



## Ms. Marie Dixon Small

August 17, 1954 - December 14, 2022

Ms. Ida Marie Dixon Small, 68, of Gainesville, FL passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Haven E.T. York Hospice Care Center.

Ms. Small was born in Gainesville, FL on August 17, 1954 to Helen Dixon. She was a graduate of Gainesville High School and St. Leo University, where she earned her Bachelors Degree. After many years of service as a Program Director, she retired from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

She was a member of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, and an active volunteer in the community until her health declined.

Funeral services for Ms. Small will be held on Friday, December 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 718 SE 11th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641, with Rev. Freeman N. Gallmon, Officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the services.

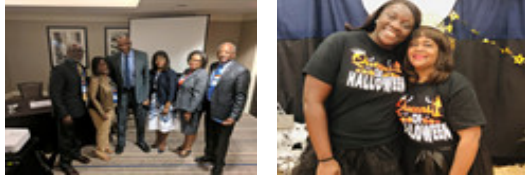
Interment will follow immediately in Forest Meadows Memorial Park East,  
3700 SE Hawthorne Road, Gainesville, FL 32641.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may  
be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To order floral  
arrangements, please visit [www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/mariesmall](http://www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/mariesmall). Any  
questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT or [admin@chestnutfh.com](mailto:admin@chestnutfh.com).  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Obituary Wall



**Chestnut Funeral Home** - March 14, 2024 at 11:11 AM

DW

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family.



**Darrell and LaTanya Williams** - January 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Marie Small. I met Marie 25 years ago, we worked together on several community projects and eventually as colleagues with Alachua County. She was greatly respected and known as someone who knew how to get things done. Her energy was unmatched and she had a wonderful way of drawing people to her. We were both members of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and attended several conferences together. Rest well Marie, your work here is done.

**Ivy Bell** - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My Heartfelt and Sincere Condolences to Lil Bubba(ArnoldIII) , Lil Larry, their Families and Richard, Barbara Ann, Annette ❤️ The Memories of Backstreet (20th) Lincoln Estates will Forever be in My Heart. 😍 I'm Praying for Y'all. 🙏



Lynne Jackson Stevens - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Marie was the essence of kindness and compassion. She never gave up trying to help others and we all knew to never say no to Marie when she asked you to assist. I miss seeing Marie in the office; her smile lit up the room.

*The world lost a beautiful soul but heaven gained an angel. My prayers and sympathy to Marie's family.*



Claudia Tuck - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ HEARTFELT...  
ERNESTINE S DORSEY  
A DORSEY  
WITH OUR LOVE  
GAINESVILLE,FL



ERNESTINE S DORSEY - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Marie Dixon Small will ever be remembered for her love and impact on the community as a whole. She was always looking for ways in which to help. Her energy was unmatched as was her faith in and love for her fellow mankind. Of there was something that needed to be done then she willingly helped. Indeed she will be missed but has left a mark on this world and her life was not in vain. My prayers are with the family at this time. Know that God never makes a mistake and for everything there is a reason and a season. Phillis Filer

Phillis Filer - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Marie was a co-worker and dear friend. She worked so hard to help so many people in their time of need. I'll truly miss our times of laughter and the many challenges we worked through together. May she rest in peace.



Tom Tonkavich - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ Oliver & Marilyn Watson Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



Oliver & Marilyn Watson Tucker - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To the family, friends and all who loved Ms. Marie, thank you for sharing her with the world. I'm grateful for the impact she made on my life in just a few years. I will always love and remember her & serve others like she always did ❤️

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**LaRaven Temoney** - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We had many experiances with Marie and her expertiese in getting welfare benefits to our needy neighbors and worked with her on many veterans projects such as the SWAG ladies Turkey and food gifts program at Linton Oaks. She had to be the hardest working employee in the country and an outstanding human being.

*Don and Pat Sherry*  
*dpskwva@yahoo.com*

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**Don and Pat Sherry** - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Little Larry, you are our heart. We loved Marie, but we know that God loved her more. Please know that our prayers are with you and Anedra.

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**The Small, Delk, and Ramey, but and Adams families.** - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Forever in our hearts*

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**Gussie Boatwright & Family** - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Marie you were a ball of energy, full of love and compassion rest in God's peace.



Christine Cassisi - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Marie, I will miss you forever. Until I see you again, keep smiling.

Joyce Smith - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Not enough words to express my feelings for you my dear friend. We knew how we felt about each other. You will always be my girl! Love you.....until we meet again. ❤️

Kim A. Barton - December 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Leonard & Yvonne Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



Leonard & Yvonne Hughes - December 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Stephen Weeks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



Stephen Weeks - December 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Rest in Peace classmate



Maxine Scott Durant - December 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

M-

“ The family have our deepest heartfelt condolences, we'll always remember our childhood friend from NW 2nd Street and NW 7th Ave, the rec center, RIP, we loved you but God loved you best,  
Minister Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson



Minister Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Gwen Keith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



Gwen Keith - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *Nakeya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small*



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**Nakeya Johnson** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

D-

“ *Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small*



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**Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Words cannot express the immense impact Marie made on our world. She was such a charismatic person with a wit and charm unmatched by anyone. I will always remember her with love and respect and will strive to make the sort of impact that she did. God love Marie and keep her in your arms. Indeed, Heaven has one of the most loved and appreciated Angels now.*



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**Kim Smith Davis** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Vinson Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small*



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AW

“ *Annette Green Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small*



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KC

“ *Mrs. Marie Dixon-Small you are a jewel. You will always hold a very special place within my heart. Rest in Paradise Queen*

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**Karen Coles** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I had the opportunity to work with Marie at Community Support Services. It was always a pleasure when Marie was there. She was fast talking and witty. Gene and Marie's friendly riffing of each other could always bring laughter to everyone there.

She was a powerhouse. She had her own decorating side business, a full time job at CSS, and would help out other organizations where she could. She was a modern day superwoman.

One of her traits that stood out to me though, was her compassion for those in need. Marie had so much compassion and empathy for the people who came to our office for help. If she had the know-how and the skills, she would always try her best to help anyone who came into CSS. Even if she was on a tight schedule, she would find time, because that is the kind of person she was. Even if you came to her seeking help for a problem in your personal or professional life, she would always take the time to give you advice.

In life, you don't meet people like Marie often, and you certainly don't forget about them. She was, and will always remain, an awe-inspiring person. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, compassion and hardwork.

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**Rhiannon Khoury** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Marie was a jewel and will be so missed. Barbara Ann , Marie's boys and their families, Annette and Richard are in my prayers during this time of sorrow.

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**Lestine Ford** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Hiring Marie to be a Victim Advocate Counselor, in the Alachua County Victim Services Program, was one of my best decisions as the Program Director. Her efforts on behalf of victims and survivors of violent crime were tireless. She was relentless and left no stone unturned when advocating for survivors of crime, the homeless and those less fortunate in our community. Marie was extremely generous with her time and personal resources. She often gave personally and donated to help someone who had fallen through the proverbial cracks of social service agencies and/or organizations. Marie and I often worked late at Community Support Services when she was laser focused on helping a child, mother or family. She would agonize over how she could help or make his/her life a little better. Rest in peace my sister, you have earned your wings.

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**Loretta Golden** - December 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Patricia Burnett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



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**Patricia Burnett** - December 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ Vida Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marie Dixon Small



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**Vida Green** - December 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ In 2017, I worked via a temp agency at the Alachua County Support Services office. Miss Marie welcomed me warmly, even though I wasn't in her department. I remember stopping by her office, and seeing the family photos and other memorabilia of someone whose office was an extension of their home. There are so many stories from various newspapers that share her kindness and caring in the community, and rightfully so. She always made me feel special, and I'll always remember that. Godspeed, Marie. I know the angels have carried you home. You fought the good fight, and you are in Heaven now, where you belong. I love you always. Until we meet again, Kandy.



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**Kandy** - December 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Marie was such a sweet spirit, she lived with the attitude of a servant, always willing to help someone. She possessed beauty inside and out; I was proud to call her my friend. My prayer for her family is for their strength and peace.

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**Patricia Burnett** - December 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Rest in Peace classmate



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**Patricia Ford Cuyler** - December 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM