

# *A Celebration of Life*



*Renee*  
**KAREN McCOY**

Sunrise: July 19, 1956  
Sunset: September 9, 2025



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**Visitation: 10:00 am**

**Service: 11:00 am**

The People's Community Baptist Church  
31 Norwood Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20905  
Dr. Haywood A. Robinson, III, Pastor

# Order of Service

The Instrumental Meditation

The Moments of Visitation

The Video Tribute

The Call to Celebration ..... Officiant

The Prayer of Invocation ..... Officiant

The Expressions of Affection..... Deacon Harold Peaks  
Benjamin Tribal Family

Ethel Lawhon, Church Clerk

The Words of Reflection ..... Annisa Cline-Thomas  
(2 Minutes Each) Joy Simmons  
Vanessa Davis

The Reading of the Obituary.....(Silent) (Music)

The Song of Affirmation .....O'Shay Webb  
*"Because He Lives"*

The Words of Revelation:  
Old Testament: Psalm 23 .....Deaconess Kathryn Torrence  
New Testament: Romans 8:28-30 ..... Kim McCracken

The Song of Preparation .....O'Shay Webb  
*"Total Praise"*

The Gospel Declaration .....Dr. Haywood A. Robinson, III

The Prayer of Benediction ..... Officiant

The Song of Jubilation .....Music Ministry



## *Her Story*

**Renee Karen McCoy**, age 69, of Maryland, passed away on September 9, 2025. She was born in Washington, D.C., to the late **Calvin McCoy** and **Louise McCoy**, and grew up in a close-knit family rooted in faith and love.

Renee was educated in the District of Columbia school system and graduated from Coolidge High School. She later embarked on a remarkable 47-year career with GEICO, where she served as a Claims Adjuster until her retirement in December 2022. Her diligence, professionalism, and kindness earned her the respect of her colleagues and customers. She received several Customer Service Awards.

A devoted Christian, Renee served as an usher at Florida Avenue Baptist Church. Later she began worshipping at The Peoples Community Baptist Church, she loved the Benjamin Family meetings, and grew in her faith through Bible study. She also served as Treasurer of Josie's Closet, where she helped lay the foundation for its mission. Renee was an active member of the National Council of Negro Women – Potomac Valley Section, serving on its Social Outreach Committee, and a member of the Howard University Hospital Auxiliary and its Tray Favors subcommittee. Renee was also very active in the Greencastle Lakes Community Association.

After retirement, Renee embraced a new passion for fitness and well-being. She became an avid exerciser, attending classes four times a week at her local community center, where she also enjoyed walking with friends she met through the program. This new routine brought her energy, joy, and fellowship in her later years.

Renee had many passions that enriched her life and the lives of others. She loved music deeply—attending jazz and R&B concerts, traveling on five jazz cruises, and even dreaming of becoming a professional DJ. Whenever friends gathered, Renee was the one called upon to “set the mood” with her music. She loved holding a microphone. She also loved traveling, with **Aruba** holding a special place in her heart, as well as visiting cities like New York, Chicago, and New Orleans. With her creative spirit, she aspired to pursue interior design and floral arranging after retirement.

She is survived by her brothers, **Calvin McCoy, Jr. (Joyce)** and **Franke McCoy**; nieces **Wendy Faison** and **Cindy Westray**; goddaughter **Kendra McIntyre**; best friend **Vanessa Davis**; and a host of extended family and friends who will cherish her memory. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Renee will be remembered for her faith, generosity, joyful spirit, and her ability to bring light and music into every room.



















### *Acknowledgements*

Our family wishes to thank everyone for all their kind acts of love and concern during their time of bereavement. We would like to extend a special thanks to The People's Community Baptist Church and the Potomac Valley Section of NCNW for your support.

### *Repast*

Immediately following the service, the family will receive friends in the Norwood Center of The People's Community Baptist Church.

### *Interment*

Ivy Hill Cemetery  
1201 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, MD 20707

### *Professional Services By*

March Life Tribute Funeral Home  
7601 Sandy Spring Road  
Laurel, MD 20707

