



Tamera Denise Whiteside McCray

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Lady Tamera Denise Whiteside McCray was born April 11, 1958, to Albert and Virginia Louise Whiteside of Spindale, North Carolina. “Tammy” as she was affectionately known by family and friends was a graduate of R.S. Central High School, received her B.A. in English from North Carolina Central University in 1980 and then received her M.E. in Education from the National-Louis University at Evanston, Illinois in June of 2000.

Ms. Whiteside (later known as Mrs. McCray) was employed by the Hillsborough County School District in Tampa, Florida for 31 years as a High School English Teacher and 10 years as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Tampa.

Lady Tamera received the Ida B. Baker Teacher of the Year Award for her mentoring initiative of high school girls in Hillsborough County Florida. Tamera was also the Principal of the Arthur T. Jones Math and Science Academy in Tampa on the campus of Bible Based Fellowship Church, where she met and married Bishop Oliver Thomas McCray Jr.

Tamera and Bishop Oliver Thomas McCray Jr. were called to the Morris Chapel Baptist Church of Greenwood, S.C. in December of 2013. Tamera’s siblings: Gail Ragsdale, Shelia Bradley of Tampa Florida, Albert (Todd) Whiteside, Dr. LaRhonda Whiteside (wife) of Spindale, N.C., the late Herbert Monray Whiteside of N.Y.N.Y., Debra K. Lee-Whiteside of Somerset, New Jersey (widow) and the late Randy Whiteside of Spindale, N.C.

Tamera was blessed with one daughter, Ella K. Roberts (Cosey Coleman, fiancé) Greg Roberts (father to Ella K. Roberts) and one grandson Camdyn Wilkerson of Tampa, FL.

She was also a loving Aunt, Stepmother, Friend, and Mentor.



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Lady Tamera was a faithful member of the Greater Bethel Baptist Church and Bible Based Fellowship of Tampa, Florida and served with her husband Bishop Oliver T. McCray Jr. at the Morris Chapel Baptist Church for almost 12 years.

Lady Tamera served with the Women's Auxiliary, Deaconess Ministry, Pastor Aide <https://Auxiliary.God> has spoken, heaven is rejoicing, and the angels are singing.




Events


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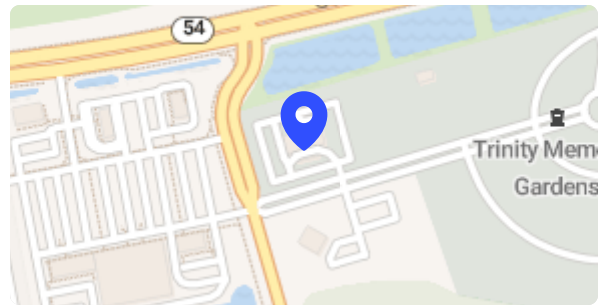
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, July 26, 2025

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Memorial Gardens**
12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity FL 34655





Tribute Wall

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Ashleigh Joseph posted:

Ms. Whiteside, as I first met her was such a light! Her personality and joy was contagious and I'll remember it always! I'm so grateful for her amazing daughter, Ella, who is such a testament to the wonderful mother she was and who continues to spread joy everywhere she goes. We extend our prayers and condolences to all of her loved ones during this difficult time. Love, The Joseph Family

July 26 at 4:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Whiteside McCray family.



July 26 at 10:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Whiteside McCray family.



July 25 at 8:58 AM



Claudette Austin shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My condolences to the family and friends of Tamera Whiteside McCray. May the light of God surround her as she goes through her transition. I well truly miss my beautiful, intelligent inspirational friend.



July 24 at 1:50 PM



Alexandra, Greg & Fabiana sent an Arrive in Style to the Whiteside McCray family.



July 24 at 1:50 PM



Alexandra, Greg & Fabiana planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Tamera.



July 24 at 1:50 PM



Media

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July 24 at 3:04 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tamera by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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