



• IN LOVING MEMORY •

Vonda McDaniel

President, Central Labor Council of Nashville & Middle Tennessee

Vice President, AFL-CIO Executive Council

Co-Executive Director, Highlander Center

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that the Memphis & West Tennessee Central Labor Council mourns the passing of our beloved sister, mentor, and friend, Vonda McDaniel — President of the Central Labor Council of Nashville & Middle Tennessee, a Vice President of the national AFL-CIO Executive Council, and Co-Executive Director of the Highlander Research and Education Center.

Sister Vonda was more than a titan of the Tennessee labor movement — she was its heart. From the shop floor at Bridgestone/Firestone to the highest councils of the AFL-CIO, she never forgot who she was fighting for: the working families of our state and our nation. She carried the struggles of race, class, and gender on her shoulders and turned them into a movement of hope, dignity, and power.

Here in Memphis and across West Tennessee, we loved her. She lifted us up. She showed us that when working people stand together in solidarity, the strength in numbers can move mountains and change lives. Her voice, her wisdom, and her unshakable belief in the dignity of every worker will echo through this movement for generations to come.

The labor movement all over the world will truly miss her, and there will never be another like her.

To her family, we extend our deepest love and our fervent prayers. In this time of grief, know that you do not stand alone — you are surrounded by the entire union family she gave her life to build.

Rest in Power, Sister Vonda. We will carry your torch forward.

In solidarity and mourning,

Kevin Bradshaw

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