



Ms. Erie B. McPherson

March 7, 1953 - June 16, 2025

***HOMEGOING SERVICES FOR MS. ERIE B. MCPHERSON, WILL BE HELD 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 AT TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IN KALAMAZOO (DOORS OF THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR A VISITATION THAT WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH.

***MASKS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUESTS---HAND SANITIZER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED

The Obituary

Erie B. McPherson passed away on June 16, 2025 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, surrounded by her loving son, Bryant McPherson, her niece, Charise McPherson, and her sister-in-law, Mel Durden. She was born on March 7, 1953, in Okolona, Mississippi to George and Lula Bell McPherson who both preceded her in death. In 1959, Erie moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan to live with her aunt and uncle Dave and R.E. Huggins, who also preceded her in death.

Erie was a proud graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School and continued her education at Parsons Business School. She worked for many years as a paraprofessional with the Kalamazoo Public School System until her retirement in 2009. Known for her warm heart and unwavering commitment to education, Erie touched the lives of many students and colleagues. She served as a beloved mentor and was a mother figure to countless neighborhood children, modeling positive values and leading by example.

A devoted and active member of Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, Erie served faithfully on various committees. Whether helping in the kitchen or supporting fundraising efforts for church auxiliaries, she was always available and willing to serve. Her selfless nature and generous spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew her. Erie will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Annie Lois Parker; her brother, George

McPherson; her brother-in-law, Cornelius Parker; and her nephew, Ashauntee L. Parker.

Erie leaves to cherish her memory her devoted son, Bryant McPherson; her nieces, Charise McPherson, Atesha Osborn (Chad), Chanelle McPherson, and Kanika Parker; her brothers, James Jones, Billy Pounds and Willie T. Pounds, her sister, Nancy Pounds; and her sister-in-laws, Nancy McPherson and Mel Durden.

She is also survived by her beloved aunts, Mary Young, Ivera Gaston, Lessie Reed, Christine McDonald and Lois Anderson; her uncle, Lee Huggins; her great aunt, Loisteen Barbour and goddaughter, Quorsean Mattox. Erie also leaves behind 8 great-nieces, 3 great-nephews, and 3 great-great-nephews; special godparents, Elder Richard and Mother Gwindland Worthy, along with a host of cousins, extended family and dear friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Church of God in Christ
3210 Virginia Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49004-1645
(269) 385-8940

A Homegoing Celebration

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Harper Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ Sharon Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Erie McPherson



Sharon Buchanan - July 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Erie McPherson



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - July 03, 2025 at 10:59 PM

SB

“ Stacy B. Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Erie McPherson



Stacy B. Buchanan - July 03, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SJ

“ *Stella Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Stella Jones - July 03, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ *Karest Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Karest Brown - July 02, 2025 at 08:58 PM

PP

“ *Patricia Davis Plair lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Patricia Davis Plair - July 02, 2025 at 07:13 PM

GJ

“ *Geneva L Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Geneva L Jackson - July 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Pauline Gardner - July 02, 2025 at 11:56 AM

PD

“ Patricia Davis lit a candle in memory of Erie McPherson



Patricia Davis - July 02, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Erie B. McPherson.



July 01, 2025 at 09:26 AM

TP

“ Terrance Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Terrance Parker - June 30, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TF

“ Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the entire family. May God's loving comfort be your strength. Love The Franklin, Deloney and Wiley Family!



The Franklin, Deloney & Wiley Family - June 30, 2025 at 06:40 PM

LB

“ Larry Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Larry Bell - June 30, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JT

“ JENNIFER TURNER lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



JENNIFER TURNER - June 30, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Erie B. McPherson.



June 30, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Erie B. McPherson.

June 30, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JA

“ James&BarbaraPhillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



James&BarbaraPhillips - June 29, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JM

“ It hurt my heart hearing about your passing . You were one of my favorite people to take care of . Always had a smile on your face when I turned that corner & wondering what can you do to help me out . You will be very missed Ms.Erie .

Joella Morris - June 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM

EJ

“ Condolences to the family.
(Metro Connect driver)



Ebony Johnson - June 27, 2025 at 11:08 PM

NS

“ Condolences to the family and loved ones of Erie. I have nothing but fond memories of Erie, and all the times she would give us a ride to school. Praying for strength and comfort!



Nancy SanchezLiggins - June 27, 2025 at 12:19 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Jack Dunigan - June 26, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Jack Dunigan - June 26, 2025 at 07:55 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Earline Fields and family - June 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Family I will keep you all in prayer
God bless RIP Ms. Erie B*



Earline Fields and family - June 26, 2025 at 01:14 PM

HM

“ *Helen McPherson-Word sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms.
Erie B. McPherson*



Helen McPherson-Word - June 26, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ *Cea & Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B.
McPherson*



Cea & Jones Family - June 26, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TW

“ *R.I.P Cuz*



Terri Lynn Walker - June 26, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DM

“ *Diane McPherson-Carver sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms.
Erie B. McPherson*



Diane McPherson-Carver - June 26, 2025 at 08:03 AM

DW

“ I haven't seen Erie in years, but I still remember her well, as she was a former school friend and classmate. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



De Wilkerson - June 26, 2025 at 01:19 AM

LL

“ Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Lula Ligon - June 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM

GP

“ Eric and I was friends - They lived around the corner from us. We walked to school together and I remembered when she got the station wagon. I was sad to hear she had passed.

Georgia (Taylor) Powell

Georgia Powell - June 25, 2025 at 03:55 PM

GP

“ Georgia Powell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Georgia Powell - June 25, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BG

“ Beverly Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Beverly Green - June 24, 2025 at 11:08 PM

LJ

“ *She was known for her kindness and generosity loss track for but never forgotten rest in peace my friend*



Lucy Cruz Jackson - June 24, 2025 at 10:16 PM

EG

“ *Edith. Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Edith. Gardner - June 24, 2025 at 06:56 PM

EG

“ *Edith. Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Edith. Gardner - June 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SH

“ *Sam Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Sam Hughes - June 24, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



Georgia Williams - June 24, 2025 at 01:10 PM

HT

“ Our Condolences and prayers are with the McPherson Family. Melvin and Hazel Tellis



Hazel Tellis - June 24, 2025 at 12:49 AM

ML

“ Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Mary Ligon-Goens - June 23, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ Evangelist Ruth Ross lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Evangelist Ruth Ross - June 23, 2025 at 10:34 PM

DA

“ Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Doris Abbott - June 23, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KF

“ Kevin G Ford And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Kevin G Ford and family - June 23, 2025 at 03:49 PM

BT

“ Dear family, my heart goes out to you Erie was like a sister to me. I have been looking for Erie for eight years every time I came home twice a year. Erie, may you rest in peace .

Bobbie Taylor - June 23, 2025 at 03:16 PM

GW

I REMEMBER THE RIDES TO SCHOOL IN THE STATION WAGON..

Georgia Williams - June 26, 2025 at 07:54 PM

TW

“ Terri Lynn Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Terri Lynn Walker - June 23, 2025 at 12:17 PM

EG

“ Edith. Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



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DA

“ Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Doris Abbott - June 23, 2025 at 08:55 AM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - June 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Erie B. McPherson*



The Daniel Family - June 22, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RL

“ *Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Erie McPherson*



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - June 22, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Erie McPherson*



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - June 22, 2025 at 11:32 AM