

*Celebration Of Life
For
Jonathan McKenzie*

Sunrise: May 25, 1957 - Sunset: October 12, 2022



Service
Friday November 4th, 2022

Greater Faith Baptist Church

845 E. 167th Street • Bronx, NY 10459

Reverend Helen Wingate, Officiating

Professor Tyrone Patrick, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Acknowledgements

Selection Sunshine

Reflections..... 1 minute please

Obituary

Selection "I'm Going Up" - Mahogany Walker

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition
Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

Obituary

Our beloved **Jonathan McKenzie a/k/a "Butch"** at age 65 was called home on October 12, 2022 with family by his side. Butch was born on May 25, 1957 in the Bronx, New York at Lincoln Hospital to the late Jimmy and Daisy McKenzie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Daisy McKenzie; wife, Melinda McKenzie; sister, Sheila McKenzie; and great-nephew, Cheyenne Carter, Jr.

Growing up, everyone called Jonathan "Butch" if you knew him like that. Along his journey in life, Butch came across his better-half whom later became his wife of thirty-one years Melinda McKenzie.

He worked at Hunter College as a Janitor and later became a Supervisor. He was known to his colleagues for his tireless energy and good spirit. He retired earlier this year after a successful career at Hunter.

Butch was a very talented musician as well. He played multiple instruments which were self-taught such as the piano, keyboard, and six-string guitar, but his main instrument was the bass guitar. You would always catch him practicing his music or at band rehearsals. He played with many groups such as the "Groove Makers" and the legendary group "The Intruders".

He always seemed to find a way to make those around him howl with laughter throughout his life. Butch also had a passion for fishing and cooking. He would imitate Joe Jackson with his girls and had a love for music with his son Rashad, a love for basketball with his son Jermaine and a love for cars with his son Curtis and was the "UNCLE BUTCH" to all his nieces and nephews!

He leaves behind to cherish his memories four daughters, Laveice, Taylor, Fredia, and Kimberly; three sons, Jermaine, Rashad and Curtis; two nieces, Kelly and Tashanda; nephews, Adrian and Bryant; fifteen grandchildren, Mahogany, Heaven, Arian, Elishiah, Nazir, Sincere, Davion, Emanuel, Nyshay, Michael, N'She, N'Kai, Jada, Kaisean, Kayshay, and Baby CJ; two great-grands, Noah and Amiri; cousins; as well as great nieces and nephews; two brother-in-law's, Lawrence Mayfield and Thomas Mayfield; along with childhood friends, Kenny, William, and Al Darby and a host of other relatives and friends.

We know that you are not here now, but knowing you are home with our Father God, your mom, wife and sister allows us to stay strong.

Our beloved father, uncle, brother, grandfather, and friend will be remembered for all the laughs, love and joy he brought to us.

Love You Always,
Daddy, Pops, Poppa, Mack and Butch

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 Him 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 now found that peace at the close of 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, and I savored 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 and He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Jonathan McKenzie wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the support, prayers, expressions of sympathy and acts of love and kindness during their time of bereavement.

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