

# Death is Nothing at All

HENRY SCOTT-HOLLAND

Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away  
into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains  
exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you,  
and the old life that we  
lived so fondly together is  
untouched, unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each  
other, that we are still.

Call me by the old  
familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy  
way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of  
solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always  
laughed at the little  
jokes that we  
enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me,  
pray for me.  
Let my name be ever  
the household word that  
it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an  
effort, without the ghost of  
a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and  
unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but  
a negligible accident?

Why should I be out  
of mind because I am  
out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you,  
for an interval, somewhere  
very near, just round the corner.

All is well.  
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and  
all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble  
of parting when we meet again!



## Bridget L. McKinney

A CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

The amazing life of Bridget L. McKinney  
November 9, 1952 - August 16, 2023

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 • 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Artistry Event Center • 113 President Street, Jackson, MS



# Obituary

**BRIDGET L. MCKINNEY**, was born November 9, 1952 in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Jimmie (McKinney) Nelson. She attended Lanier High School and the University of Mississippi Surgical Technical School where she graduated from and became an Operating Room Surgical Technician for over 40 years. She was predeceased by her mother Jimmie (McKinney) Nelson, her grandmother and grandfather Marguerite and James McKinney.

At an early age, she attended College Hill Baptist Church and returned there at times during her adulthood to fellowship with old friends and family members.

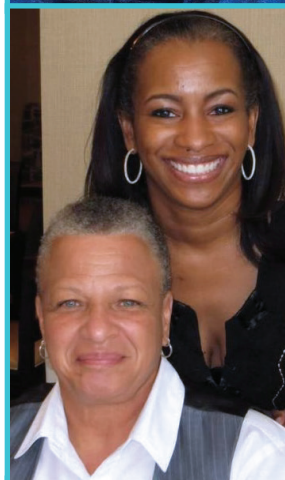
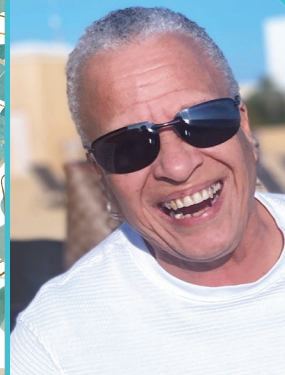
She was joined in Holy matrimony to Tenette Y. Smith, Ed.D. in June of 2016, and they spent almost 30 years together in life and love.

Bridget truly loved career as a surgical technician, delivering thousands of babies, and working with surgeons and nurses at University Medical Center, Methodist Hospital, Wiser Women's Hospital, and Merritt Hospital-Madison. She touched many lives during her career, and earned numerous accolades for her work ethic and knowledge of surgical procedures.

Bridget lived a life full of adventure and laughter with the most welcoming spirit. She loved caring for a host of animals, which include her fur babies, Harley Davidson and Buddy, fishing, gardening, kayaking, camping, four wheeling, riding her motorcycle, driving her truck and listening to a vast array of music, with and without friends.

Bridget unexpectedly departed this life on August 16, 2023 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center with her loving and devoted family and friends surrounding her.

Bridget's first love was her daughter, Benita Collier, Esq. She loved her beyond measure. She was also survived by two brothers, Charles Nelson, Jr. and Keith Nelson, two nephews, Keith Davion Nelson (Dee), Kadareus Keyshun Nelson, four aunts, Marlene Jones, Jewel McKinney, Eddie Liddell, Willie Bell McKinney, great aunt Malena Dow, a host of cousins and many chosen family members that are too numerous to name.



## Order of CELEBRATION

Welcome and introduction

Memorial slideshow

Open invitation to share memories

Closing reading

*Read by Candace Coleman*

## Thank you

With humbled hearts, we wanted to thank you so much for joining us at Bridget's celebration of life service and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of your acts of kindness during this most difficult time. Your kindness and support has not gone unnoticed and we are grateful to have so many in our community. Bridget was a special woman, and we're honored to have you here with us to celebrate her life. Please stay in touch at our memorial website:

[everloved.com/life-of/bridget-mckinney](http://everloved.com/life-of/bridget-mckinney)