

*Home Going Service  
For*

*Joe Frank McMillian*

**Sunrise**

**February 5, 1943**

**Sunset**

**December 27, 2010**

**Services**

**Monday, January 3, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.**

***First Baptist Church of Nutley***

*13-15 Harrison Street*

*Nutley, New Jersey*

***Rev. Stefanie R. Minatee, Officiating***

## Obituary

**Joe Frank McMillian** was born on February 5, 1943 to the late Mary English and Hezekiah McMillian in Atmore, Alabama.

Joe received his formal education at Knoxville College in Tennessee, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. After completing his education he enlisted in the Army and served in the Korean War.

Joe's first job after the army was with Boy Scouts of America. Following his love for children he then went to work for the Division of Youth and Family Services and worked there for many years until his retirement.

His love of family, and sports (tennis and baseball "Yankees") kept him busy until his illness. You could count on him being at the US Open every year and attending the Family Circle Cup in South Carolina annually. He was so proud when he got to meet and take a picture with Richard Williams, father of Venus and Serena.

The annual trips to Florida were special to him and his family. He loved his wife and five children so dearly and doted on his five grandchildren. The trips to Florida were so special to him that he went as recently as August 2010 even though his health was failing.

Joe taught tennis to young men and women in the community including his own daughter, Aminah. He was also responsible for forming the Stemler Block Association which sponsored a gala outdoor event annually for all the families.

Joe was a phenomenal husband, father, grandfather and friend. He leaves a legacy that will be very difficult to surpass.

Joe leaves to mourn his passing: a loving wife, Cynthia McMillian of Cliffwood, NJ; five children, Mikael McMillian Williams (Jason) of Parlin, NJ, Tai McMillian of Newark, NJ and Jaison, Justin and Aminah McMillian of Cliffwood, NJ; five adorable grandchildren, Deyonte, Aleyah, Ke and Iiya McMillian of Newark, NJ and Jason Williams of Parlin, NJ; two sisters, Anita Hill of Springfield, Massachusetts and Pamela McMillian of Miami, Florida; mother-in-law, Shirley Scott of Orange, NJ; brother-in-law, Micheal Scott of East Orange, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends. Special and dear to him were his nephews, Lonnie, Gafor and Hakib and nieces, Andrea, Mikelia and Zenia. He will be sorely missed.

Sorrowfully submitted, The Family  
We loved you but God loved you best.

*Order of Service*

Processional ..... Minister and Family

Music ..... John Clay

Invocation ..... Deacon Javan Hicks

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Deacon Bobby Holmes

New Testament - Deacon John Morris

Solo ..... Rev. Stefanie R. Minatee

Acknowledgements

& Obituary ..... Kim Johnson

Remarks


Solo ..... Rev. Stefanie R. Minatee

Eulogy ..... Rev. Stefanie R. Minatee

Recessional

**Interment**  
Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

*Following the interment friends are invited  
back to the Church to join the family for the repast.*



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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