

Celebration of Life for

Wilbur Lewis McKenzie

Sunrise
October 25, 1941

Sunset
February 25, 2016



Thursday, March 3, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

NEW CREECH TEMPLE UNITED HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA
221 Hamilton Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey
Elder Moses McKenzie, Officiating

Reflections of Life

John 19:21-30 - Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Wilbur Lewis McKenzie, son of William and Maggie L. (Shields) McKenzie, Sr. was born on October 25, 1941 in Florence, South Carolina.

“Burt” as he was called, was educated in the Florence School system. Burt relocated to Paterson, New Jersey in the early 1960’s. He was employed by Globe’s in Clifton for many years in inventory before the company relocated. He later found employment at Sara Lee in Teterboro, NJ as an Inventory Clerk.

Wilbur had a passion for cooking. He loved for the family to come and enjoy what he cooked. He also had a green thumb and was known for planting flowers and plants. Wilbur loved sports, baseball was his favorite. The Yankees was his favorite team.

He was a member of the New Creech Temple United Holy Church of America, Paterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Maggie L. McKenzie, Sr., two sisters, Sue Rebecca McKenzie and Katie McKenzie and three brothers, Raoul, William McKenzie, Jr. and Henry Carter.

Wilbur departed this life on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Paterson, New Jersey.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: four sisters, Constance Newsome, Cavin McKenzie, Shirley D. McKenzie and Mary McKenzie; four brothers, Steve McKenzie, John McKenzie, Randy McKenzie and Jerome McKenzie; five sisters-in-law, Pam McKenzie, Lashawn McKenzie, Charlene McKenzie, Shirley McKenzie and Anna Bell McKenzie; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort
Pastor Moses McKenzie

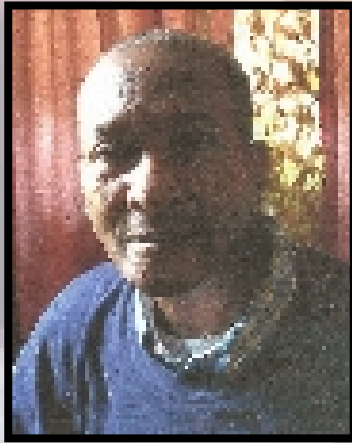
Recessional

Interment

Saturday, March 5, 2016
McKenzie and Brown Cemetery
Lake City, South Carolina

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Wilbur McKenzie** 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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