



Adell Moore

October 17, 1937 - May 12, 2026

On Sunday, October 17, 1937, in Clarendon County, South Carolina, a beautiful baby with a gentle soul was born to Corina Brand-McFadden and Henry Cheraw McFadden, they named her Adell McFadden. Affectionately called Little Fish by her dad, she was called Baby Sis by her siblings: Carnegie, Morrell, Dorothy, Charity, Joseph and Abraham. At the age of two, she lost her mom, but her dad and siblings stepped in and helped raise her to become the beautiful woman she was known to be.

As a child, Sis loved singing and performing. She loved listening to her father and uncles playing music and singing.

At the tender age of 7, she was introduced to Johnnie D. Moore (affectionately known as Rabbit) when he was about 11 years old. He was being a precocious child and she asked him to stop doing what he was doing before he hurt himself. He looked at her and told her that he was going to marry her. She told him then that she was not getting married, because she was going to Hollywood to be a movie star. Well, moving to Hollywood was her dream and there is nothing wrong with dreaming. However, her reality was that on April 11, 1953, Sis and Rabbit became husband and wife. To this union, they became parents of nine children, five boys and four girls; Odell, Joanic, Willie, James, Mark, Mary, George, Lisa and Karen. They are known as "Sis and Rabbit's Kids".

Immersed in the gospel of Jesus Christ her entire life, Adell was a phenomenal gospel singer and a mighty prayer warrior. As a teenager, she

won many awards singing gospel music. As a young adult, she sang with her brothers and sisters in their family gospel group. In 1958, Sis and Rabbit, along with their children, Odell, Joanie, Willie and James, became a part of the great migration from South Carolina to New Haven Connecticut. Sis cried all the way to Connecticut because she was leaving all her family behind and starting on a new journey in life. Eventually the tears dried up, and she settled into her new life in New Haven.

In 1960, Sis and Rabbit began to add to their legacy. The last five of their children, Mark, Mary, George, Lisa and Karen were born. Although they had nine children of their own, they always made room for those who needed a place to stay. Whenever family or friends made that move from South, they would always stay at the home of Sis and Rabbit.

She would even allow strangers to sit at the table. An amazing cook, everyone from her church family and neighborhood would often come over, especially on Sundays after church service, to eat a fabulous meal. Whenever someone was hungry and would ask for something to eat, Sis made sure she fed them, if they needed encouragement, she would feed them the word of God. They, along with their children joined Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor and Founder, Rev. Dr. E.R. Davis. An avid and phenomenal gospel singer, Sis was one of the lead singers in Choir #1 and the Combined Choir. She became the lead singer of the Related Brother's quartet group; a group that was formed by her husband "Rabbit", his brothers Willie, Clarence and W.C. Moore, along with family friends James Austin, Gene Gary and John Rich. Her sons, Odell, Willie, James, Mark and George were all groomed to play the musical instruments for the group. She allowed her children to master their craft. The Moore Boys are known for their musical prowess. The talent didn't stop with her children, the 2nd and 3rd generations are now carrying on the tradition of being athletes (Grandpa Rabbit and uncles were exceptional athletes), musicians, singers, musical producers and ministers of the gospel.

Sis was a true missionary for God's Kingdom. She was a mouthpiece for God, always proclaiming the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, prophesying and speaking into the lives of the many men, women and children she encountered. She kept her daughters close and whether they knew it or not, they were trained in all her ways. It is true of the saying "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree".

Wherever there was suffering or need, she reached out and touched many people with her deep compassion and empathy. Sis selflessly placed others first, radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all she did. On Tuesday, May 12, 2026, the Chariot of Fire readied itself for its latest passenger. As a requirement for her trip to Glory, she lived her life to live again. God from on high, dispatched her ride share, his Chariot of Fire; as the fare for her trip was paid for through the washing away of her sins when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

The ride share announced to her that it is time for her to board. Sis stepped on board and was whisked away to Glory, where there is no more sickness or death. She never made it to Hollywood to perform or walk on the red carpet; however, she is now walking on streets paved with gold and she has received the most prestigious award anyone could ever receive, her accolades from the Most-High God. She was greeted with the saying, "well done, my good and faithful servant" and then she received her jewel-filled crown. Sis is now resting in her mansion. She was surrounded by her family when she took her final bow before transitioning to Glory. Adell "Little Fish", "Sis", "mommy", "Grams", "Grandma Sugar", will be greatly missed by a multitude of people, and she will forever remain in our hearts.

Sis was predeceased by her parents: Corina Brand-McFadden and Henry Cheraw McFadden; husband Johnnie D. Burgess-Moore. Son-in-laws: Jesse Joyner and Michael Angelo Fox. Grandchildren: Mark David Moore, Jr.; Guy Alexander Moore, Sr. Great-grandchildren:

Tarrol Stafford, Jr.; Corryn Natalia Woods; Will Henry Woods; and Frederick Woods, Jr.

Siblings: Carnegie (Mattie) McFadden; Dorothy (Eugene) Fleming; Morrell (Luizze) McFadden;

Charity McFadden; Joseph McFadden; and Abraham (Lilla Mae) McFadden.

In-laws: James Moore; Willie Moore; Clarence Moore; William C. (Ruth) Moore; Annie (Joe) Barnes.

Those who remain to grow from her special love are her children: Odell (Crystal) Moore; Joanie Joyner; Willie (Kathleen) Moore; James (Maria) Moore; Mark (Helena) Moore, Sr.; Mary (Omar) Moore-Jones; George Moore, Sr.; Lisa Moore-Fox; and Karen (Gary) Moore-Bell.

Special Son: Roy (Al) Alexander. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by In-laws: Louise (Thomas) Washington; Jean Fox; Lela McFadden; HESSIE Moore; Isabelle Moore; Lois Moore; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Upcoming Events

Calling Hour

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church
782 Orchard Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

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