

*In Loving Memory of*



*Rodney McBride*

**Sunrise: January 2, 1961 - Sunset: November 4, 2022**

**Friday, November 11, 2022 - 11:00 am**  
**(viewing Thursday 4 - 8 pm & Friday 10 - 11am)**

**Zion Hill Baptist Church**  
**152 Osborne Terrace, Newark, NJ**  
**Officiating, Emrod Martin**

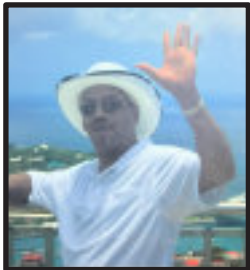
# A Celebration of Life

**Rodney McBride** was born to Lenard and Carolanne McBride on January 2, 1961 in Newark, NJ. Rodney was predeceased by both parents. He departed this life peacefully after a short illness on Friday November 4, 2022 surrounded by his son - Malachi, his sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.



Rodney was educated in Newark, NJ. and attended Alexander St School, Malcolm X Shabazz High School and Vailsburg High School. After completing his education he secured several licenses and went on to a career for Newark Housing as a supervisor. He was known for his support to others, his great sense of fashion and determination. Rodney was a 30+ year member of a twelve step program where he spent a lot of time helping others maintain sobriety by coaching and supporting them on their very difficult journey. He was well loved for his undying effort to help others in this area.

Rodney loved to travel! Every year he would join his family and friends for wonderful vacations and family time. He enjoyed life so much he bought himself a boat and would cruise the nearby waterways often inviting others to join him. He'd often have movie nights or jazz music BBQs where he would enjoy his swimming pool with friends and family. Rodney was a single parent and invested his energy in ensuring his son had the best life and shared many moments teaching, directing and introducing him to a good life. This life included his love of music and jazz. Rodney was a member of his high school band and the center of attraction for not only his ability to play trumpet but his interest and skill with other instruments as well - he passed on his love of trumpet to his son Malachi. Rodney also played football for Vailsburg High School when he wasn't participating in the school band front.



He will be lovingly remembered by his children; Rodney Malachi, Shalonda Griffin, sisters Ameerah (Dawud), Lenice, Wendy, Simone, Lakeisha (Duane), uncle; Thomas Harris (Lorraine), aunts Geraldine Wilson, Evelyn Roper and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Special thank you to friends Elvira Miller, Baseemah Abdus-Salaam and Rob Smith (your volunteering to care and comfort Rodney for the family in their absence will never be forgotten).

***We Will Always Love You, Our hearts are truly heavy.***

# Order of Service

**Greeting: 10:00 am - 11:00 am**  
Family and Friends

**Scripture Words of Comfort**  
Evelyn Roper

**Musical Selection**  
James Young

**Words of Inspiration**  
Stephanie Conley-Webb

**Reflections (2 minutes)**  
Family and Friends

**Acknowledgements/Obituary**  
Lenice Ceaser

**Musical Selection**  
Charles Caines and Ameerah Shabazz

**Reflection of Life**  
Video Montage

**Musical Selection**  
Jahee Hunter

**Eulogy**  
Rev. Steve Webb

**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Musical Selection**

## **Interment**

*Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 9:30am*  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey



When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it's time for me to travel on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you, like a trumpet blown, sharp and clear.



## Acknowledgements

*The family of **Rodney McBride** wishes to thank you for the many expressions of kindness. A private family gathering will follow the ceremony - there will not be a repast.*

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