



## Tempie Ruth McConnell

May 2, 1944 - June 9, 2020

Mrs. Tempie Ruth McConnell, daughter of Lillie Ruth Turner and the late Reverend James Clifford Turner, was born on May 2, 1944 in Hampton, Georgia. She grew up in Bluefield, West Virginia, attended the public schools of Mercer County, and was a graduate of Park Central High School. She completed Bluefield State College in 1966 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education. She later earned two Master's Degrees in Education and in Guidance Counseling from the University of Toledo.

She was united in holy matrimony to Judge C. Allen McConnell, Sr. on May 27, 1965. This union was blessed with two children, C. Allen, Jr. and Karyn McConnell and two grandchildren, LJ and Lauryn Hancock. She was a most loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Tempie was an active member of the First Church of God in Toledo since 1968 where she faithfully served as a Deaconess, Superintendent of Sunday School, co-Pastor of Light of the World Congregation, Chair of the Education Committee where she honored the graduates every June, Officer in Women of the Church of God, Four Corners Tutoring Program, and Vacation Bible School.

She taught at Crittenton Girls School, Libbey High School, and Rogers High School. She served in Administration at Macomber High School, Byrnedale

Junior High, and Woodward High School. She ended her career as a Crisis Counselor for the Scott High School feeder schools and retired from Toledo Public Schools in 1998. We are still constantly approached by her former students expressing their love and gratitude for the lasting impact that she had on their lives.

In the community, Tempie was a member of numerous organizations including: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Spring '63), Girlfriends, Inc., YWCA of Northwest Ohio Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio Board of Directors, Botanical Gardens Board of Directors. Her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her.

She peacefully departed this life on June 9, 2020 at her home in Toledo, Ohio with her loving husband by her side. She was preceded in death by her father, Reverend James Clifford Turner, her sister, Barbara Turner, and brothers, James Turner and Randy Turner.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her husband, Judge C. Allen McConnell, Sr.; children: C. Allen McConnell, Jr. of Columbus, OH, and Karyn McConnell of Toledo, OH; two grandchildren LJ and Lauryn Hancock of Toledo, OH; mother: Lillie Ruth Turner of Kingsport, TN; brothers: Brady Turner of Columbus, OH and Lester (Jolita) Turner of Chillhowie, VA; sisters: Leila (William) Latta of Columbus, OH, Ruby Gaylord of Morristown, NJ, Dorothy Partridge of Columbus, OH, Susie Turner of Columbus, OH, and Janet Parks of Kingsport, TN; sisters-in-law: Margaret Turner of Kingsport, TN, Lucy Turner of Martinsville, VA, Doretha Nowlin of Columbus, OH, Lorraine Brower of Spring, TX, Pauline McConnell of Bramwell, W. Va., and Geneva McConnell of Newark, NJ; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TT

“ Rest in peace Mrs. Mc Connell you were one of my favorite teachers at Old West End. You were elegant, beautiful, and classy ..Rest high and peacefully on that mountain.

tonya tooson - June 19, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MA

“ Maxine Autry lit a candle in memory of Tempie Ruth McConnell



Maxine Autry - June 18, 2020 at 06:37 AM

Karen Bokesch

“ Judge McConnell & family, Martin and I were surprised and saddened to read of Tempie's passing. Our prayers & deepest sympathy to you. Tempie was a sweet, caring, lovely lady. I am sorry we did not have chance to know each other better. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren; she was so good to them. Know she is in a better place & looking over all. Martin & Karen Bokesch



Karen Bokesch - June 16, 2020 at 09:52 PM

LI

“ Merlin and I send our love and prayers to the McConnell family. May God's comfort give you sweet peace ♡

LillieCox - June 16, 2020 at 07:27 PM

GS

“ To Judge and Karyn, with our deepest sympathies to you and your family, we are praying for everyone. Jesse and I will truly miss Sister Tempie, her smiles and sweet voice.

Gwen & Jesse Staley



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**Gwendolyn & Jesse Staley** - June 16, 2020 at 05:46 PM

LL

“ Judge and Karyn please accept my condolences on Tempie passing away. Please know that she is safe and content and at peace in our Lord's arms. Prayers for your family and celebrate her life and the memories of your time together.

Larry Loutzenhiser

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**Larry Loutzenhiser** - June 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM

BL

“ She was an awesome teacher at Libbey High School. I loved her because she pushed me. SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LADY AND BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT. RIP STUDENT BERNICE LANIER

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**Bernice Lanier** - June 16, 2020 at 07:03 AM

TT

“ To Judge McConnell and family, I pray that God will hold you in the palm of his hand and keep you strong. I am so saddened of the news of mother McConnell may the Lord shine upon you. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met thank you peace of God be with you

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**Tony Thomas** - June 15, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



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June 15, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Soror and Mrs. McConnell was my favorite teacher in high school. She held me to the highest standards and pushed me to be my best. Over the years, she would check on me to know how I was doing. She celebrated my career successes as if I were her child. Our last conversations included my retirement from public education. Both of us are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. We will be connected as she is now our Ivy Beyond The Wall. Love Regina Winkfield



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**Regina C. Winkfield** - June 15, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



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June 15, 2020 at 06:49 PM

PC

“ Phil Copeland purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



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**Phil Copeland** - June 15, 2020 at 05:05 PM

SB

“ Dear Allen & Family, we send you our heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time of celebrating Tempie Ruth's life and the mourning of her passing. We're thinking of you and wishing you great memories and a peaceful future.





*Warmest Regards, Susan Boothe and the DSA Team*

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**Susan Boothe** - June 15, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SW

“ To the McConell family my condolences to you all for the passing of your Love. May God comfort you in the time of your   I will keep you all in my prayers  
Love sis. Joyce Williams

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**Sis. Joyce M. Williams** - June 15, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



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June 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



June 14, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



June 13, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



June 13, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



June 13, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.*



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June 13, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.*



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June 12, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Jewel Strahan lit a candle in memory of Tempie Ruth McConnell*



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**Jewel Strahan** - June 12, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Telhio Credit Union purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.*



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**Telhio Credit Union** - June 12, 2020 at 03:43 PM

CC

“ Prayers to the family and fond memories of Sis. McConnell. Sue Chapman

C. Sue Chapman - June 12, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tempie Ruth McConnell.



June 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord.  
Love Gwendolyn E. March Jones & Family

Gwendolyn E. March Jones - June 12, 2020 at 08:07 AM

BB

Prayers And condolences to the entire family of Mrs. McConnell for the lost of your loved one. Mrs McConnell will truly be missed. She has touched soooo many lives in a very positive way. May she Rest in Paradise

Beverly Barnes - June 12, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JL

*To the McConnell family,  
I was truly saddened here of the passing of our sister and friend  
Tempie. You are very much in our families prayers through this difficult  
time period. I know there are no words to say that relieve the pain, but  
know we are here for you and holding you up in prayer. She will truly  
be missed. May God wrap His arms around you, comfort you and  
capture all of your tears.*

*Jerome Lee And Family*

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**Jerome Lee** - June 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM

EW

*With deepest sympathy Evelyn Willis*

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**Evelyn Willis** - June 12, 2020 at 02:36 PM

VB

*We remember Tempie's kindness and gentle spirit. She was such a  
mentor to me as a young wife. Her righteous demeanor influenced us  
to live exemplary lives. She presented herself with such elegance and  
class. It is our prayer that the family embraces the peace that God will  
give them during this time.*

*Milton and Verdya Bradley, Florida*

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**Verdya Bradley** - June 12, 2020 at 09:44 PM