Celebrating The Life of
Roy N. McCissic

Sunrise
March 10, 1941

Service
Friday, May 12, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Sunset
May 5, 2017

Ebenezer AME Church
253 Central Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065
Rev. Dr. Erika Crawford, Officiating
Musical Prelude ................................................................. Organist

Processional ...................................................................................... Clergy

Opening Hymn ........................................................................ “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort ...................................................................... Rev. Jeffrey Howard

Scripture Reading
  Old Testament: Psalm 23 .............................................................. Rev. Paul Davis

Solo ................................ ................................................................. Teddy Pendleton

Reading of Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Obituary ................. Church Clerk

Words of Comfort ................................................................. Rev. Rudolph Gibbs

Reflections/Remarks from the Family

Choir Selection .............................................................................. Men’s Choir

Eulogy ................................................................. Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Recessional

**Interment**
Franklin Memorial Park
1800 State Route 27
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Following the Interment the family will receive friends in the fellowship hall for a repast.
ROY N. McKISSIC was born in Rahway, New Jersey on March 10, 1941 to the late Napoleon R. McKissic, maternal mother, the late Jane Elizabeth Kinch McKissic and the late Eva Wilson McKissic.

ROY was reared in the Christian home environments of his grandparents the late Maude Kinch and Deacon Aaron and Deaconess Johnnie Mae McKissic. Roy accepted Christ at the age of 5 years old and worshipped God for 71 years at Ebenezer AME Church. He grew into adulthood and gained wisdom and discernment under the pastorate of Reverend Rudolph Gibbs and continued with the present pastor Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford. ROY participated in the Men’s Ministry.

ROY was educated in the Rahway school system and grew up in his neighborhood of Union and Newton Streets surrounded by families like the Smith, Storey, Brown, Jenkins, Flagler and Crawleys. He counted among his friends Gus and Carolyn Venetta, Douglas Natson (Elaine), Blub, Scooter, Herman and Raymond Blanks and many more. He could also be found at Aunt Vivian and Uncle Roland Randolph’s house daily. ROY was proud of his community and was well known throughout Rahway.

As a young man ROY became interested in boxing and embraced the sport and trained to eventually become a Golden Glove Champion.

In 1976 ROY followed in his father’s footsteps and chose a career in the building trades. ROY apprenticed in Local 18 of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Union and subsequently became a MASTER BRICK MASON. ROY’s talent and skill in this field led him to form ROY McKissic and Sons, Inc. and their work can be found in many cities in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and especially Rahway where he lived.

ROY also gave employment to anyone who was willing to work and learn from him. ROY directed, Os’ee supervised and protégé Rock, worked diligently together on projects until ROY was hospitalized.

ROY cared about people and did his best to look after, check up on, and give of himself to everyone he thought needed him. ROY counted Mr. James Jones as his friend and senior advisor, they spent time together most days just enjoying each other’s company and keeping up with what was going on in Rahway. ROY was a gardener and the produce from his gardens was given away to family and anyone who wanted fresh vegetables. If someone needed mason work and could not pay ROY would do it and tell them to “pay when you can”. ROY encouraged his young nieces and nephews to stay in school and those who made it to college could count on Uncle ROY’s monetary gifts to help them out.

ROY’s love of family extended all the way to his Detroit, Michigan family headed by Aunt Dot and Uncle Bill Billings. The memories of summers spent there during childhood continued throughout ROY’s life and he loved going to visit them.

ROY’s unexpected transition came on Friday, May 5, 2017. ROY left cherished memories of his two sons, Roy Saquwon N. McKissic, of Rahway, NJ; and Deacon Peter Williams, Sr. (Stephanie) of Highland Park, NJ. Six siblings, Audrey McKissic Davis, Elizabeth, NJ; Otha (Os’ee) Holmes (Dellita) of Maplewood, NJ; Diane Smith of Rahway, NJ; Alma Ward (Daniel) of Linden, NJ; Michael Hall (Lenice) of Flint, MI; Frank Cheeks (Dawn) of Pennsylvania, five grandchildren, Peter Williams, Jr., Jameel Williams, Raven Williams, Brittany Hush and Iman Young, six great grandchildren, four aunts, Vivian Randolph, Rahway, NJ; Marie McKissic Koonce, Westlake Ohio; Pauline Kinch, Robbinsville, NJ; and Doris Pendleton, Rahway, NJ; ten special male cousins, Ronald, Richard, Kevin and Keith Billings, Lloyd Scott, Norman, Roland and Steven Randolph and Charles and Teddy Pendleton. Seven special friends, Gerri Allen, Eddie B. Smith, David Brown, Marcel Miles, Dawud Jenkins, Gus Venetta, Wayne (Rock) Harris, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family.
ROY’s Family

Children
Deacon Peter Williams, Sr. (Stephanie)
Roy Saquwon McKissic

Grandchildren
Peter Williams, Jr.
Jameel Williams
Raven Williams
Iman Young
Brittany Hush

Great Grandchildren
Harlem V. Williams
Deron Powell
DeAngeles Young
Amari Hush-Williams
Avani Hush-Williams (girl)
Jameel Williams Jr.

Nieces and Nephews
Valerie Porter
Jacqueline Davis Hunter
Kia Lewis
Julie Brooks
Shenise Rankins
Quadir Holmes
William (Butchie) Smith, Jr.
Darrell Smith, Sr.
Douglas Smith
Erica Cheeks
Tiffany Hart
Michelle Brown
Annette Sadler
Cassandra Greene
Robynn Hall
Kelly Davis-George (Jerrell)
Roxanne Parrish

First Cousins
Joyce Gartrell
Gwendolyn Smith
Arlene Kinch
Karen Spears (Levi)
Lynn McKissic
Lila McKissic
Phyllis Crawley
Sarah Crawley
Sherry Crawley

Sisters and Brothers
Audrey McKissic Davis
Otha Holmes (Dellita)
Diane Smith
Alma Ward (Daniel)
Michael Hall (Lenice)
Frank Cheeks (Dawn)

Aunts
Vivian Randolph
Marie McKissic Koonce
Pauline Kinch
Doris Pendleton

Great Nieces and Nephews
Michael Pittman, Jr.
Qiana Porter
Zamir Knox
Brielle Lewis
Arielle Lewis
Jaqai Brooks
Jordyn Brooks
Careese Smith
Darrell Smith, Jr.
Taylor Smith
Joshua Gary

First Cousins
Phyllis Johnson
Janice Scott-Bonilla
Rosalind Scott
Arhonda Crews
Lloyd Scott
Lawrence Billings
Richard Billings (Clarice)
Kevin Billings (Brenda)
William Keith Billings, Jr.
Charles Pendleton
Teddy Pendleton (Linda)
Jackie Pendleton
Maurice Pendleton
Norman Randolph
Steven Randolph
Roland Randolph

Great Great Nieces and Nephews
Isaiah Pittman
Izir Pittman
Remember Me

Peter Remember me, not with shame nor fear, only remember the good times when I was there.

Roy Remember me when you sit and want to cry, If you look in your heart, you’ll know I never said good-bye.

Remember me as I would remember you, I want you to know, I’ll always love you.

Remember the good times and laughs we shared, the special moments when they appeared.

Remember me my family, and my friends, I have no doubt that we will meet again.

Remember me when you’re filled with sorrow, believe the Lord is my shepherd, and him I must follow.

Remember this is not good-bye, but I am at home with the Almighty Creator.

written by Julie Brooks

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement
The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.