

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Marion McElroy

PERSON

McElroy, Marion, 1922-2017

**Alternative Names:** Marion McElroy; Marion M. Majors McElroy

**Life Dates:** March 16, 1922-January 22, 2017

**Place of Birth:** Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

**Residence:** Minneapolis, MN

**Occupations:** Diversity Specialist

## Biographical Note

Marion McElroy, born on March 16, 1922, was the third of four children born to Ruth Jordan-Majors and Andrew Majors in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she resides today. McElroy has given many years in service to her Twin Cities community.

She has been a member of the NAACP, the Urban League, the Minneapolis Socialites, U Meet Us and the American Association of Retired persons (AARP). She was one of six people chosen to oversee activities of the 635,000-member AARP Minnesota, where she has served as a Diversity Outreach Specialist and has been a member since 1984. She was a board member for 20 years at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, the oldest African American institution in the Twin Cities, where she has been involved for most of her lifetime. McElroy has also served as the Youth Employment Director for the National Alliance of Businessmen, on the Minnesota Board on Aging, as the Wallin Scholarship Coordinator for the Friends of North High School, as the secretary to the Minneapolis Socialites, and has been an active parishioner at the St. Peter's A.M.E. Church for 42 years. From 1969 to 1986, McElroy worked for Northwestern Bell, for whom she coordinated the continuing Corporate Minority Business Exchange event to promote minority owned and operated businesses.

McElroy passed away on January 22, 2017 at age 94.

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