



## Sonya Francine McNeil

December 17, 1959 - January 15, 2021

### Her Life Story

Sonya Francine McNeil, RN was born on December 17, 1959 in Beckley, West Virginia to Frances Walker Brown and the late James Phillip Stewart. She departed this life to be with the Lord, on January 15, 2021.

At the age of 10 years, Sonya's family relocated to Jamaica, Queens, NY where she was reared and educated in the Queens County Public School system. She graduated from August Marta High School in 1978.

Sonya had a servant heart. Her love and commitment of helping those in need led her to continue her education at the Middlesex County Vocational & Technical High School in East Brunswick, NJ earning a Certificate of Practical Nursing (PN) in 1999. She used these skills as she was employed at the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ until relocating to Pompano Beach, Florida in the year 2000.

Sonya continued her studies of health education at the Broward County Community College in Fort Lauderdale, receiving a certificate as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in 2004, Clinical Ladder LPN II in 2005, and then proudly earning her Associates of Science in Nursing Degree as a Registered Nurse in 2007.

Sonya was employed in the Broward County Medical System for many years. In 2010 she became employed at the Hollywood Memorial Regional Hospital serving as a RN and charge nurse. Sonya took great pride in her work as an RN. She was very conscientious in serving her patients with dignity, respect,

and true compassion.

Sonya received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior and stood firm on His word. She trusted in Him to see her through all trials and tribulations. In 2000, Sonya became a member of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Sonya had a real zest for life as shown in her many hobbies. She was an avid reader, writer, and collector of books and fine art. Sonya enjoyed music, theater, and performance art. She loved to travel, whether going to Dubai, Jamaica, or Hawaii. Sonya loved the outdoors. On any day you could find her walking on the beach, biking, white water rafting, snorkeling, or dancing. She had a taste for fine dining and would not hesitate to take you to different eating establishments, very often paying for your meals. However, Sonya's most treasured pastimes were taking care of her beloved pets, She'Ra and Mr. Cuddles.

Sonya married the love of her life, Wilbur, while residing in New Jersey and on August 6th celebrated 24 years of marriage. She adored her son, Rahmel, grandchildren and great-granddaughter who were and will always remain eternally embraced by the warmth of her spirit. They were the lights of her life to whom she showed infinite love, compassion, patience, friendship, unconditional dedication and unwavering commitment.

Wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, there was nothing that Sonya would not do for those who were her family and friends. If you were privileged in becoming a friend of Sonya's, you were a true friend for life. Her family became your family,

Sonya leaves to cherish her memory her husband and life partner, Wilbur Craig; her beloved mother, Frances W. Brown; son, Rahmel Jefferies (Christine); brother, Frank Walker (Jane); sister, Regina Walker; grandchildren, Isis, Jahtee, and Shaprae' Jeffries; great-granddaughter, Aze lynn; niece, Deja Grant; nephew, Ethan Walker; god-son, Jalil Heathcoat; the Pemberton and McNeil clan; special and close friend, Fatima Robinson, and a

host of relatives, very close friends, and coworkers who love and will miss her dearly.

“A Limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me, remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the good life I lived while I was strong.”

# Cemetery Details

**Treasure Coast Crematory**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 23.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

L.C. Poitier Funeral Home  
317 NW 6th Street  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
(954) 943-7050  
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<https://www.lcpoitierfuneralhome.com/>

### Service

**JAN 24.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *L.C. Poitier Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sonya Francine McNeil*



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**L.C. Poitier Funeral Home** - January 21, 2021 at 10:57 AM

EJ

*To Sonya's Family  
My heart and prayers are there for you during your time of grieving. I am here if your are in need of anything else. Remember God is there to comfort you during this time.*

*Euline Jackson*

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**Euline Jackson** - January 24, 2021 at 12:30 PM

TO

*God is love and that is who Sonya is! An awesome friend that I truly loved. Going to miss our texts and checking in. Love you until we meet again.*

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**Tonya** - January 24, 2021 at 01:32 PM

HD

*To my special cousin and family. My love and prayers go out to you today and always. Helen Dixon and family, Sarasota, Fl.*

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**Helen Dixon** - January 24, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DJ

*My friend. No words can describe how we feel. You were a blessing to know, to talk to, to be in the presence of. I know your spirit is still alive. Love you.*

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**Dawn Jefferies** - January 24, 2021 at 04:16 PM

PA

*Sonya is beautiful*

**Pacleb** - January 24, 2021 at 06:31 PM

WG

*I will always have wonderful Memories. Especially from all the laughter we shared in Dubai. You will live on in our hearts forever!  
Love Always Wanda and Janay*

**Wanda George** - January 24, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JH

*You will be missed so much  
Coming down to the house in jersey and Florida man the times we had you watched me grow up I'll always remember you Sonya  
Love you  
Jaliyl*

**Jaliyl Haithcoach** - January 25, 2021 at 09:00 AM

DJ

*My deepest condolences to All of your family. I am so heart broken to hear of this. May God bless you all with strength, peace, comfort, and understanding. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. God bless your family 🙏 In my thoughts & prayers 🙏🥹💔  
Love,  
Donna Jessee*

**Donna Jessee** - January 25, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Sonya Francine McNeil*

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM

KA

“ Sonya will be dearly missed. I was saddened to hear of her passing upon my arrival to work last night. My deepest condolences to the family. Sonya was one of my preceptors on 6 South at MRH years ago. She was an amazing Nurse who taught me so much. I am grateful to have learned from her. She was always so friendly and always, always had a smile on her face. She will be deeply missed. SIP Sonya. 🙏

Katie - January 31, 2021 at 08:43 AM

WG

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Wanda George - January 24, 2021 at 09:30 PM

JA

“ Sonya I just want to thank you for being my mother’s other heartbeat as long I’ve known you, you’ve always showed nothing but LOVE and LOYALTY! Like parent children also want to know that their parents are safe, You’ve always have and will give me that comfort, because of the beautiful light that you are. You will be TRULY missed!!!! And I pray that GOD also keep you safe in HIS right hand. Peace and Blessings to you and your family. Love Jamila (Fatima’s daughter) 🙏

Jamila - January 24, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JA

“ Sonya I want to thank you for always being my Mother’s second heart beat, as long as I’ve known you, you’ve never showed anything but LOVE and LOYALTY. The same worries parents have for their children, children have for their parents. As you guys want to know that we are in safe hands, so do we. You’ve always assured me that my mom was SAFE! Because of your TRUSTING being. I appreciate you for everything thing that you stand for. You never changed and always have and will continue you be... A BLESSING from GOD...continue on your beautiful journey, and may GOD keep you SAFE in his right hand 🙏 Peace and Blessings to you and you family. Love Jamila (Fatima’s daughter)

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**Jamila** - January 24, 2021 at 08:54 PM

LS

“ Loreen Starks lit a candle in memory of Sonya Francine McNeil



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**Loreen Starks** - January 24, 2021 at 02:28 PM

BD

“ Seeing Auntie Sonya was like a breathe of fresh air every time I was able to see her. Whenever we spoke she was down to earth, engaged, and attentive to everything I said as well as her surroundings. The little talks we had I left motivated and encouraged. After watching her live her life bountifully, I intent to enjoy my life to the fullest. She'll be truly missed. RIH Auntie Sonya

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**Bri Davis** - January 24, 2021 at 01:53 PM

TO

“ *My condolences and prayers are with you all. I'm going to miss my friend.*



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**Tonya** - January 24, 2021 at 01:38 PM

LS

“ *To the family of Sonya  
Words can never express the loss that we all are feeling. I love all of you and I'm sending Prayers and Blessings your way.....SONYA fly high and soar with the eagles. Please watch over all of us as we continue this journey down here..I LOVE YA GIRL....  
Thanks for everything with Simone and Dave ....Until we meet again...  
LOVE LOREEN and KIDS...*

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**Loreen Starks** - January 24, 2021 at 01:06 PM

NB

“ *Nora and Ronald Branham purchased the Ghirar delli Galore for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



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**Nora and Ronald Branham** - January 24, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RR

“ Regina I'm so sorry for your loss.. Praying for Strength & Comfort for you & your family 🙏



Rebecca Ross - January 24, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.



January 24, 2021 at 10:49 AM

PO

“ Sonya's Hawaii Ohana, Pacleb, sends deepest condolence to McNeil & Walker Family. Her visits to the islands always left us happy and joyful at her presence. She was confident, nurturing, encouraging and authentic. We look forward to Gods second coming when she will be resurrected and we will see her again. It will be a joyous time. For now may God fill yours (our) lives with the warmth of her memory. Loving Sonya forever.

Pacleb Ohana - January 24, 2021 at 05:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.



January 23, 2021 at 11:48 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.



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January 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ I have not seen Sonya in years, but I do remember Sonya's proud face with her newly born baby boy in her arms so many years ago. She was a proud new mom filled with enormous pride for her baby boy Rahmel and I will never forget that loving memory of Sonya and her new beginnings as a loving mom to my nephew.

*Sonya, sleep in loving peace and my/our deepest sympathies go out to the entire McNeil/Jefferies family.*

*Rahmel's aunt Wanda*

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**Wanda Jones Lopez** - January 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ My heart go out to the family

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**Sandra Moore** - January 23, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ I was the one who found her in the garage that day when she fell I got her help that night my heart go out to you Sonya

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**Sandra Moore** - January 23, 2021 at 06:44 PM

GT

*God bless your heart Sandra. You are an hero. Thank you, thank you for all you have done for Sonya!*

**Gemima Telcide** - January 25, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RJ

*Thanks for helping my mother. Please contact me.*

**Rahmel jefferies** - January 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



January 23, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



January 23, 2021 at 03:01 PM

DJ

“ *My condolences to the entire Mc Neil family. Haven't seen Sonia in years but I remember us traveling to Penn relays. Sonia was always a kind and nice person.  
Rest In Peace Sonia.*

*Donna Jefferies*

**Donna Jefferies** - January 23, 2021 at 01:40 PM

FM

*My Condolences to the entire Mc Neil Family. I am grateful and blessed to have known Sonia. We went to Nursing School together here in NJ and I would see the gleam in her eye when she spoke about "Craig " her Son and grand-children. When she moved to Florida, I remember the picture of the beach she sent me and said, that was her and Craig's Beach💕 She had the most soft spoken, kind hearted spirit. I am so glad I got to see her with Fatima sometime in 2020 I believe. Sonia was still beautiful and kind. Rest easy my friend. 🙏💕*

*Fredericka Melbourne(New Jersey (*

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**Fredericka Melbourne** - January 23, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



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January 23, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MI

“ *Sonya had a beautiful soul and such a peaceful presence whenever she would walk into a room. She also was always invested in a conversation with you and listened. Although I only got to see her once a year for the past 21 yrs, it was still always a pleasure hanging out with her, she will be missed. Sonya was an excellent grandmother and great grandmother to my nieces and nephew, and went over and beyond as a supportive mother in law to my twin sister Christine. RIP Sonya*

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**Michael** - January 23, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ My condolences. Sonya was such a sweet person inside and out, and one of the best Nurses I’ve ever met. SIP Sonya 🙏🙏🙏  
❤️ Your coworker Janae



Janae Myers - January 23, 2021 at 06:58 AM

MM

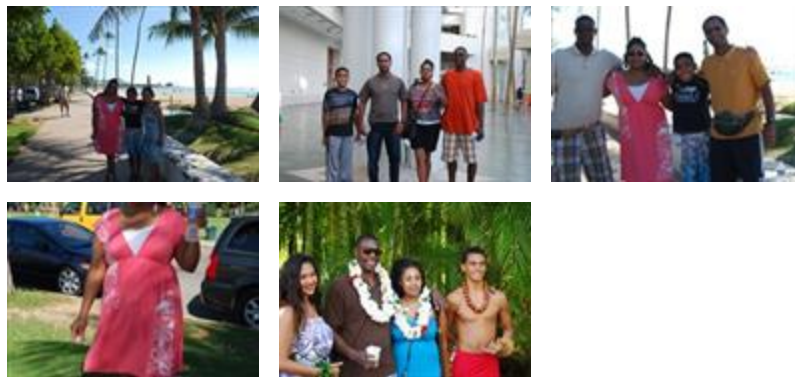
To the McNeil family:  
In the loss of your love one  
Those who have brought us joy, made us laugh.and shown us love 💕  
have given us the lasting gifts of a beautiful life and bless our  
memories .forever.  
Sonya I cannot that I am writing a condolence about you, thank you for  
your encouraging words through out the years I've gotten to know  
you,haven gotten one special lady .I am going to miss you.  
One love 💕💕💕💕  
Marion Mead

Memorial Regional

Marion Mead - January 24, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JW

“ Memories to carry you through the other side until we meet again.



Jane Walker - January 23, 2021 at 06:29 AM

GT

*You will be missed Sonya. Such a beautiful soul! Rest in peace angel!*

**Gemima Telcide** - January 25, 2021 at 11:08 AM

NE

“ *May YOU Have UNSPEAKABLE JOY in the THEREAFTER.  
Forever Soar With Both Oars!  
Love You INFINITELY, Natacha*



**Natacha East** - January 22, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DJ

“ *I just remember our conversations. You've come a long way. I was always so proud of you. God bless you.*

**Dawn Jefferies** - January 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



January 22, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LF

“ love Val/ Art and family purchased the Lovely On  
e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Sonya  
Francine McNeil.



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**love Val/ Art and family** - January 22, 2021 at 04:33 PM

PC

“ Pat and Bob Cirrito purchased the Sweet Tranquil  
ity Basket for the family of Sonya Francine  
McNeil.



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**Pat and Bob Cirrito** - January 22, 2021 at 03:13 PM

TF

“ The Whatley Family purchased the Divine Peace  
Bouquet for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.

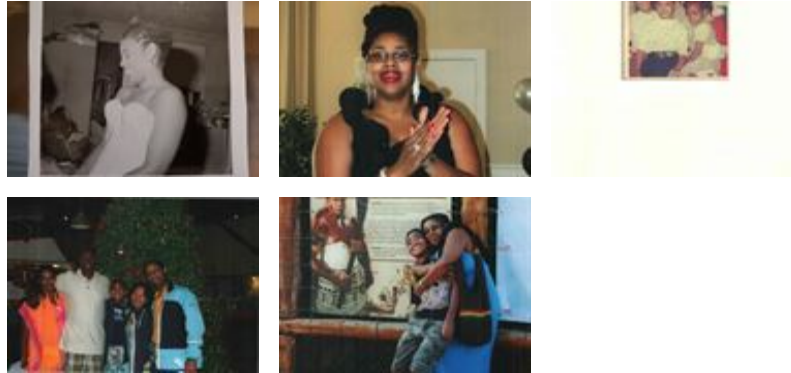


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**The Whatley Family** - January 22, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



January 21, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *From; Kathleen & Pepi (Marika) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.*



**From; Kathleen & Pepi (Marika)** - January 21, 2021 at 07:38 PM

RJ

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album

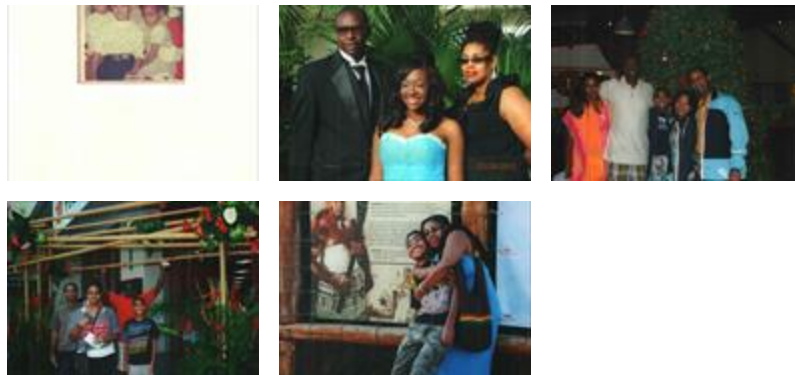


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**Rahmel Jefferies** - January 21, 2021 at 12:17 PM

RW

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**Regina Walker** - January 21, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sonya Francine McNeil.



January 21, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ 18 files added to the album *Memories Album*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - January 20, 2021 at 06:12 PM

TM

*To Regina and family, I pray your strength during this very hard time of bereavement may God be with you all. Much love Takreem*

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**Takreem McMillan** - January 24, 2021 at 01:12 PM