



Vanessa Mcknight Scott

January 31, 1957 - August 15, 2023

Vanessa Mcknight Scott a/k/a “Nelt”, quietly ascended the stairway to heaven on August 15, 2023, at the age of 66 years old. She was born on January 31, 1957, to mother, Jesse Mae Mcknight and father Stacy Lee in Burgaw, North Carolina. However, she would eventually establish her roots in Far Rockaway, Queens, where she was a beloved local fixture and staple of the community for five decades.

Over the years, she was blessed with the births of six children. She was also a widow, having been preceded in death by her late husband, Baron Scott.

Vanessa last worked as a concierge for the Sun & Surf Beach Club located in Atlantic Beach, NY for the past 15 years and would later retire from her position there. She was a dedicated employee and had an outstanding work ethic as she rarely missed a day. It was this diligence that caused her to be loved, recognized and appreciated by her employer in every way.

She was a natural born caregiver, which is a nod to her upbringing as she knew that life began and ended with the support of a deep-rooted family. Upon losing her mother, she and eldest sister Elsie undertook raising their four younger sisters. These six phenomenal women would later become the strength behind the East Coast McKnight's legacy in which Vanessa was the glue. Being proclaimed as a ‘second mother’ from those who loved her was

how she was often viewed.

After the devastating loss of her eldest child Raquel, she raised her seven young grandchildren. It was no easy task but she always got by and managed the best that she could, and it was her guidance and love that would cover and protect them. Her greatest wish was to see all her children and grandchildren succeed in life and she remains that same driving force in their lives.

If you were hungry, Vanessa would feed you. If you required advice, she would talk to you. If you were disrespectful, she'd check you and if you needed cheering up, she would hug and laugh with you. On the flip side, she could be stubborn and headstrong and had a sharp, silver tongue to match so you needed some luck in convincing her to do something that she didn't want to do.

She was funny without even trying and enjoyed spending quality time with her family and friends especially her best-friend of 40 years, June Simmons aka Ms. Nunie. Birthdays were important days and she'd never forget to wish any of her loved ones a happy one. She loved gardens and plants as well which were a must in her home. She believed that a house wasn't a home unless it had some plants to take care of. Vanessa's favorite pastimes were attending family events, reading books, cooking and playing cards like Pokeno and Spades but music was her all time favorite, especially ballads of the old days from artists such as Otis Redding and other Motown greats.

Vanessa was ailing during the last few months prior to her demise but was surrounded by family and close friends as she transitioned to the other side. She was sadly preceded in death by both parents and daughter, Raquel. She is survived by sons, Terrance Mcknight and Kareem Scott, daughters Tiffany, Shameka and Dayshawn Mcknight; sisters, Elsie Wilkins, Sheila and Pamela

Mcknight, Michelle Bride and Tara Farrior Wright; sister-in-law Cheryl (Sherry) Scott, who was more like a sister and brothers-in-law, Raymond and Julius Scott.

She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, Jacquell, Julisa, Raven, Dominique, Elijah, Malik, Emmanuel, Terrance Jr., Kyseem, Briana, Teyana, Hydia, Seven, Faith, Takira, Tiara, Trashawn, Shelly, Travia, Trace and Raquel and 10 great-grandchildren, Azaria, Zyaire, Aariyah, Leilani, Lael, AJ, Phoenix, Ahmeir, Anthony Jr. and Kai.

She will be remembered with great admiration and loving memories by all who were blessed to know and love her, including her surviving aunts, Ruth Barden and Elizabeth Spencer and a plethora of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of close-knit family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
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Tribute Wall

GE

“ *She was such a sweet lady I'm going to missed her love you guys you are my second family she was love by everyone. May God continue to bless you all my family. RIP* ”



Glenna Edwards - August 26, 2023 at 01:06 PM

EW

“ *Elsie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Mcknight Scott* ”



Elsie Wilkins - August 24, 2023 at 11:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vanessa Mcknight Scott.* ”



August 23, 2023 at 01:25 PM

KI

“ *Kittyvw92 lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Mcknight Scott* ”



kittyvw92 - August 23, 2023 at 12:11 PM

TY

“ *Cousin Nelt R.I.Paradise I remember my dad(Elvis) bringing Me and my siblings to the Rockaways to visit when we were young.House always filled with love and family..*



Tawanda Young - August 23, 2023 at 09:07 AM

NY

“ *My oldest memory of my aunt was when I had to be about 4yrs old. I remember finding a book of matches near her plants in the lining room. I went to hand them to her and before I could say anything she slapped my hand so fast lol and told me to never play with matches 😭 That memory stayed with me for so long that I ain't pick up another book of matches until I was about 13 yrs old lml I was shook! My little brother and cousins knew how to strike a match before me... One thing about my aunt is she never missed a birthday. Never! She was an avid reader. She bought me my first collection of Goosbump books for my 9th birthday and I was hooked! She started my book collection. I also developed my love for horror films because of her. But every birthday she made sure to wish me well, whether it was a phone call, a shout-out/post, or through my mother... I remember one night my cousins were in the back room cutting up, cracking jokes, and my feelings got hurt lol. I went to my aunt with tears in my eyes and told her about it. She held me at her side and yelled to the back “Y'all better not be talking about nobody back there! Let me come back there!” 😭 She told me if they say anything else to come tell her. I felt better immediately lol... My aunt was a strong and resilient woman with a heart of gold 🧡. She was loved and respected by many. I am and will continue to miss her. From the sound of her voice, her seriousness, and her humor, to her laugh and her smile. Auntie, I love, love, love you dearly. May you rest peacefully and I will look forward to the day we meet again □□□□*

Nyasia - August 22, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JM

“ Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Our deepest condolences and prayers James Mcknight and family❤️



James Mcknight - August 22, 2023 at 08:50 PM

GW

“ Forever peace, from Gloria Williams



Gloria Williams - August 22, 2023 at 05:01 PM

SH

“ Shamone lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Mcknight Scott



Shamone - August 22, 2023 at 12:40 PM

SH

“ Shameka lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Mcknight Scott



Shameka - August 22, 2023 at 11:11 AM

SH

“ You always had faith and me.
I'm really missing you mommy.
S,I,P



Shameka - August 22, 2023 at 11:10 AM

SH

“ I remember when me Raquel & Sandra was on Henry’s roof smoking (yeah yeah yeah I know) like we were grown. 😂 Aunt Nelt told me & Raquel to go to Murray’s and get the big bag of pancakes and the gallon of syrup in the morning. Raquel had the money since the night before. But when she got up and couldn’t find us and there were no PANCAKES OHH BOY OHH BOY she went off. All we heard was RAQUELTTTTTTTT NOT RAQUEL 🤔 & SHA-MONEEEEEEE real loud. I was so scared we jumped down and jumped the wall that separated Henry and our backyards, snuck in the back room window and act like we was sleep I don’t know where Sandra ran to though 😴 RAQUEL got slapped 🖐️ 😞 & we still had to go to Murray’s but now for David Barker too 🤔 and he gave me and Raquel a slice of bread 🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞🍞 I love and miss my aunt/mom 🙏💔 #FOREVERVANESSA 🙏💙



Shamone - August 22, 2023 at 05:28 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vanessa Mcknight Scott.



August 21, 2023 at 10:01 PM

KI

“ There are so many memories that I have of my aunt. The best ones were of us growing up and sleeping over her house. My aunt was chill. She could hang out with us but had no problem telling us the raw deal too. We were good kids but could be mischievous. This one time, she told us kids not to leave the house. When she went to bed we all snuck out. My older sisters Shamone and Niesha and my cousins Raquel and Tiffany made us younger ones leave with them so that we wouldn't tell 🙈😂🙈 We sat across the street on the steps of the church until they got back. We thought we got away with it until we walked into the house and were each greeted with a single pop. Right down the line, she went “ pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop. It was like a Snap, crackle and pop commercial 😂🙈 She wasn't a spanker but this time we directly disobeyed her. It was the only time she ever hit me. I said Aunt Nelt, you hit me! She said I know baby but you were with them so you had to get it too. I told y'all asses to stay in that room. 😂🙈 I'm going to miss her so much. She was one of the best people I ever knew and was like a wonderful cool breeze on a Sunday afternoon. I love you so much Aunt Nelt! No worries. We got it from here. Rest peacefully always. Until I see you again..... 💔🙏



kittyvw92 - August 21, 2023 at 07:39 PM

TD

“ Here missing u 🥺 grandma. Thank you for all that you’ve done even when you didn’t have too.



Trashawn Davis - August 21, 2023 at 07:04 PM