

*Celebrating the Life
Of
Joseph McConnell, Jr.*

Sunrise:
May 26, 1944



Sunset:
December 7, 2017

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”~ Revelations 21:4

Service

Saturday, December 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 am

G. G. Woody Funeral Home

206 E. Eighth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Pastor Greg Shockley, Eulogist

Life Reflections

Joseph McConnell, Jr. was born on May 26, 1944 in Norfolk, Virginia, son of the late Joseph, Sr. and Carolyn McConnell. He departed this life on December 7, 2017 at the age of seventy-three.

Joseph graduated from high school in 1965. He enlisted in the United States Army and eventually served as a Communications Specialist, and protected and defended his country in the Vietnam War. Following his military service, **Joseph** worked at the New York City Police Department as a Mounted Police Officer. During that time, he became a member of the New York City Police Benevolent Association (PBA). He was employed at the Union County Division of Social Services in the Welfare Fraud Department in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Lastly, he worked as a Private Investigator and owned and operated his business in Colonia.

Joseph married Jacqueline Smith McConnell in 1975 at Salem Baptist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. This union was blessed with one child, Julian McConnell. Both wife and son preceded him in death.

Joseph was a faithful member of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey until his failing health prevented him from attending.

He leaves to celebrate his life, one brother-in-law, Charles Smith; two sisters-in-law, Rose Smith and Diane Berry; three nieces: Veronica and Dominique Smith and Tyler Berry all of Jersey City, New Jersey; devoted cousin, Renee Goss Johnson of Roselle, New Jersey; a host of dear family members and friends.

Joseph will be remembered by the way he touched the lives of all who knew him.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Pastor Greg Shockley, Officiating
Bro. Raymond Clayton, Organist

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

CARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBITUARY READING..... (Please read silently)

SELECTION

EULOGY.....PASTOR GREG SHOCKLEY

RECESSIONAL

Resting Place

Hillside Cemetery
1401 Woodland Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

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Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;*

*Of happy memories that I leave
when my life is done.*

Acknowledgement

The family of Joseph McConnell, Jr. would like to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement. Special thanks go to the Caregivers: Pastor Greg and Sheila Shockley; friends: Larry and Belita Brown; and Personal helpers: Marcus Myers and Raymond Clayton.

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