

In Loving Memory of
William Fred McLurkin III

March 13, 1960 – February 19, 2023



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

William Fred McLurkin III, son of William Fred McLurkin II and the late Jean Maxine McClurkin, was born on March 13, 1960 in Buffalo, New York. Fred returned to his King on February 19, 2023.

Fred grew up in Newark, NJ. He attended and graduated from Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and Essex Catholic High School. He excelled in high school sports, both basketball and football. Football being his favorite, the NY Giants was his team. He attended Wagner College and Bloomfield College. After college, he worked as an Officer for the Hillside Police Department. Later, he worked as an IT Technician in New York, and then in recent years began to work as a Homeland Security Officer in Newark.

In Fall of 1979, Fred became a member of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc. at Bloomfield College (Deacon Chapter) and became known as Fl. Woodswinger. After graduation, he became a member of the New Jersey Graduate Chapter of Groove Phi Groove. During his years with NJ Grad, Fred held the following positions: Dean of Pledges, Chapter Delegate, Treasurer, Vice President and Chapter President.

Fred began his Masonic Journey with Trinity Lodge #33 in the 8th Masonic district. He was raised as a Master Mason on June 25, 2016. On September 23, 2017, Fred was exalted and became a companion through Rising Sun chapter #7 as a Holy Royal Arch Mason Prince Hall Affiliate in the State of New Jersey.

On July 21, 2018, Fred was created through Golconda Temple #24 of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America, where he served as the class secretary.

In September of 2021, Fred was elevated to the station of Worshipful Master of Trinity Lodge #33 (MWPHAGLNJ), where he served his Lodge with dignity and pride. He possessed an undying loyalty to his obligation and commitment as a Master Mason. William Fred McLurkin served all Masonic houses with true Masonic Pride.

He leaves to cherish his fondest memories: his devoted children, William Fred McLurkin IV and Mikaela Deneé McLurkin, Kedar Ismail, father: William Fred McLurkin Jr, cherished friend Vivian Zaragoza, family: Renda McLurkin and Peggy Griffin, along with a host of extended family and dear friends.

Order of Service

Welcome and Blessing of Body

Placing of the Pall.....William Fred McLurkin IV& Mikaela McLurkin

Processional Hymn.....“I will Bless the Lord”

Opening Pray of Consolation

Scripture Reading 1; Isaiah 25:6a,7-9.....Mary Brown

Responsorial Psalm By The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Scripture Reading II; Romans 6:3-9.....Patricia Ross

Gospel Acclamation; Philippians 3:20...Praise Him.... “Our true home is heaven, and Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, will come from heaven to save us.

Gospel..... John 14:1-6

Words of Resurrection and Consolation

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper

Presentation Hymn.....Taste and See Gift

Bearers.....William IV and Mikaela McLurkin

Holy, Holy

Lord’s Prayer

Virtual Sign of Peace

Communion Hymn.....Give Me a Clean Heart

Meditation Hymn.....Something About the Name of Jesus

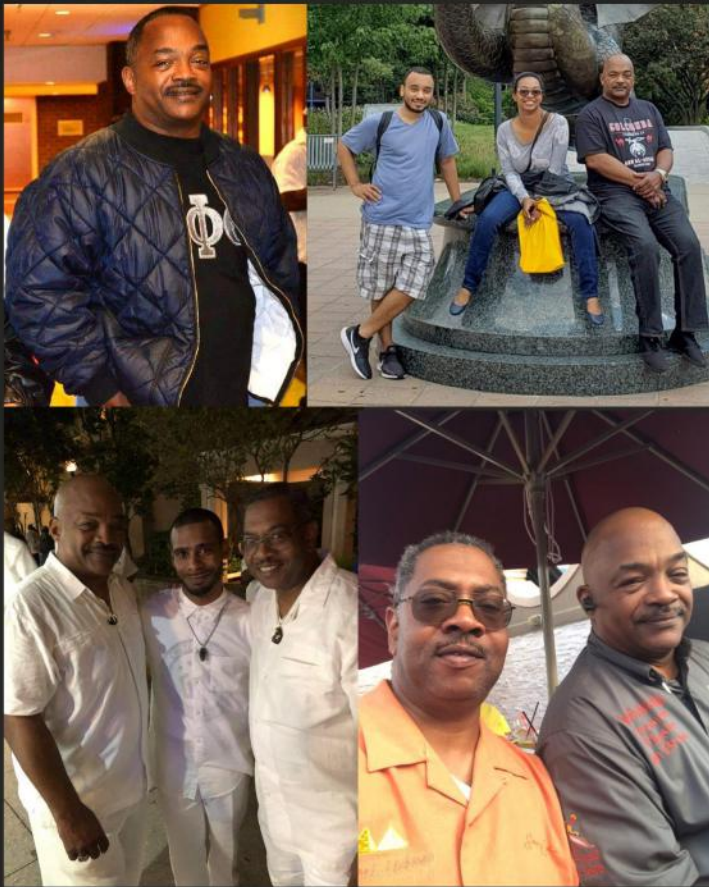
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Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn.....Every Praise

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey



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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