



## Vonda Lee McDonald-Thornton

June 7, 1955 - February 20, 2020

Vonda Lee McDonald Thornton was born on June 7, 1955 in Hazelwood, Pennsylvania. She was one of five children born to Willie McDonald and Helen Louise Workman McDonald. She peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from her residence in Hazelwood, Pennsylvania. Vonda attended the Pittsburgh Public Schools graduating from Gladstone High School in 1973. She furthered her education by attending Wheeler Business School. She was employed by the University of Pittsburgh as a Refund Clerk; worked at the Hill House Association as a Teacher's Aide; a Security Guard with the Pittsburgh Housing Authority and the United States Postal Service. In 1994 she met and married Williams Anthony Henry Thornton. They were together for over 25 years. Vonda was an exceptional mother to her five children. She loved all of them with unconditional love and supported all their endeavors. She did what she thought was best for each of them. Vonda was a fun loving individual and enjoyed spending quality time with her three sisters; they were an intricate support system for each other, always ready at a moments notice. The sisters were known for aiding each other and in support as "doting aunts" to their nieces and nephews respectively. Vonda was a fun loving individual who enjoyed spending time to herself. She had an infectious laugh that will be sorely missed by those she loved. She loved relaxing and listening to her music and watching western movies on television, She really enjoyed mediating and listening to gospel music and giving it all over to her Lord and Savior. Her favorite saying "I'm just

enjoying my peace" resonate her personality at this time of her life. She was by no means an Angel but she had a good heart and tried to take care of everyone who she came in contact with. Vonnie stepped in and was a very special caregiver to her beloved Aunt Gloria (Aunt G) who she cared for the past 16 years in her home. In spite of her own health issues, the two of them became inseparable and enjoyed each others company. Beautiful memories of our beloved Vonda will forever remain in the minds and hearts of all whom she has touched: her loving children: Derrick McDonald, Justin and Jason Thornton, Vaughn Dale Thornton, and Helen Thornton; beloved grandchildren: Keith, Sencere, Jada, Cameron, Nia and NeKyah; carling sisters: Charlotte McDonald, Sharon McDonald Murray and Alva McDonald; and a garden of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, William McDonald Sr. and Helen Louise Workman McDonald; and brother, Willie McDonald Sr.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

321 Kittaning Pike  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
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## Service

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

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FEB **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Vonda Lee McDonald-Thornton*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Vonda Lee McDonald-Thornton*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *I am reminded when it comes to my dear cousin Vonnie ...you can't speak a kind word too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late..may you find "Peace in the Valley" RWG much love and peace that surpasses all understanding to my family*

**LaVerne Denise Carter** - February 29, 2020 at 06:03 AM



“ *Praying for strength*



**Alise Hayes** - February 28, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *To The McDonald and Thorton Families,  
Sending my deepest condolences to your family Vonnie and I go way back to Broadview  
Dr She will truly be missed We love you guys  
Alise Wonda and Dorothy*



**Alise Hayes** - February 28, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *I just know...  
I Love Vonda* 💕

Tina Welsby - February 27, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Vonda Lee McDonald-Thornton.*



February 27, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *To Sharon McDonald Murray and family, You  
have my deepest condolences. May the  
comfort of God surround you all and keep you  
during this time of bereavement. Your sister  
Vonda is Resting in Peace.*



Felicia Evans - February 27, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Family of my dear friend vonie I will miss her  
to the end of time I am praying for the family  
because her life was cut short too soon I love  
her and I will miss her and God has her now  
and he never makes mistakes. May the Lord  
keep you uplifted in this hour of bereavement*



Phyllis Burgwin - February 25, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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“ *My Niece, Who I Loved Very Much! God has taken over now with His Peace and Love. You will definitely be missed. Rest now in the comfort of The Lord, until that, Great Getting Up Morning, in "The New Jerusalem!"*

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**Aunt Inez** - February 25, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ *Now you're REALLY AT PEACE 🙏🙏🙏🙏 I MISS YOU !!*

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**charlotte mcdonald** - February 24, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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*I love you aunt Charlotte*

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**Toni Thornton** - February 25, 2020 at 06:26 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Wilinda McDonald** - February 24, 2020 at 07:11 PM



*That smile and laughter was so contagious! I love you, VL! ❤️*

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**Gavita Durham** - February 25, 2020 at 08:22 AM



*My sincere condolences to the family. In the loss of their beloved mother and sister. Vonnie was a very loving and kind-hearted person. I will never forget the night she came to say goodbye to her dear friend Regina. Her smile was perfect. I go to prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also. Until we meet again. You and your dear friend are together again. Continued prayers for the family.*

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**Diane Moore** - February 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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*My condolences to the family and friends. She always had a nice smile when she spoke to me never had the pleasure to know you however you have gone home with the father of peace beyond all understanding. RWG Connie Smith*

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**Connie Smith** - February 28, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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*“ Going to Miss you My fave love you and please continue to guide us we gone need it Aunt Vonnie foreva yours, Wilinda McDonald (Tandy)*

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**Wilinda McDonald** - February 24, 2020 at 06:41 PM