



## Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary

October 9, 1956 - November 30, 2022

“And we know that all things work together for good to those that love God, for those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

On Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Debra Ruth Dugger McCrary went to be with her Heavenly Father.

Those left to mourn her passing are her father, John David “Ham” Dugger, Sr., Johnson City, TN.; son, Mark Edward McCrary, Johnson City; daughter, Kimberly Christine McCrary, Florida; brother, John David Dugger, Jr. (Roberta), Johnson City; sister, Karen Sue Dugger Payne (Henry), Pulaski, VA.; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Debra, affectionately known as “Debbie”, was born on Tuesday, October 9, 1956, in Johnson City, Tennessee. She was the youngest of the three children of John David “Ham” Dugger, Sr. and the late Norma Christine Haynes Dugger.

She was a granddaughter of the late George W. and Viola Vaught Haynes. She was a proud Haynes descendant of the Historic Tipton-Haynes Site in Johnson City. The slave cabin is a part of the museum, and she was thrilled when the black ancestors were acknowledged and included in events in recent years.

Debra was educated in the Johnson City Schools System. While a student at North Junior High School she was a member of Chris’s Twirlettes. She was a 1974 graduate of Science Hill High School and was a member of the

marching band and Junior Pro-to Club.

She continued her education at Bristol School of Hair Design and Cosmetology in Bristol, Virginia., and following graduation became a Tennessee licensed cosmetologist. She opened her own hair salon on June 13, 1975, which her father built as an addition onto the family home on Fairview Avenue, and it was where she continued to service her many clients until her death.

Debra was an active member of Thankful Baptist Church in Johnson City since she was a teenager. She was a member of several organizations within the church. She sang alto joyfully and faithfully with the Thankful Adult, Mass, and Women's Choirs. She was a member of the Baptist Women's Association (BWA) and served as an administrator of both the BWA Scholarship Fund and the Birchette Family Achievement Award.

She used her talents not only as a beautician within the community but became a caregiver for numerous seniors in the area. She felt as Christ, who taught, "the way you care for the children, widows, elderly, and those in need," is servitude to Him. She did this graciously and expected nothing in return; whether it was transporting the elders in the community to the monthly "Senior Saints" gatherings, doctor appointments, civic activities, grocery stores or going to the sick and shut-ins to do their hair or attend to their personal needs. She was often the person who made phone calls to those who no longer had relatives nearby and delighted them with humorous conversations but always let them know they were on prayer lists. Her love for her fellowman extended to many children who were sometimes in positions of neglect, and she was the "anonymous angel" to many ensuring that school supplies, clothing, and extras were available. She loved to spoil the children in the congregation with chewing gum and the promise of more if they behaved. Many senior ladies and little girls were treated to "no charge" hair appointments for special occasions by Debra who would simply say, "That's the thing you are supposed to do." These acts and many more were "her ministry."

Debra married Eddie McCrary, Sr., on July 4, 1980, at Thankful Baptist

Church. She remained a faithful and caring wife through his extended illness until his death in 2017.

Although short in physical stature, her contagious laughter and gigantic presence will be missed by so many in the community. She made the world a better place.

It is the wish of the family that in lieu of flowers please donate in Debra's memory to the BWA Scholarship Fund c/o Thankful Baptist Church 1501 E. Watauga Avenue Johnson City, TN., 37601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.  
219 E Millard St  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
(423) 926-6013  
mitchell@birchettemortuary.com  
<https://birchettemortuary.com/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Interment

DEC 10 (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens  
113 Memory Gardens Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Just found out about the passing of my friend, Debra. She was a customer who shopped my familys store for many years, but she became a friend. I would see her weekly and we spent many hours just talking. She always made me smile and laugh. She loved to shop, she always wanted to see what was new. She loved clothes, Dooney purses, sandals and just feeling “cool”. She did not like the color pink, but anything else she loved. She listened and cared & is truly one of a kind. I am heartbroken & will always miss you my friend. I’m so thankful I was able to know you these past 10 years.*



**Haley Kelley** - January 20, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ *Audrey W Carr/Wee-Wee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Audrey W Carr/Wee-Wee** - December 14, 2022 at 04:35 PM

AN

“ Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Angelo Newman - December 10, 2022 at 12:29 PM

AW

“ My family and I were visiting cousin Debbie from Cleveland and she let me do her hair. I was either in Cosmetology classes or had just graduated. I'll never forget that on that day she taught me one of the most important foundations of my career. I will always remember Debbie for that, and how patient she was with me as I did her hair... By the way, her hair turned out fabulous, lol! She loved it!

Miss you, Debbie. I'll see you again when it's my time.

Sending up prayers of comfort and peace for the family. Love and blessings 🙏💕

Angela Wilson - December 10, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



janice wells - December 10, 2022 at 09:13 AM

DM

“ Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Darrell & Janice Murphy - December 10, 2022 at 08:39 AM

EL

“ Elaine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Elaine - December 10, 2022 at 07:49 AM

WP

“ William & Dorothy Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



William & Dorothy Parker - December 10, 2022 at 06:34 AM

RN

“ Ricky Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Ricky Nobleton - December 10, 2022 at 04:39 AM

SB

“ Prayers for the family!!



Sarah Bell-Young - December 09, 2022 at 10:04 PM

CR

“ I am heartbroken! My memories of Debbie are so many and too many to list. From being my hairdresser, my oldest granddaughter, my oldest great granddaughter, my three nieces, my aunt, and mother's hairdresser... we all had healthy hair because of her. She cared for so many elderly and shut-in and if they had no transportation she would pick them up and bring them to the shop, do their hair, take them to eat and then take them home! Oh the shopping trips we went on to Pigeon Forge, Knoxville and Asheville ourselves, not to mention a trip with the Women of Thankful to Boone, NC and Gaffney, SC. The late night and early morning conversations over the phone and all the laughter and when I had a decision to make she would always remind me to stay out of God's Business and let Him do what He does best and keep my faith and pray. Debbie will forever be "Shorty" to Cecil. I know that when she looked up on the face of Jesus she experienced all that she had believed and more. But I know she was busy greeting all that had gone before her. Most of all the cares of this world are no more for her so I will tear up but know that one day I will see my friend again. Rest high on that mountain Debbie because you have earned your rest. May God comfort all the members of the family and bring you peace.



Clara Faye and Cecil E. Rutledge - December 09, 2022 at 08:26 PM

HH

“ *Henrietta Hyder lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Henrietta Hyder** - December 09, 2022 at 06:43 PM

GF

“ *Geneva Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Geneva Fain** - December 09, 2022 at 05:28 PM

FE

“ *Faye Smith Ellis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Faye Smith Ellis** - December 08, 2022 at 10:19 AM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Gwendolyn Smith** - December 07, 2022 at 09:31 PM

KM

“ Karen L Morrison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Karen L Morrison - December 07, 2022 at 08:19 PM

MG

“ Maria Gulla lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Maria Gulla - December 07, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Carolyn Fain - December 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM

SW

“ Susan And Steve Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Susan and Steve Wagner - December 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *William Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**William Hill Jr.** - December 06, 2022 at 12:11 AM



“ *Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Claudia Goines** - December 05, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *You will be missed. Prayers for the family. Min Kelvin Scott and Family*



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**sanae** - December 05, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Mary Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Mary Williams** - December 05, 2022 at 04:29 PM

TO

“ I'll always have keep your special smile and laugh and all the wonderful times we had twirling together close to my heart.  
*Teresa Pierce Oler*



Teresa Oler - December 05, 2022 at 03:42 PM

TR

“ The Rainwaters purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary.



The Rainwaters - December 05, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ Connie Rainwater lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Connie Rainwater - December 05, 2022 at 03:02 PM

EL

“ Elaine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Elaine - December 05, 2022 at 02:11 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Viola Patton** - December 05, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Keisha Douthitt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Keisha Douthitt** - December 05, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CW

“ *Carolyn Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Carolyn Wilson** - December 04, 2022 at 08:52 PM

MB

“ *Melinda Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Melinda Bradley** - December 04, 2022 at 07:31 PM

TP

“ Theodore & Phuong Page lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Theodore & Phuong Page - December 04, 2022 at 06:36 PM

LJ

“ Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Louis locke Jr - December 04, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ Linda Workman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Linda Workman - December 04, 2022 at 09:34 AM

Babby Barner

“ Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Babby Barner - December 04, 2022 at 09:16 AM

LB

“ *My prayers are with the McCrary family; may the Lord keep you in perfect peace during your loss of such a wonderful Lady.*  
*Love LAB*



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**L A Beard** - December 04, 2022 at 05:24 AM

RG

“ *Rebecca Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Rebecca greenlee** - December 04, 2022 at 02:21 AM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Veral Neal** - December 03, 2022 at 10:58 PM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Veral Neal** - December 03, 2022 at 10:52 PM

VB

“ Vanessa Babb lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



vanessa babb - December 03, 2022 at 10:15 PM

FA

“ Frances Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Frances Alexander - December 03, 2022 at 05:53 PM

CL

“ Praying for the Family.May God Bless You .



Claudia - December 03, 2022 at 04:03 PM

CL

“ Claudia lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Claudia - December 03, 2022 at 04:00 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Bobby And Lisa Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



Pastor Bobby and Lisa Black - December 03, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DC

“ *Dora Carson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



Dora Carson - December 03, 2022 at 02:49 PM

GB

“ *G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



G.L. & Trish Bristol - December 03, 2022 at 01:29 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



janice wells - December 03, 2022 at 01:22 PM

DS

“ *Diane Shade Spencer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Diane Shade Spencer** - December 03, 2022 at 01:13 PM

DS

*YOU WILL BE MISSED*

**Diane Shade Spencer** - December 03, 2022 at 01:15 PM

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Renea Hall** - December 03, 2022 at 01:06 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Cheryl Rhea** - December 03, 2022 at 12:03 PM

CR

*Haynes/Dugger/McCrary Family, Memories of life shared over the years with all that was "Miss Deb" will always be special. Hers was a true friendship that will be missed. We love you, Deb. Rest peacefully in Jesus. 🕊️*

*Cheryl Rhea and Family*

**Cheryl Rhea** - December 03, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Childhood friends so sad to hear. Love to family, Shelia Goines*

**Shelia Bagwell** - December 03, 2022 at 10:38 AM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Lee & Lydia Bridwell** - December 03, 2022 at 10:04 AM

GF

“ *Gary & Moricina Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Gary & Moricina Fain** - December 03, 2022 at 09:30 AM

BS

“ *Buddy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Buddy Stuart** - December 03, 2022 at 09:21 AM

DW

“ *DEBRA E Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**DEBRA E Williams** - December 03, 2022 at 08:50 AM

RN

“ *Ricky Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Ricky Nobleton** - December 03, 2022 at 08:04 AM

MR

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Mary Rollins** - December 03, 2022 at 07:50 AM

SJ

“ I will truly miss our talks and laughs.



Shirley Johnson - December 03, 2022 at 07:49 AM

JP

“ Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Janice Phillips - December 03, 2022 at 02:09 AM

PD

“ Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Pauline Douglas - December 02, 2022 at 11:20 PM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary



Carol Bradley - December 02, 2022 at 10:22 PM

JJ

“ *Jaymon, edna and Adeline*



**Jaymon Johnson** - December 02, 2022 at 09:28 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Mary Latham** - December 02, 2022 at 09:24 PM

RP

“ *RIP Deb we had a lot of laughs in our alto section at Thankful Baptist praying for the family Love Roz and Marshall Pampkin*



**Roz Pampkin** - December 02, 2022 at 09:17 PM

TG

“ *Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



**Terea and Thomas Graham** - December 02, 2022 at 08:31 PM

PR

“ *Praying for the family*



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**Pate Rhea** - December 02, 2022 at 07:27 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Debra Dugger McCrary*



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**Van Rollins** - December 02, 2022 at 05:40 PM