



Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe

April 15, 1937 - July 8, 2018

Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe, 81, of New Brunswick, died July 8, 2018 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, New Brunswick.

Dr. Katye Monroe, longtime resident of New Brunswick, New Jersey and noted educator and pioneer in the African American women's club movement in Central New Jersey, died Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. She was 81 years old.

Dr. Monroe, a noted educator, activist and philanthropist was involved in her community up until her death.

Dr. Monroe completed her bachelor's degree in biological science with a minor in mathematics at St. Paul's Episcopal College after being recommended by Dr. Proctor- who was serving on the board of directors at the time. Dr. Proctor continued to be an influential advisor even after Dr. Monroe went pursued a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at George Washington University. It was during this time that new trends were emerging in mathematics education, prompting her to pursue a career in teaching. Following Dr. Proctor's advice to consider Rutgers University for her studies, she researched the programs offered by the GSE while looking for teaching positions in the area.

Dr. Katye Monroe "... GSE '72, '74) always felt very strongly about the importance of receiving a good education. Her passion for learning was inspired by the values instilled by her parents, and her determination to never stop learning fueled her to inspire and encourage students to work their hardest in school, at work, and in their communities. Her determination to always look for more opportunities to learn was identified and stimulated by former Rutgers Graduate School of Education (GSE) professor, Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, who served as a significant inspiration throughout her academic and professional career.

She accepted an offer to become a middle school mathematics teacher in Metuchen, enabling her to begin the master's program in guidance and counseling at the GSE in 1969. Despite her demanding schedule, juggling both class-work and a full-time job, she was determined to receive her master's degree. During this time, Dr. Monroe was encouraged by Dr. Proctor to pursue a doctorate degree at the GSE in counseling psychology and guidance that she completed in 1972 and 1974. Her academic and professional career took off as she became even more involved in opportunities within her community.

"I'm very excited about what I do in the community and I like to involve my students as well. I think it's important to teach our students the importance of giving back," says Dr. Monroe.

As a passionate educator, Dr. Monroe was always looking for new opportunities to learn and to stay active in her community. She took supplemental courses in curriculum and development at Rider University while [fulfilling] her responsibilities as a teacher and a student at the GSE. She became an active member of The American Personnel and Guidance Association (APGA) and soon became the Membership Chairperson to the President.

She was a Charter member of the Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links Inc., an international non-profit service organization dedicated to supporting leadership focusing on women of color. Dr. Monroe was active in her chapter throughout the chapter's existences having held numerous positions of leadership including, but not limited to financial secretary and treasurer. Dr. Monroe was a life time member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. an international organization that focuses on promoting academic excellence, service and involvement in the African American community. She was an active member in the North Jersey Alumnae chapter of the organization. Dr. Monroe's career spans many facets of education environments and roles. She has been a principal, a counselor, a teacher, and a tutor. She also branched out to pursue teaching opportunities in higher education as an adjunct professor at Essex County College, Kean College Somerset Community College, and William Paterson University [before retiring]. Her involvement in her sorority helped her create a non-profit counseling service center located in East Orange, New Jersey. Through all of these experiences, Dr. Monroe felt that being an active member and giving back to the community was the motivation that guided her through her career and private life. From volunteering at the local food pantry to teaching after-school programs, she made sure to encourage the students around her to give back to their communities" (Retrieved from <http://gse.rutgers.edu/content/alumni-profile-dr-katie-monroe>, accessed on 7/30/2014).

During 2013-2014, Rutgers University's Graduate School of Education recognized Dr. Katye Monroe as a distinguished alumna.

Dr. Monroe was active in her church community having served in numerous capacities at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in New Brunswick and the Diocese of New Jersey.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday July 28, 2018 at 11:00 am at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ. Visitation will be held at the church from 9am until 11am. Entombment will be completed in Maryland on July 31, 2018.

Viewing will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from 9-11am, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ. Funeral Services will follow at 11am, at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

Church Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *To the Family of Dr. Monroe,
We recently learned of the passing of our
long-time friend, Dr. Katye "Katie" Monroe.
She will always be remembered for her
unbelievable smile, her high energy, and her
geniune caring for others. We will miss her!*



*May God continue to embrace you, each and everyone, now, and
forever.*

*Very Sincerely,
Carl and Bernice Venable
North Brunswick, NJ*

Bernice Venable - August 29, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *To the Family of Dr. Katie,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Katie was a funny and determined
woman and had the energy of a teenager. She was always so kind
and generous to me and I will miss her.*

Olivia Hunter

Olivia Hunter - July 27, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe.*



July 27, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Saint Paul's College National Alumni Association purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe.*



Saint Paul's College National Alumni Association - July 26, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lost and send prayers of comfort to the family during this time. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting and briefly working with Dr. Monroe as I completed my internship in school psychology. She provided many words of encouragement and wisdom that I still carry with me today.*



Aqila Noble - July 25, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ *Bob Chambers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe*



Bob Chambers - July 25, 2018 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ Sanders Henderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe.



Sanders Henderson - July 25, 2018 at 07:57 AM

TB

“ A beautiful Soul Is Never Forgotten and in the end it's not the years in a Life, It's the Life In the Years



The Gayle Family ..SAEC New Brunswick - July 24, 2018 at 07:28 PM

NB

“ Nicole....St. Albans New Brunswick lit a candle in memory of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe



Nicole....St. Albans New Brunswick - July 24, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Katye "Katie" M. Monroe.



July 24, 2018 at 05:57 PM

JF

“ A True Soldier Of The Lord! This Remarkable Servent Of God, Never Faltered, Never Failed; I Have No Doubt That She Has Earned Her Crown and God’s Favor! “I Don’t Know How Long It Will Be, Nor What The Future Holds For Me But, This I Know; As Jesus Leads Me Katie, I’ll Be Home One Day”. Rest In Paradise My Dear Friend, Mentor and Serroget Mother! Wear That Crown Knowing That Your Earned It, Thy God and Faithful Servant ❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

J. Deborah Freeman - July 23, 2018 at 07:26 PM

JF

**Surrogate Mother*

J. Deborah Freeman - July 23, 2018 at 08:01 PM

GH

“ I have so many wonderful and amazing memories of Katie...so many life lessons she taught me....my beloved 'mum mums' Katie (already is) & will be deeply missed, forever.

Gwyneth Haynes-Rodman - July 22, 2018 at 12:02 PM

AA

“ Angela Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Katie "Katie" M. Monroe



Angela Anderson - July 20, 2018 at 06:46 PM

BC

Dr. Monroe, a church sister, and a friend that will be missed for many years. May her soul rest in peace and may the good Lord continue to bless and keep the many other friends and family members you have left behind. I will always love and cherish her memory as this loving and caring individual that I had the privilege to have known. Because she also loved so much the musical interludes she received from me during Sunday services on my trombone, I was given a musical bronze trombone player by her as a token of her appreciation for which I will always keep dearly in my heart. When taking care of her landscape needs, she was always there to instruct me on each procedure she would like to be done. Little did I know that it would be the last time that we communicate. After you came down with your unfortunate illness, cutting your grass was never the same since you were no longer there with me.

Bob Chambers - July 23, 2018 at 09:03 PM

AA

“Katie will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever..”

*Angela
St. Alban's Episcopal Church*

Angela Anderson - July 20, 2018 at 06:45 PM