



Cora Ella McNair

September 26, 1926 - May 23, 2021

“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord” - 2 Corinthians 5:8

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Cora Etta McNair was born September 26, 1926, in Laurinburg, NC to the late Isaac and Ora (McLaurin) McNair. The family relocated to Washington, DC where Cora attended DC Public Schools and became a license cosmetologist.

As a young adult, Cora moved to San Francisco, CA where she opened and managed JoAnn’s Hair and Nail Salon. She was also a Mary Kay consultant with a huge clientele and had several associates working under her. Cora was stylish and loved to dress. She was a “Fashionista” long before the term became popular. Cora enjoyed going to church on Sunday mornings when she could dress up and put on one of her stunning hats.

A “jet setter”, Cora loved to travel; especially between New York City and California. Her jovial spirit and vibrant personality garnered her many prominent friends and acquaintances to include the likes of such entertainers as Etta James, Damita Jo De Blanc, Mary Johnson and Sylvia Smith. Cora loved a good party and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was funny and her haughty laughter was infectious. Due to declining health, Cora spent her later years in the care of the staff at the Central Gardens Nursing Home in San Francisco. Cora peacefully transitioned to her heavenly

home on Sunday, May 23, 2021. To God be the glory for her life and legacy.

Cora leaves to cherish her memory and long legacy, her beloved son Santiago (Sandy) McNair; grandchildren, Monique Matthews, Amanda McNair and Santiago McNair, Jr.; and a host of nieces and nephews. Cora was preceded in death by her thirteen siblings: brothers James, Jonas, Luther, John, Moses, and William McNair; sisters Elizabeth Thomas, Rosa Lee Upshur, Mattie Balinton, Mittie Hancock, Ora Catherine Harmon, Katie Brown, and Flora Shoffed.

Mom, you may be gone from my sight, but you will never be gone from my heart. You are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure. --
Your Loving Son Sandy

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
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Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Interment

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

Fernwood Crematory
301 Tennessee Valley Road
Mill Valley, CA 94941

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