

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The McNeill family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation the expressions of love and support shown to our family during this time. Words cannot express how you have helped us through this time of grief. Thank you,!*

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## *In Loving Memory of*



# *Cornia McNeill, Sr.*

Sunrise  
January 27, 1926

Sunset  
January 16, 2021

Service  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 - 9:30 AM

**Nesbitt Funeral Home**

165 Madison Avenue • Elizabeth, NJ 07201

*Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, Pastor*



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# Order of Service

**Elder Angela Simpson – Officiating**

## **Opening Selection**

Sis. Faith Towler

## **Scripture Reading**

Old Testament – Rev Gilbert Young  
New Testament - Rev Gilbert Young

## **Prayer of Comfort**

Bishop Anthony McNeill

## **Remarks & Reflection**

Please limit remarks to 2 minutes

## **Acknowledgment & Obituary**

Elder Angela Simpson

## **Eulogy**

Jeffrey Bryant, Pastor  
*Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ*

## **Committal**

## **Interment**

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey





Duty, decency, reliability, honor, dignity, respect: these are all qualities that Elder McNeill not only held in high esteem, but practiced every day during his time on this earth. He was a serious and disciplined man, but he could never resist the opportunity to have a laugh with friends and loved ones, given half the chance.

He was a caretaker, a fierce protector, a man of God and a wonderful friend. Elder McNeill brought the world around him to life. Respect, compassion, love and laughter, were incredibly important to him. With a joke never far from his mind and a helping hand always outstretched, he lit up every room. I'm filled with pride when I think about how much he meant to our family and the people who sit before us.

Cornia McNeill Sr. was born on January 27th 1926, in Linden NC to the late Ervin and Luvenia McNeill and was number 5 out of 13 children. Tales from his childhood are full with stories about how they grew up on the farm and lived by the sounds of the railroad. They always knew they were late with dinner if they heard that train coming by and they weren't home with the food they were picking.

Attending school during hard times of the depression and WWII he was compelled to help his family. In 1944 he joined the army in order to do just that. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned back to NC where he married his first wife Virginia Williams.

Out of that union 4 children were born; Ellen, Cornia Jr., Esther, and Judy. Virginia predeceased him on April 1, 2004, but they were lucky to have shared their love until her very last breath.

Some say you can't find love twice, but Elder McNeill was blessed. He married Lisa Smith whom he affectionately referred to as Cookie on Dec 19, 2009. Together they raised their son Angelo McNeill.

Elder McNeill accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior soon after his arrival in NJ. He joined MT Calvary United Church of God, Inc, in 1949, where he progressed from Brother to Deacon to Minister to Elder. He joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in 2018. Elder McNeill loved to read his Bible and share his love of God with all.

His dash represents - Faith/Family/Friends

Strong work ethics – 38 years at General Motors

Love of sports (Go Mets)

Always sitting at the Head of the table because of His Wisdom, Compassion and Spiritual Insight.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Ervin and LuVenia McNeill; first wife, Virginia D. McNeill; children, Cornia McNeill Jr., Esther McNeill and Earl Wilder; siblings, Maggie Bell Smith (Saul), Ervin McNeill(Corine), Samuel McNeill (Carrie), Sara Wall (Ananais), Lillie Mae McNeill and Walter McNeill.

He leaves to Cherish his life in memory his wife, Lisa McNeill; daughters, Ellen Wilder and Judy McNeill; son, Angelo McNeill; sisters, Cassie Brown, Bessie Hayes and Dr. Luthel McNeill; brothers, Willie McNeill, Bishop Jesse McNeill, Pastor Otis McNeill and Leroy McNeill; son-in-law, LaVan Timmons; 9 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; a number of great great grandchildren; God children and a host of friends and family.

We say goodbye to a man who loved the whole of life and everyone in it. It's a love we can only hope to match as we move through our lives without you. Here's to you Elder McNeill.