Celebrating The Life of Keith McDherson, Sr.

October 13, 1945 - January 8, 2021

Service Information

Sunday, January 24, 2021 Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Service: 10:00 AM

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC 725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467 *Rev. Kevin Brown, Officiating* (New Life SDA Church)

Min. Kevin Wade, Organist

<u>Interment</u>

Kensico Cemetery Valhalla, NY

Pallbearers

Keith McPherson Jr. David McPherson Anthony Whitehead Wayne McPherson Jason McPherson Kevin Williams

Order of Service

Processional	
Invocation and Welcome	Rev. Kevin Brown
	New Life SDA Church
Opening Hymn	"Great Is thy Faithfulness"
Scripture Readings	
1 Corinthians 15:20-58	Rosa Queen Allen (Family Friend)
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	Beverley McPherson (Daughter)
Poem – Broken Chain	Allayah Whitehead (Granddaughter)
Tributes	Valrie McPherson (Wife)
	Chereen Daley (Niece)
Tribute in Song	
Eulogy	Jason McPherson (Son)
Additional Tributes Selections.	
Stand up Stand up	for Jesus (Redemption Hymn 52)
Open Tributes	2 minutes please
Sermonic Selection	
Sermon	
	New Life SDA Church
Thank You	
Benediction	-
Final Viewing	Eternity Funeral Services Director
Recessional	
Song at Graveside.	"When The Roll Is Call Up Yonder"
	"No Grave Can Hold My Body Down"

Obituary

Keith McPherson Sr. also fondly known as Macky to his friends and family was born on October 13, 1945 and lived in Santa Hill Spalding Clarendon. His parents were Ela Ashley and Ivan McPherson. My father attended Spalding Secondary High School and upon graduation he went to work for Samfo Lyn as a private Chauffeur. My father married his wife of 50 years my loving mom Valerie McPherson on July 18, 1971 and a started a family.

He was a father of five children; Wayne McPherson, who was his first born and followed by Keith McPherson Jr., Beverley McPherson, David McPherson, and Jason McPherson. My father loved playing cricket and he also loved music to the point that he bought his own sound system at an early age to play out at parties. Music runs in our blood. He loved the oldies but goodies. Some of his favorite artist was John Holt, Bob Marley, Dennis Brown and Whitney Houston just to name a few. I can remember the stores my sister told me that at a very young age when my father would play at tea parties at the secondary school, the helper use to take them in the backyard and set up chairs so she could listen to the music and dance.

> But once the sound stopped playing the music, she would hurry them back into the house and tuck them in bed before my father got home because she would "get it". My father was a man of few words. He was disciplined in his approach to all matters in life, which he instilled in all of us. He was very proud of our accomplishments and would always give us support and encouragement. My father started working at a young age. He loved his job and his boss Mr. Keith Lyn and Patrick Lyn who took him under his wings. He also was very skilled and as a hobby he would make grill stoves and sold them. In addition to making the grill stoves, he would also fix them and had a vast number of customers lined up for his services.

• My sister often told me of the stories of the fun she had going to fix stoves with him and how she was always excited because she knew he would be stopping to buy her goodies such as soda, chicken, chips, and ice cream. So everyone always wanted to go with him on his odd jobs. My father was also a very funny man and a prankster. For all his friends he had a nickname. "I can't tell you now because he would kill me" and some of you are here now know your nickname.

He was not a fussy man, he had a calm demeanor and he was easy going. He would give his all to his family and rather do without for himself in order to put his family as priority. He was a husband and a true partner to his wife. He was a grandfather to two grand kids; Allayah Whitehead and Tiava An Monqiue McPherson.

He was a friend, a spouse, father, a grandfather, and at times the designated "babysitter".

But he will be remembered first and foremost as a man of discipline, integrity, humbleness, and a man who strived to be the best he could be for himself and for his family. He believed that a man's wealth resided within his family and the values that you instill that will be passed down from one generation to the next.

REST IN PARADISE – OUR FATHER, OUR FRIEND AND OUR EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided— "Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me! [Refrain]

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]



Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, 'til ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day. ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own: put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r; where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song: to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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Acknowledgement

The family of **Keith McPherson** would like to thank you for sharing in the celebration of Keith McPherson Sr.'s Life. We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy. Thank you for your support and kindness. We are grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow. A special thanks to the Reverend Kevin Brown, Eternity and participants in today's service.

We grave your continued prayers and May God Bless and Keep You.



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