

In Loving Memory Evonne McDonald

Evonne Louise "Evie" McDonald was born in Portland on Feb. 16, 1966 to Connie Brown and Kenneth Wayne McDonald. She attended Alameda Elementary and Grant High School. She often worked as a housekeeper at various hotels in Portland.

Evie had a curious nature! She was adventure-some, friendly and sometimes stubborn. These traits led her away from home at an early age and sometimes led to difficulties in her life, however, she never met a stranger and was loved by all who knew her. She also loved to cook her infamous shrimp fried rice, steak and fried chicken!



Evie leaves to cherish her memory, her mother and father; a brother, Kenneth Ray McDonald; her grandfather Bill McDonald; her children Brandon T. McDonald, Malik Y. Farrakhan, Breana L. and Keana L. Cobb; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Ophelia Baker and Lois McDonald; and aunts, Darlene Keeton and Janet Baker.

Her family would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the prayers, acts of kindness, calls and visits during this difficult time.

Dear Deanna!

My fiancé and I are trying to get married. I have no interest in a big wedding or spending tons of money on a honeymoon. I prefer saving for a home. My fiancé has a different idea. She wants a big wedding, the church and a trip to the Virgin Islands. We're on the brink of breaking up because I won't compromise all the way and let her have her way. I'm willing to make the wedding a good memory but I'm not going broke to do it. What do I do? --Michael; Indianapolis, IN

Dear Michael:

In this day and age, your fiancé should feel blessed to have someone wanting to marry and do the right thing. Most women want big weddings so they can show off to their family and friends and look silly three years later when they divorce. The most you should do is set a budget and make her get the most out of those funds. A peaceful solution is to get married with a simple wedding, buy your home and have a big celebration when you renew your vows.

Dear Deanna!

I've had it with my girlfriend and her pet obsession. We've been together for two years and all of a sudden she's become an overnight dog lover. Every time I turn around the little dog is in my



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Dear Deanna!

I can't reach my boyfriend on an emotional level. I try to connect and encourage conversation in hopes he'll tell me how he feels about me. When I ask, he says the relationship is fine, he's happy and things are okay. I feel like I'm starving for attention and I need to hear things verbally. He says I'm making a big deal out of nothing. The more I ask, the more he resists and now we're arguing. Should I be content and not worry until he says something is wrong? --Worried Heart; Buffalo, NY

Dear Worried:

Your insecurity is going to wreck this relationship. You should observe your man's behavior very close. Some men show affection through action instead of words. Pay attention to things he does to bond with you and if it makes sense, go with the flow. On the other hand, if he's a cold fish in his actions and verbal communication, you have reason to worry. If this is the case, demand some dialogue and decide if you want to stay in this situation or free yourself and move on.

face. My girlfriend is rude when she has it on her lap at the table, she brings in a box to the movies and she lets it in the bed with us. There are too many women out there for me to be held hostage by a dog. Am I wrong to say she needs to choose the dog or me? --Brian; Orlando, FL

Dear Brian:

You're a grown man and you let an animal control your relationship. You should've had this discussion the first time the dog came to the dinner table. Just like children, pets have a time and place to be seen and involved and a dog is no different. However, your girlfriend needs to grow up and learn how to be mature and manage her man and her pooch. If there's no commitment and she chooses to keep her habits with the dog, then suck it up and keep it moving.

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