



Marcia Thomas

March 6, 1952 - June 5, 2019

Marcia Ruth Wright was born on March 6, 1952 in Inkster, Michigan, the second daughter of Robert Lee and Naomi Wright. She was a precocious child whose keen intelligence first manifested with her ability to play pranks on her siblings.

She graduated from Inkster High School in 1970 and attended Eastern Michigan University, where she earned an accounting degree. Upon completing her degree, she began her career as an accountant at Coopers & Lybrand (later PricewaterhouseCoopers). She broke glass ceilings at the firm as a black woman and ultimately achieved the rank of Certified Public Accountant Audit Partner in 1986.

Marcia's career success thrust her into the spotlight. She was featured in a 1990 Detroit News article about high-achieving black woman, where she discussed the challenges and opportunities of being one of the only two black woman partners in the 10,000-employee international firm. She also represented the firm in the community and was particularly proud of her service as a board member for the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. She was a member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Inkster, which benefited from her stewardship and generosity. In 1999, she purchased a new roof for the church and sponsored the church summer Bible school.

In 1996, Marcia married the love of her life, Eugene Thomas, who had been her college sweetheart. She was a passionate supporter of the People's Choice Track Club, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) track team that her husband coached. She traveled with the club and was its bookkeeper. She could often be found entertaining the runners' parents and offering encouragement to runners. Eugene Thomas described his wife as the club's "Mother Hen."

Accounting is an exacting profession and Marcia had exacting standards for herself and others in both her professional and personal lives. As in her career, she appreciated accountability and order in her relationships. But she also had a tender and generous heart. She made fabulous vacations possible for her relatives by offering them

complimentary accommodations in exotic locations and she was known for giving generous gifts to her loved ones when least expected. She also made a generous annual donation to the International Gospel Center's women's luncheon, enabling deserving women to attend the event.

While her career demanded precision and rule adherence, Marcia found joy in creative pursuits such as scrapbooking, sewing, and quilting. She was an avid jigsaw puzzle solver and enjoyed gardening. She was a devoted "pet parent," lavishing attention on Precious and Bella, her beloved pit bulls. She traveled the world with her husband, visiting cities such as Amsterdam, Paris, Tunis and Barcelona. The couple most cherished their near-annual visits to New Orleans for the Essence Festival. They also enjoyed hosting family gatherings at their home.

Maria Thomas passed away on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Left to cherish her memory are: her husband of 23 years, Eugene Thomas; her son, Darryl Anglin; her siblings, Sandra Parsons (Ellis), Samuel Milton James Jr., Carolyn Miles (Marvin) and Tamika Wright; her nieces, Cheryl Harvey, Carmella Mitchell (Harold), Regina Burgan, Jasmine Mitchell (Damon) and Meghan Miles, her nephews, Reginald Ray (Christina), Mosea Miles, Malik Miles, Samuel James, Brian James, and Reginald Pogue, a host of great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins and her dogs, Precious and Bella.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee Wright and Naomi and Samuel Milton James Sr., and her nephew, Michael Harvey.

Events

JUN 14 Family & Friends Visitation 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home-Westland
4670 S. Inkster Rd., Westland, MI, US, 48186

JUN 15 Family Hour 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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International Gospel Center
375 Salliotte Road, Ecorse, MI, US, 48229

JUN 15 Celebration of Life 11:00AM

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Comments



“ To the the family: Although there are no words to ease the sorrow that is yours, thoughts and loving memories last as long as time endures---- So may your treasured memories grow more precious year by year and help to bring you comfort in the loss of Maricia, You have my deepest sympathy.

Deborah Gipson - July 02, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ Anna Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcia Thomas



Anna Gray - June 19, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ I worked with Marcia at Coopers & Lybrand she was always friendly to everyone professional staff or administrative staff wonderful lady.

Kathy Zichichi

Kathy Zichichi - June 19, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ I was only acquainted with Mrs Thomas a little over a year through Spa Nordstrom, she was a Kind soul who will be truly missed, most of all her Smile.

Sincerely,
William Odums

William Odums - June 16, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marcia Thomas.



June 14, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Deborah Moore lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Deborah Moore - June 14, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ May the loving memory of Marcia bring comfort in the days to come.

Sincerely,
Duncan and Deborah Moore

Deborah Moore - June 14, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Deborah McGauley lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Deborah McGauley - June 14, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Marcia and I grew up in Inkster as children. We attended school together from Douglas Elementary all the way through to Inkster High School and graduate in the Class of 1970. I remember being allow to ride my bike from my house on Harriet Street to her parents house on Williams. We definitely has a wonderful childhood. I shall pray for the strength and comfort of her family in the next coming days and weeks. Her memories will last you all a lifetime. God Bless Deborah Ann Ayler

Deborah - June 14, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Marcia Thomas.



June 14, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Jeannette Mason lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Jeannette Mason - June 14, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia Thomas.



June 14, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Mildred Dillard lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Mildred Dillard - June 14, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ I met Marcia very early in my career at PwC. Thanks for being a trailblazer for so many CPAs that followed behind you. Praying for your family.

Walter Moore - June 13, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ I worked with Marcia at Coopers & Lybrand for many years. She was a sweet and kind person and I will remember her fondly.

May she Rest In Peace.

genevieve dumaaurier - June 13, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia Thomas.



June 12, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Marissa Bailey lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Marissa Bailey - June 12, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ My condolences to Uncle Gene, the Thomas and Ray family. Praying for God to comfort and strengthen you.

Renee Holt - June 11, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Daryl SMITH - F ? ? ?????????????? lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Daryl SMITH - F ? ? ?????????????? - June 10, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ We All share in the passing and loss of Sister Marcia.
May each memory shine candle - bright, bringing peace and comfort to your heart.
Daryl SMITH -
" FOREVER FO'REAL "

Daryl SMITH - F ? ? ?????????????? - June 10, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ I had the privilege to teach Marcia at Inkster High School. She was not only an excellent student but also a kind and compassionate person . Deepest sympathy to her siblings and the entire Jones/Thomas family. She will be missed

Anita Cobb - June 13, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Marcia is a bright and shining light to her friends and loved ones. As a Eastern Michigan Alumni and fellow Inkster native, I'm excited for her to get her wings to Glory. I've enjoyed her friendship for many years and our EMU Family will miss her beauty and class in all venues we see her at. Eugene, my heart goes out to you and the Thomas & Allen family's. God is Good.

James Hall & the EMU Family.

James Hall - June 27, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Barron Harris lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Barron Harris - June 10, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ Patricia A Ryan lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Patricia A Ryan - June 10, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Rosalind Ross lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Rosalind Ross - June 10, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Norma McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Norma McDaniel - June 09, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Patricia Harris lit a candle in memory of Marcia Thomas



Patricia Harris - June 09, 2019 at 12:26 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marcia Thomas.



June 08, 2019 at 01:23 PM