



## Sasha Desdunes McNealy

March 21, 1978 - June 13, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Sasha Desdunes McNealy, age 47, who left us peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Sasha was a devoted wife, cherished mother, and woman of unwavering faith whose light touched all who knew her.

Sasha was preceded in death by her father, Jean L. Desdunes. She leaves behind her cherished husband, James, who was her steadfast support and partner throughout their journey together. Sasha was a devoted mother to her two wonderful children: her daughter, Michaela, age 9, and her son James., age 7, who filled her life with boundless joy and purpose. Additionally, she is survived by her beloved mother Raymonde, her loving brother Sargio and his wife Jayme, as well as her beloved nieces and nephew—Peyton, Walker, Jordon, and Camden—who will forever hold dear the memories they created together.

A proud undergraduate of the College of William & Mary, Sasha went on to earn her Master of Social Work degree from Rutgers University and her Master of Business Administration degree from Howard University. She dedicated her career to serving her country with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where her intelligence, integrity, and commitment to justice made a lasting impact on her colleagues and the communities she served. Sasha was a proud and devoted member of Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, Inc.,

where she formed lifelong friendships and upheld the values of Sisterhood. Scholarship. Service.

Throughout her life, Sasha's faith in God has served as her guiding light and source of comfort. Her strong spiritual foundation was evident in how she approached every challenge with grace and how she loved others with an open heart. She lived her values daily, showing kindness to all and demonstrating what it means to walk in faith.

Sasha will be remembered for her warm smile, her fierce love for her family, her dedication to her work, and her unwavering belief in doing what is right. Though her time with us was far too brief, the love she shared and the example she set will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

Celebration of Life Friday, June 27, 2025,  
Omega Omega Service: 9am Providence United Methodist Church, 10610  
Old Fort Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Wake & Memorial Service: 9:30am Providence United Methodist Church,  
10610 Old Fort Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Church Service: 10am Providence United Methodist Church, 10610 Old Fort  
Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Burial Service: 12:30 Lakemont Memorial Gardens, 900 W Central Ave,  
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Repast: 1:30 Municipal Building of Glenarden - the Gold Room 8600  
Glenarden Pkwy, Glenarden, MD 20706

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to support Sasha's

children's college savings and extracurricular pursuits, helping to carry her spirit forward by caring for what she loved most. Donations can be made at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sasha-and-the-mcnealy-family>

Services will be available for streaming at: <https://www.mcphersonfuneralservicesandcremations.com/live-streaming/>

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

# Previous Events

## **Livestreaming - [www.mcphersonfuneralservicesandcremations.com](http://www.mcphersonfuneralservicesandcremations.com)**

JUN 27. 9:00 AM (ET)

Fort Washington-Providence United Methodist Church  
10610 Old Fort Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744

## **Omega Omega Service**

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Fort Washington, MD 20744

## **Visitation**

JUN 27. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Fort Washington-Providence United Methodist Church  
10610 Old Fort Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744

## **Celebration of Life**

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fort Washington-Providence United Methodist Church  
10610 Old Fort Road  
Fort Washington, MD 20744

## Interment

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JUN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakemont Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
900 W. Central Avenue  
Davidsonville, MD 21035

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *McNealy Family,*

*We will always remember Sasha's warm bright smile, her voice and her positive attitude. Rest assured she will not be forgotten!!!*

*Respectfully,*

*Linda Jones*

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**Linda H Jones** - June 30, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DL

“ *My SashaBoo, God how I will miss you and our early morning talks, your sharing of God's word, your commitment to our friendship, but most importantly our early morning and afternoon bus rides to and from the FBI. Our LOVE for one another as Sisters is boundless. James took great care of you, be at peace my Sister, stay with me as I process you going home to be with the Lord. I will see you on the other side. I will stay lifted by God's words, your spirit and walk by Faith. I love you so much SashaBoo. You fought the good fight and I am so Proud of you. May you rest in eternal peace. I love you with all my heart and soul. Love you always, Toye (Doc)*

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**Dr. Toye Latimore** - June 27, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DH

“ To James and your family. This is Aisha Potter's brother D.J. As I watched from afar and tried my best to lend spiritual encouragement to you through my sister Aisha whom you both have shared similar paths with your marital spouses, I must offer my deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family. Although we have not had the opportunity to go in, I want you to know that YAHUAH is all knowing and gives each one of us our tailored task. I do believe he will be please with how you have honored your wife, and children during this "Wilderness" season. Rest assure the Father deems task we may never truly understand but to be true stewards of the "FAITH" easier said than done of course, we must totally relinquish to his will to order our steps in his way. Brother, I admire your stedfastness, and know that YAH will reward his remnant. May Sasha rest in the arms of YAHUAH in total piece. May YAH cover you and your children with a hedge of protection, and may that protection be in "GOSHEN". One love my brother!

Derrick "DJ" Homesley - June 27, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DA

“ Dr. Chon Glover (W&M Auntie) purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Sasha Desdunes McNealy.



Dr. Chon Glover (W&M Auntie) - June 26, 2025 at 04:48 PM

DA

“ Dr. Chon Glover (W&M Auntie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sasha Desdunes McNealy.

Dr. Chon Glover (W&M Auntie) - June 26, 2025 at 04:48 PM

UT

“ *USCIS DID(it) Federal Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Sasha Desdunes McNealy.*



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**USCIS DID(it) Federal Team** - June 26, 2025 at 08:42 AM

TF

“ *The Walker Family purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Sasha Desdunes McNealy.*



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**The Walker Family** - June 19, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *The Walker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sasha McNealy.*

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**The Walker Family** - June 19, 2025 at 09:47 AM

“*Sasha. Sixteen years old, sure that we wanted to be doctors, we participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and our friendship began 30 years ago. The program hosted high school students for 2 weeks at the University of Maryland and we were assigned to the same dorm. We instantly became friends. It was 1995 and we lived in different states so when the program ended, we went home and started writing letters to each other. We laughed at the notion of being pen pals like in the movies. We graduated high school and graduated from snail mail to e-mail. In college, we started visiting each other twice a year. She would visit Miami in the summer and I'd meet her in New York in the winter. Eventually, she moved to DC and the visits continued there. Every time she came to Miami, she insisted that our very first stop after leaving the airport be La Carreta, where she would order cafe con leche and Cuban toast. She learned to say "extra butter" in Spanish and savored every bite. Every visit involved hours of conversation about all the stories that were too long to tell via e-mail. We talked about school, jobs, boyfriends, life. Over the years, we both got busier with more responsibilities and the visits continued but weren't as frequent. Still, we always found time to send a text message and check in. We were at each other's weddings, we were pregnant with each of our first babies at the same time, helped each other through first time parenthood, career changes, loss of parents, and all the little things in between. She always teased me when winter arrived because she knew how jealous I'd be that she got to experience the seasons while Miami was HOT year round. In more recent years, we communicated via the Marco Polo app. We both cut our hair short and went on an on about how freeing it was and how the maintenance of the cuts hit our budgets. We talked about soccer games, homework, swim lessons, dinner recipes, kitchen remodeling, vacations taken and vacations planned. Many conversations were had while on her way to a 5am nail appointment, breathless on a treadmill, or shearing meat in kitchen while preparing dinner. I have saved those Marco Polo recordings and cherish them now more than ever. I can listen to her*

*voice and hear her laugh. That is the Sasha I will remember, full of life, an ever-present trustworthy friend.  
Rest easy, my friend, until we meet again.*

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**Rebecca Garcia** - June 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM

WH

“ *James with a heavy heart we send our love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am so proud of you as a man of God that held on through all your trials and tribulations. Sasha was a sweetheart and will never be forgotten. Just remember the sun will shine after while. LOVE YA!  
Peter and Willie Mae Harris*



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**Willie Mae Harris** - June 18, 2025 at 09:09 PM

WH

“ *Mr. McNealy and family, you are in our prayers with deepest sympathy. The Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Family, Pastor Eric F. Hairston, Sr. Martinsville, Virginia*



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**Willie Mae Harris** - June 18, 2025 at 08:40 PM

NC

“ *Sasha was such a beautiful person. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

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**Natiya Curtis** - June 18, 2025 at 08:22 PM

PL

“ My heart breaks for all of you. When we last spoke you were going to visit and celebrate your anniversary. I am so sorry for your lost. I pray God gives you comfort during this time. God bless you. Paula Laudenberger

Paula Laudenberger - June 18, 2025 at 04:20 PM

NC

What a beautiful soul you were. You will be missed! May your legacy live on through your loving husband and BEAUTIFUL children💕🙏💕  
Rest in Peace, Beautiful Sasha!

Noemi Crespo - June 18, 2025 at 04:51 PM

KM

Mr. McNealy, Michaela, and James, I am so sorry to hear this news. My prayers are definitely with you all during this difficult time.

Karen McClure - June 18, 2025 at 05:35 PM

ML

James, please accept my sincere condolences Sasha was such a beautiful person and will be greatly missed. Love you soooo much Please give the children my love please know that my prayers are you and the children doing this difficult time.

Mary Land - June 21, 2025 at 12:34 AM