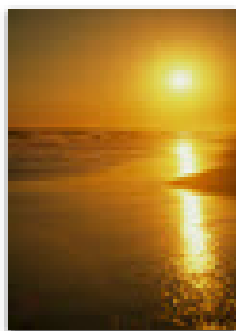

In Loving Memory
of
Otis Leland McClary, Sr.



Sunrise
October 28, 1935



Sunset
July 2, 2011

Service
Friday, July 8, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

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Reverend Thomas E. McClary, Officiating

Obituary

Otis Leland McClary was the eighth and youngest child born to Charles McClary, Jr. and Merie Wilson McClary, on October 28, 1935, in Kingstree, South Carolina. After graduating from Tomlinson High School, he entered Morris Brown College. At Morris Brown he honed the saxophone skills he'd begun in high school, and perhaps his love for jazz and dancing began there.

Early adult life was formed by his service in the U.S. Army where he served honorably until retirement, living with his family in Germany, Italy, Okinawa and several posts on U.S. soil. He met his former wife while stationed in Maryland, and became a father to Dana Edwards, deceased (Deborah). Otis and Rose were married for twenty years, and eventually settled in Frederick, Maryland. Three wonderful children were born of this union: Otis, Jr. (Michelle), Geri (John) and Toma. He was also a special Dad to Terrell Holliday (Jennifer).

Otis was employed at Comsat for several years until a severe stroke ended his ability to continue his work as a security officer. His recovery was a testimony in itself. He convalesced with his family in St. Albans, NY where he learned to walk and talk again, and to live with independence and dignity. He lived in New York for approximately twenty-five years, but his fierce loyalty to the Washington Redskins never dimmed. He quickly embraced the New York Mets and believed with the best of New Yorkers. His love and enjoyment of all things televised, but particularly sports, and black and white westerns were legendary.

He is survived by: his former wife, Rose "Tiny" McClary-Jones; his children all of Frederick, Maryland, Otis Jr. (Michelle), Geri (John) Gates and Toma; a special son, Terrell (Jennifer) Holliday; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Edwards of NC; his siblings, Hildonia "Donnie" Thomas and Edna McClary of the home, David "Chap" McClary of Atlantic City, NJ, Williametta "Met" Kelly of Harlem, NY and Thomas "T" (Bea) McClary of Ridgeland, SC; nine grandchildren, Dana, Damar, Brandon, Demetria, Bradley, Brianna, Brittany, Tarique and Madison; special grandson, Tyson Holliday; two great grandchildren, Desaraye and Jerone; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by siblings, Hazel Boyd and Johnnie Mae McClary; brothers-in-law, Harry Thomas, Julius Boyd and Glen Gibbs and sister-in-law, Barbara McClary.

After a short and sudden illness, Otis departed this life, but not from our hearts. We will miss him.

Order of Service

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Processional (organist can play any selection)

Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-6

New Testament: John 14: 1-6

Prayer Reverend Thomas E. McClary

Musical Selection “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Musical Selection “It Is Well With My Soul”

Eulogy Reverend Thomas E. McClary

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

"We Thought Of You Today"

We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God had you in His keeping.
We have you in our heart.

-Arthur unknown

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

*The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of your many prayers, cards, visits and other expressions of love, kindness and concern during **Otis Sr.**'s brief illness.*

Aunt Donnie, who helped take care of dad in our absence; we thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God continue to bless you. We love you! Otis Jr., Geri and Toma

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