

Celebrating The Life of



Pearl C. "Pete" McKoy

May 12, 1943 - December 12, 2010

Service

Thursday, December 16, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred E. Steele, Officiating

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life
for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You
always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll
soon realize this was meant to be, I thank God
because He came for me.*

-Emily Dickinson

Acknowledgements

The family of **Pearl McKoy** acknowledges with sincere gratitude all gestures of love. The prayers, telephone calls, visits and other forms of condolences which have been a great source of comfort and strength.

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Reflections of Life

Pearl C. “Pete” McKoy was the son of the late Roland and Sadie McKoy, born on May 12, 1943 in Bladen County, North Carolina. He peacefully departed this life at home on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Pearl was raised in the Whites Creek Community where he attended Bladen County Public Schools graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, Clarkton, NC. In 1961, he relocated to Paterson, New Jersey and later enlisted in the US Air force where he received Honorary Discharge in 1968.

At an early age, Pearl accepted Christ as his personal Savior and later joined the Seminary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ under the leadership of the late Rev. Thornton Smith, where he has been a member for over thirty years. There he faithfully served as past Superintendent of Sunday School, Usher Ministry, Trustee Ministry and Male Chorus.

Pearl was employed by the Sunshine Biscuit Cookie Company, Livingston, NJ for twenty-six years, then the U.S. Postal Service, Jersey City, NJ where he retired in September of 2009. Pearl had a great love for his family and people, he almost never met a stranger. Some of his favorite past-times included: telling jokes, riding or just sitting in his pickup truck, fishing, playing his authentic Lucille guitar, and relaxing in his garage. We will always remember how he warmed our spirits when he sang, “What Is This, That Got Me Feeling So Good Inside” in his unique baritone voice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Sadie McKoy, brothers, Lonnie and Jefferson, McKoy.

Left to cherish his memory: is his beloved wife of forty-two years, Veda Shaw McKoy of Paterson, NJ; a daughter, Karen McKoy of Paterson; two sons, Vernon G. (Lisa) McKoy of Westwood and Rev. Cedric J. (Tamisha) McKoy of East Orange, NJ; five highly adored grandchildren, Xavier Hilbert, Tyler, Jordan, and Sydney McKoy, and soon to come Caitlyn McKoy; two god-children, Angela Jennings and Brandon Baldwin; three sisters-in-law, Ruth McClean of Council, NC, Idella (Harry Lee) Steele of Clarkton, NJ and Alatha Mathis of Atlanta GA; four brothers-in-law, Leo (Marie) Graham of Clarkton, NC, James (Janice) Graham of Bladenboro, NC, Herman Graham of Clarkton, NJ and Larry Joe Graham of Atlanta GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and a loving church family.

Order of Worship

Organ Prelude Brother Donnie Mann
Brother Devrin Baldwin

Hymn of Celebration ... “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalms 24

New Testament I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Anthony Cureton

Selection Seminary Male Chorus

Words of Comfort & Reflections (3 minutes please)

Family & Friends - Guided

Church Family - Deacon John Baldwin

Family Tribute - Rev. Cedric McKoy

Selections Agatha Atkinson

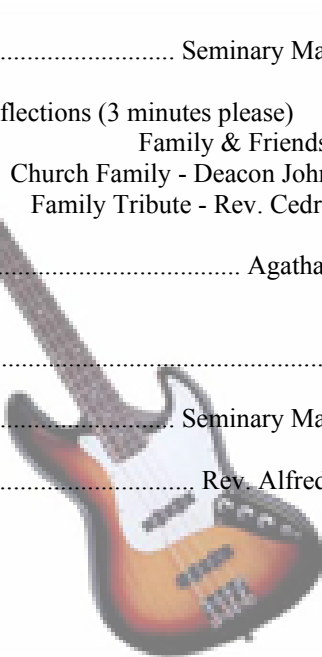
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Selection Seminary Male Chorus

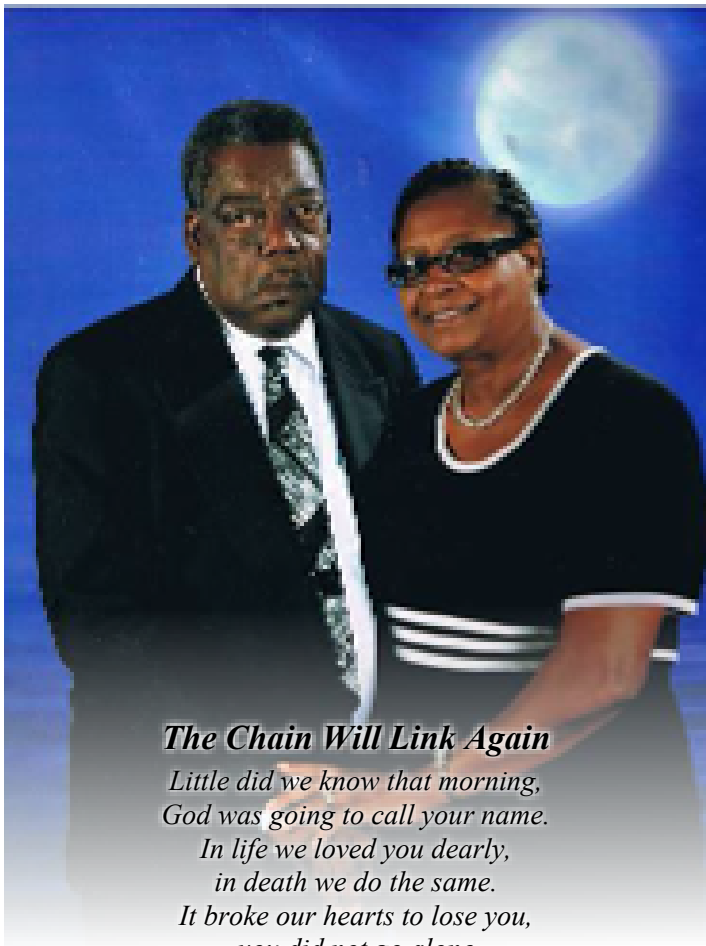
Message of Hope Rev. Alfred E. Steele

Recessional



Interment

*White’s Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Lisbon Community, Clarkton, North Carolina*



The Chain Will Link Again

*Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.*

*And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.*

*But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*

*Lovingly Submitted
Your Wife*

-Author unknown

Together Again

