



Susan Bacon McCray

November 3, 1947 - November 18, 2022

Mrs. Susan Diana Bacon McCray was born November 3, 1947 to the late Samuel and America Bacon in Babson Park, Florida. Her educational background was nurtured at Roosevelt High School, then blossomed at Bethune Cookman, expanded at Florida State University, then had its final maturation at Nova Southeastern University.

After a loving courtship a bond of true love birth an unbreakable marriage to her soulmate, Elijah McCray in 1971. Susan and Elijah never forgot their hometown roots, but this new union gave them the courage to start an exciting chapter of life together in Pompano Beach Florida.

Susan had a 42 year career of service in the field of education. Teaching children music was much more than a job it was her passion. She taught one year at Carver Elementary (Lake Placid) and 41 years of teaching at both Crystal Lake Middle School and Deerfield Beach High School. Her love of music allowed her to travel the country, become a well-respected judge in the music profession, and have an entire music department named in her honor.

In 1968 Susan joined Alpha Kappa Alpha on the campus of Bethune – Cookman College through the Gamma Tau Chapter. Susan was a charter member and has served as the 14th President, Vice President, Treasurer, Budget Committee Chairman, Program Chairman, Connections Chairman and Standards Chairman inside of the Kappa Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Susan was selected Soror of the Year in 2007 and has won

several South Atlantic Region and Cluster I Awards, including the Mary Shy Scott Fine Arts Award and Carolyn Young Golden Soror Award. In 2018 her crowning moment was experienced; she was honored as a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Heaven has gained an elegant music conductor dressed beautifully in Pink and Green!

Susan was preceded in death by both her parents Samuel and America Bacon, siblings Hattie, Ellen, Leon, and Samuel Jr., both in-laws David and Ceola McCray, brothers' in-laws News, David Jr., Sylvester, Willie, and Douglas. So Susan will be well received into the heavenly choir. Sing Angels Sing!!! Susan leaves to cherish her joyful memory a loving husband Elijah McCray, brothers' and sisters' in-laws, Elisha McCray (Valerie) of Jacksonville, FL, Lewis McCray (Bertha) of Fort Pierce, FL., Ann Freeman of Jacksonville, FL., Moses McCray of Lake Placid, FL., Johnny McCray of Lake Placid, FL., Sherry Sinclair of Jacksonville, FL., Lorene McCray of Lake Placid, FL, and Maggie McCray of Georgia. She also leaves two stepsons Kaz Adderly and Teraz McCray(Ashley), grandchildren Teraz Jr., Kaz Jr., Michelle, Vana, Kamari, Kasey, and Aria Mccray a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, Godchildren, sorors and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn North Cemetery

200 W Copans Rd
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
2380 NW 3rd Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Service

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Word of Living God Ministry
149 NW 26th Ave
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Repast

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

BETHEL AME
405 NW 3rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Tribute Wall

VF

“ I can still remember when I chose to play the viola and Mrs. McCray had me hold up my hand. I had her for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Orchestra. She pushed me so hard and always motivated me to be better. She was always passionate about us and always told us that we could be better. She spoke to us with so much love that you just wanted to make her proud. I was thinking about her and saw this news and it broke my heart. Her memory will always live on.

Vancy S. F. - December 26, 2024 at 09:20 PM

DB

“ I just stumbled across this. I am saddened. It seems that I talk about Ms. McCray once or so a year. She was my Orchestra teacher in 1977. On the first day of class when we were asked to choose an instrument. I chose the bass. She said no. I said yes. She said no. I said YES. She replied by stating that she never had a 6th grader able to play it. In my arrogance I replied, I will be your first. She thought I was cocky. She asked me to hold up my left hand and open it as wide as possible. She looked at it and said, you will be my first. She took a chance on an arrogant, cocky, and stubborn 11 year old. I was determined to make her proud.

I know that she had my respect and I find it warming that other students that she taught felt the same about her that I do. She was a wonderful, patient and incredible woman. It was a bonus that she was also a teacher.

David B. - March 11, 2024 at 03:50 AM

EB

I definitely agree. I had the honor & privilege to have her 6th, 7th & 8th grade. I played the 🎻 violin. My brother broke the news to me. Heaven has gained an Beautiful ❤️ Angel. Rest in peace 🕊️ Mrs. Susan B. McCray I Love You ❤️.

Erika L. Butler - August 10, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ Susan Bacon McCray

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM

CJ

“ Carlton & Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Carlton & Kathy Jackson - December 03, 2022 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ I am so fortunate to have had you as my friend, mentor and stand in Mother. Words cannot express my gratitude for the many miles and hours we shared. I carry you in my heart and each time I hear or play a note. REST IN PARADISE



MARIE MANUEL - December 02, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Bacon McCray.*



December 02, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - December 02, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *I'm so grateful to have known Susan as a mentor to my son (she was his first Solo and Ensemble judge, and I still have that comment sheet at home), a friend and colleague, an amazing mentor and judge to hundreds and hundreds of students through Solo and Ensemble and Federation over many years. Her impact on their lives will last forever!!*

Deena Shapiro - December 02, 2022 at 12:11 PM

DS

“ Deena Shapiro lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Deena Shapiro - December 02, 2022 at 12:07 PM

MD

“ We are fortunate to have had you in our lives. We will miss you so much, but will treasure every memory from the forty-plus years we have been neighbors. You have served as a role model, a mentor, an advocate and a trailblazer for the black community. But for us, you are forever “Ms. Sue.” We love you

Michelle Douglas - December 01, 2022 at 09:06 PM

PM

“ Precious Charolyn Frederick and Michelle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Bacon McCray.



Precious Charolyn Frederick and Michelle - December 01, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ Darryl McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Darryl McIntosh - December 01, 2022 at 01:07 AM

VH

“ Valerie Hinton lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Valerie Hinton - November 29, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Susan Bacon McCray.



November 29, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JL

“ With deepest sympathy to the McCray family. Craig LaCue & family.



Joyce LaCue - November 28, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MM

“ Words cannot express the sorrow... I am consoled only with the fact that you are in the very presence of our Lord. Rest in Eternity



MARIE MANUEL - November 28, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Memories Album



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 27, 2022 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ James & Barbara Daniels lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



James & Barbara Daniels - November 27, 2022 at 05:04 PM

CM

“ Cathryn Martin lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Cathryn Martin - November 27, 2022 at 05:03 PM

YR

“ Yolanda Robinson lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Yolanda Robinson - November 27, 2022 at 09:15 AM

YS

“ My condolences to the family of Mrs. Susan B. McCray. Mrs. McCray was certainly a beautiful soul. As a mother of nine children, Mrs. McCray was the orchestra director for my children. She was the orchestra director for older my brother as well! Many days, we hung out at her home. At the time, we lived in Holiday Lakes. I was saddened when she retired, but I am glad she received an opportunity to enjoy life. We love and will definitely miss Mrs. McCray. 🙏❤️

Yolanda Skinner-Robinson - November 27, 2022 at 09:09 AM

YS

Correction: ...for my older brother...

Yolanda Skinner-Robinson - November 27, 2022 at 09:11 AM

CI

“ I'm so sad to hear this. She's the reason I have a cello in my home today. Such a beautiful soul that has contributed to her community for decades. Rest well Ms. McCray. ☐🕊️



Cisilia - November 26, 2022 at 10:55 PM

LJ

“ My favorite teacher, like a second mom. My heart is heavy upon hearing of Mrs. McCray’s passing. Sending my condolences to her family. She will forever be my favorite teacher.



Latoya James - November 26, 2022 at 08:38 PM

BH

“ Brittany Hughes lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Brittany Hughes - November 26, 2022 at 11:31 AM

UA

“ Oh wow! This one hurts! Mrs. McCray you were the epitome of class, beauty, love and kindness! You were the original “classy auntie.” The love you had and showed your students was invaluable! You made musical instruments cool in the hood! You will be deeply missed!

Ursula Avilus - November 26, 2022 at 09:59 AM

CM

“ Cathryn Martin lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray



Cathryn Martin - November 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CM

“ *Cathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray*



Cathy Moore - November 25, 2022 at 12:59 AM

GC

“ *Gregory Clarke lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray*



Gregory Clarke - November 24, 2022 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Butler lit a candle in memory of Susan Bacon McCray*



Barbara Butler - November 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Ms. McCray,
We are so sad to learn she has passed. She was the most caring & giving teacher.
She helped both of us when we lost our little brother Richard Hogg .
She did comfort my mom & us children . I never forgot her kindness thru that terrible time. She cried for Richard as he was a student of hers
Ms. McCray you are so beloved & will be so missed.
You changed alot of students lives for the better.
I will never forget you. May god always hold you close.
God bless you.oxo
Condolences to the McCray Family. Sincerely, Celia & Debi Hogg.
(The Hogg Family). 🙏🙏🙏🌸🌸❤️💚💜

Celia Hogg - November 22, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ I loved her class and loved her personality. She made her students fall in love with music and with learning. I will always remember the fun and memories we made in her class.

Michelle Clairmont Atkinson - November 22, 2022 at 10:17 AM

TS

“ Ms McCray was the one that gave me my love of music in a time when my childhood was hard. Her light and love will sorely be missed by the many people whose lives she touched and music she brought to.

Tom Shersty - November 22, 2022 at 09:06 AM