

In Loving Memory of



Louis McClendon

Sunrise: January 10, 1956

Sunset: November 12, 2018

Service

Saturday, November 24, 2018 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

*"There's no need to fear where you're going when Jesus is going with you.
When the Journey seems long and dreary, Dear Lord, help me to remember
that you are traveling with me"*

Exodus 3:7-12

On Monday, November 12th, 2018, Louis "Danny" McClendon, passed in peace at the age of 62. A native of Harlem, New York, Louis was born to Avon Lewis McClendon and Louis McClendon on January 10th, 1956 in Harlem Hospital. Being the only child Louis had an unbreakable bond with his mother. He loved spending time with her, dancing together to the hits of the 50's and 60's. He adored that time, and it was the highlight of his day.

Louis will always be remembered amongst family and friends as a loving, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Friend and all around gracious God fearing man. Louis always had a deep love for music. He learned that he had two uncles that sang backup for the Drifters, David Baughan, Sr., and Richard Lewis, Jr. Louis's Aunt Ella Lewis, Jr. was also a singer with the voice of an angel and that made his love for music broaden.

In 1972, "Danny" met the woman whom he always held close to his heart, Claudia Best in Brooklyn, New York where they went on to raise three children together, Lanora Best (Joe Monk), Morticia Witters (husband, Curtis Witters) and Troy McClendon. His three children, seven grandchildren, Shadiyah, Anthony, Jaishaun, Antoinette, Sharissa, Keyshawn, and Makazia; and one great grandchild, Eli, will always remember Louis. His extensive family of aunts, uncles, and cousins who all loved him dearly will also remember Louis.

In Louis' professional career he was a longtime business professional in the insurance industry and always dreamed of getting further involved with the music entertainment field. In 1984, David, Jr. and "Danny" was signed to RCA records as The Kool Krew. They were one of the first Hip Hop groups to be signed to RCA records in 1985; releasing some of Hip Hops most influential commercial releases "Strong Survive" and "Tenement". In September of 2014, "Danny" evolved into the radio personality "Poppa L's" as he began his journey in radio broadcasting, with his son, Troy McClendon, son-in-law, Dom and Leovonne of the Office Boys NY. Louis made his radio debut thanks to Tammie Bella, and Kenny Black of Poetic Designs Radio where he got his first airtime slot for Poppa L's Old School Flava Sunday's having three successful seasons. The Poppa L's Old School Flava Sunday Radio show grew to be a syndicated radio network on Hot1079, Beat 94.7 FM based out of Charlotte, NC and WJOB 93.3 FM in Binghamton, NY collectively building a listening audience from 823,000 on its shows debut in April of 2014 to a listenership of 3.2 million both in the states and internationally.

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Congregational Hymn
"I Smile" by Kirk Franklin

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The Broken Chain

We didn't know that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our Family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

7 Smile (Kirk Franklin)

(I dedicate this song to recession, depression and unemployment. This song's for you.)

*Today is a new day but there is no sunshine, Nothing but clouds and it's dark in my heart
And it feels like a cold night, Today is a new day, but where are my blue skies?
Where is the love and the joy that you promised me, You tell me it's alright!
(I'll be honest with you!) I almost gave up but a power that I can't explain
Fell from heaven, like a shower now
(When I think how much better I'm gonna be when this is over)*

*I smile, even though I'm hurt see I smile, I know God is working so I smile
Even though I've been here for a while (What you do?). I smile, (come on in!) smile!
It's so hard to look up when you look down, Sure would hate to see you give up now
(God's people) You look so much better when you smile so smile!
(Now every day ain't gonna be perfect, But it still doesn't mean today won't have purpose
Come on!)*

*Today is a new day but there is no sunshine, Nothing but clouds and it's dark in my heart
And it feels like a cold night (It ain't easy but). Today is a new day but tell me
Where are my blue skies? (Where is that love?)
Where is the love and the joy that you promised me, You tell me it's alright!
(The truth is) I almost gave up but a power that I can't explain
(The holy ghost power ya'll!) Fell from heaven like a shower now
(Now I know we've been hurt you all but still.)*

*I smile (come on!), even though I'm hurt see I smile, I know God is working so I smile
Even though I've been here for a while (Still!) I smile (hallelujah!) Smile!
It's so hard to look up when you've been down, Sure would hate to see it when you give up now
(Because people) You look so much better when you smile! (Let's go)*

*Smile for me! Can you just smile for me? (Whatever you're in right now)
Smile for me! (smile) Can you just smile for me? (Ah! And the people say)*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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