



*In Loving Memory
of*

Jerry Dean McGraw

Sunrise
May 4, 1944

Sunset
May 13, 2012

Service
Friday, May 18, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
448 West 152nd Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Mr. Jerry Dean McGraw was born to the late Robert Lee McGraw Sr. and Minnie Lee Thompson on May 4, 1944 in Blair, South Carolina. He received his High School Diploma at McCrorey Liston High School in Blair, South Carolina in 1964. He worked hard as a Maintenance Man for Local 32BJ for over forty-two years in New York, NY. In his early thirties he became a member of St. John's Baptist Church in New York, NY.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Robert Lee McGraw and Minnie Lee Thompson, his sister, Georgia Mae Workman and a brother, Robert Lee McGraw.

Jerry Dean McGraw leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Betty McGraw of Bronx, New York; his children, Jerry McGraw Jr. of Greenwood, SC, Gregory McGraw of Newark, Delaware, Maurice Wilson of Lithonia, Georgia, SheKena King of Bronx, New York, Jemaine McGraw of Tampa, Florida, Keisha McGraw of Bronx, New York, Reshard McGraw of Bronx, New York; he also leaves behind two sisters, Ruth McGraw of New York, NY and Susie Workman of Blair, SC; four brothers, Wilbert (Genove) McGraw of New York, NY, Pastor James (Lillian) McGraw of Bronx, New York, Pastor Herbert (Lolita) McGraw of Smyrna Beach, FL, Thomas (Margaret) Morgan of Columbia, SC; aunts, Carrie Wright and Thelma Mills of Philadelphia, PA; Susie Trezevant of Columbia, SC, Rosa Lee Thompson of Blair, SC; one uncle, Alexander (Ruby) Thompson of New York, NY; six grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews, loving relatives and caring friends all of whom will miss him dearly.

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 or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 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, He set me free!*

-author unknown



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Final Disposition

St. Matthews Baptist Church #2 Cemetery
Blair, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We are extremely grateful for the kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, phone calls, visits, cards of condolences and every act of kindness extended during our time of sorrow. We will always remember and cherish your thoughtfulness and pray God continues to bestow his blessings upon each of you.

~The Family



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