



Josephine McSwain

February 13, 1937 - January 8, 2021

Josephine McSwain was born February 13, 1927. She was the sixth child to Jodie and Lucy Hawk of Huntsville, Alabama.

Josephine moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1945 to be with her sisters, Marie, Bernice, and Tarnchie. This is where Josephine started her life of new adventures.

She soon met and married King David Colvin. To this union King David Colvin Jr. "Peter" was born.

Years later, on June 3, 1950, Josephine married Otha McSwain, who preceded her in death. From this union Otha McSwain Jr. "Mac" was born.

Josephine was a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church on the west side of Chicago. Josephine was always a dedicated and hard worker. She worked at Bell and Howell for over 20 years. She was always about family and love. She wore many hats in the family as a teacher, cook, and driver. Josephine and Marie enjoyed playing baseball in the backyard with Otha Jr. and Robert Jr. Josephine and Otha Jr. would later move to the south side of Chicago where their home on 79th and Luella would become the center for parties and family gatherings.

On January 8, 2021, at 3:41 a.m. surrounded by family, Josephine passed away. She was the last of her siblings to perish. She was preceded in death by her sisters, May Tommy, Bernice, Marie, and Tarnchie; and brothers Irvin and Cornell.

Josephine leaves to cherish her memory, two sons King David Colvin Jr. and Otha McSwain Jr.; five grandchildren Chandra Colvin, David Colvin, Alexis Colvin, Courtney McSwain and Otha McSwain III; five great grandchildren McKenzie, Ryan, Christian, Stephanie, and Paisley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends that love her dearly.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road
Elwood, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services
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Service

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine McSwain*

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“ *I met this remarkable woman in 2007. She welcomed me into her beautiful home there in Chicago as a guest. It was immediately obvious to me that she was the matriarch of her family. She had a wonderful relationship with everyone she encountered. I loved her home especially her basement which had dated memorabilia from the 60 s and 70's. She had a flair about herself too. She was very classy. Her home was a staple for her children and grandchildren. I prepared a large meal in her kitchen for her family, she said “ Girl that macaroni and cheese was delicious, where did you learn to cook like that? You too skinny to cook that good....” We laughed so much that day. Then she pulled out her family album and showed me pics of her life and her children's lives. She was simply beautiful inside and out. A wealth of love and positive energy. My prayers to her surviving family members, she will be missed until infinity.*

Christine Richardson - June 24, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Phyllis Jones purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Josephine McSwain.*



Phyllis Jones - January 13, 2021 at 09:05 PM