



## Yvonne Melisizwe

September 9, 1944 - April 7, 2025

Ms. Yvonne Leslie Melisizwe made her transition on April 7, 2025. Please encourage the family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers, or a memorial gift, to the family please visit our Sympathy Store. Zoom Instructions For Livestream 1. Go to [Kempfuneralhome.com](http://Kempfuneralhome.com). 2. Click on your loved one's photo or use the search bar and type in your loved one's name. 3. You are now on their Tribute Page. 4. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab. 5. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon. 6. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Memorial Service

APR 19. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Yvonne Melisizwe*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 19, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Yvonne Melisizwe*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 19, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Leslie Merritt sent a virtual gift in memory of Yvonne Melisizwe*



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**Leslie Merritt** - April 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM

SE

“ Prayers, blessings, condolences, and tight hugs of support to Bernard and William. Remembering great memories of Yvonne being a super cool relative for my entire family. Stephanie English

Stephanie English - April 19, 2025 at 10:12 AM

CS

“ Gone but never forgotten!!!  
The Jemisons will always cherish our precious memories in her office!!!  
Waiting on her to finish with her cigarette break!!! But when she finished, it was on and popping she helped us get that paper!!!  
Thank You Ms. Melisizwe💔💔💔💔 Rest In Peace❤️❤️❤️

Curtis&Bobby Jemison WCCCD Ex Students - April 18, 2025 at 09:43 PM

NA

“ Nancy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Melisizwe.

Nancy A. - April 16, 2025 at 05:31 PM

AF

“ Alan Hudson & Family. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Yvonne Melisizwe.



Alan Hudson & Family. - April 15, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yvonne Melisizwe.*



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April 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Yvonne Melisizwe.

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April 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ *I met Yvonne Melisizwe when I was hired in 1979 to work at the Downtown campus of WCCC in the LRC. At that time Yvonne was at the Greenfield campus. She was always professional, thoughtful and caring. I remember her coming to my home to drop off a baby gift after I had my son. Yvonne was a person who showed interest in students and staff. Yvonne you've earned your wings by using your talents from God.*  
*Sheila Smith-Womack*

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**Sheila Smith-Womac** - April 12, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *I met Yvonne @ the Nativity Center of WCCC. She hired me and was my first supervisor. Always happy with a smile on her face. She taught me how to work with students and to always give your best. Truly she will be missed. Rest now ... your work is done.*

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**Shelia Easley** - April 11, 2025 at 04:36 PM

DG

*I had the pleasure to meet Yvonne through her cousin Corliss Burt. She was a warm, welcoming person and a devoted son, Bernard.  
Diedrea and Deta Gamble*

**Diedrea Gamble** - April 18, 2025 at 10:47 PM

PV

“ *Yvonne and I have been friends for 60 years. Many memories but the most memorable one was while in the Bahamas , Sidney Poitier drove us to our location after meeting him on the tennis court.*

**patricia varner** - April 09, 2025 at 08:12 PM

TD

“ *Mrs. McGee, I am so proud that you stayed with us long enough to see me graduate from college and, even more so, to become an adjunct. I will love you forever. 🙏*

**Tony Daniel** - April 09, 2025 at 07:23 PM

NA

“ 55 years of love, patience, guidance and support. She always told me I wasn't born under her heart but of her heart. She was always a mom to me from the day I came home to Burns from the adoption agency. No one in life showed me the support, love or kindness like mom. When I felt lost she talked to me and guided me. I can remember being 3 and her words were with love and patience. I admired how she took care of her family. How you saw the love from her towards grandma and gramps. They always treated me like there child. Her loving way of explaining things has always been on my mind no matter what has transpired in my life. Mom and her family and Bernard have always been my model of what a family is. To me I drempt of having a family some day like them. Bernard always made me feel like I had a big brother. Then Willium came along when we were teenagers, and I felt like I had a little brother and I was so excited. I couldn't wait to see his smiling face every day and get his hugs. She became the mom who took all the negative words away, she guided me through such troubled waters no one can even imagine. She was my only normalcy and grounded me in life. She was my angel in life. I was blessed to have her teach me to keep going. No one in life has ever made me feel loved in life like she did. I clung on to her as a mom. She wouldn't let me do for her as much as I wanted. But I understood. When we would talk even when she could barely talk I would just say I just wanted to remind her I loved her and if she ever wanted me to do anything for her I would. I may not be seen as family but she will always be my mom. God gained another Angel that fought through her life to do the best she could. Now she has earned her wings. I pray for you all to have peace. Love, Nikki

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Nicole Angel - April 09, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne Melisizwe.*



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April 09, 2025 at 06:40 PM



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“ *I'm a childhood friend of Bernard's from St. Juliana Catholic School! Bernard's Mom lol is what I called her:), she had a lovely smile with a subtle elegance about her! She always made me feel nervous and happy to be in presence at the same time! I felt Special after all of our short but sweet conversations Rest In Paradise Lovely Lady... Love Aretha,*



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**aretha summers** - April 09, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AF

*I have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Yvonne Melisizwe for a number of years, heck, I even remember addressing her as Mrs. McGee and also working with her at the Eastern Campus of WCCCD.*

*Mrs. Melisizwe was a very patient individual who spoke in measured tones and had the ability to make you feel like you've been heard. Mrs. Melisizwe was a kind hearted person who gave of herself for Students and worked tirelessly to secure recognition and scholarships for students, many of them whom came from difficult circumstances and were determined to make something of themselves. She loved the challenge...*

*Chaos could be surrounding the Student Services Area and Mrs. Melisizwe many times was the calm in the eye of the storm. To Bernard and William, you both are in my thoughts and prayers and know that your Mom was loved, respected and cherished....*

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**Alan Fortune** - April 11, 2025 at 09:58 AM