



## Theatta Morrison- McNealy

November 18, 1944 - July 28, 2023

### Theatta's Obituary

Theatta Jean Morrison – McNealy (Tootsie) was born on November 18, 1944, in Denison, Texas; the youngest of 10 children born to Okada Sterling and Quincy Morrison. It was in Denison where she received her formal education in the Denison Public School, graduation from Terrell School in 1963.

On July 17, 1965 she married Jephtha (Jeff) McNealy and to this union, one son, Victor L. McNealy was born. On December 1, 1976, she adopted a daughter, Shawnte N. Morrison - McNealy. She resided in Dallas for twelve years working at Parkland and Methodist Hospitals. Theatta returned to the Denison / Sherman area in 1980 to care for her ailing mother. She retired in 2006 from Emerson Process Management, Division of Fisher Controls, in Sherman after 22 years of employment.

Tootsie, as she was affectionately known by ALL, had a revolving door in her home for family. At the time of her demise, she was living on “Morrison Hill” in the family home that she had maintained for more than 20 years.

Tootsie was the matriarch of the Morrison family. She was our family historian who loved to sort through old photos and spend hours repository our family history. She was proud to be a Sterling Morrison and loved her entire family scattered around the country. In addition to loving her family she also had a passion for reading, sewing, and gospel music.

Throughout the Denison / Sherman area she was known for her dedicated work within the church. She was the head of various church auxiliaries i.e., various youth groups, Sunday School, Bible study and Church secretary. She was also well known for her black history plays. Prior to her demise, she was a member of God’s House of Faith & Worship Center Church under the leadership of Pastor Dwight Thomas.

Theatta is survived by her son, Victor L. McNealy (Debra), of Sherman, Texas; daughter, Shawnte N. Smart of Fort Worth, Texas; 6 grandchildren; Charice McNealy, Aysha’ Richardson (Paul), Breland McNealy, Tai Chandler, Jade Chandler, Ke’Leigh Smart and one great granddaughter, Avianna Addison. Also left to cherish her memory is one brother, Harold Morrison, Sherman, Texas and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and four sisters.

Theatta Jean Morrison - McNealy will be profoundly missed and remembered for her dedication to Christ, loving and giving heart and her family first belief.

Funeral service for Mrs. McNealy will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5, 2023, at New Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 2810 S. Mirick Ave., in Denison, Texas. Rev. Dr. Michael G. Braxton, Sr. will be officiating, and eulogist will be Pastor Dwight Thomas. Mrs. McNealy will lie in state from 10am - 8 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2023, at Fisher Funeral Home in Denison.