, 2024 at 05:31 PM

YM

Morris McFadden.....my deepest condolences on the passing of your Mother.... Yvette McClain (Gordon)

Yvette McClain - October 16, 2024 at 09:30 PM

CA

My deepest condolences to Dottie and the family . Ms, Dora will truly be missed. She was loved by so many people. 🕊️🕊️💔

Carmen - October 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM