

*Celebrating The Life*  
*Of*  
**West Douglas McKenney**

Sunrise  
*December 4, 1933*

Sunset  
*May 25, 2012*

*Thursday, May 31, 2012 -11:00 a.m.*

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

229 Wallace Street  
Orange, New Jersey

*Rev. Verenander L. Hughes, Officiating*

## Obituary

On Friday, May 25th, 2012, our beloved Patriarch was called from Labor to Rest.

**West Douglas McKenney** was born on December 4th, 1933 to the late Esbert Keyes and Williefield McKenney from Wabasso, Florida. West moved to Newark, NJ in 1955 where he later met, fell in love with, and married Lottie Mary High. West and Lottie started their family in 1963 eventually relocating to Hillside, NJ in 1976.

West was employed by Breyer's Ice Cream and Martin Ice Cream Services for thirty-five years as a truck driver until he retired in 1986. West was affectionately known as "The Ice Cream Man" by the children in the neighborhood.

West not only had a friendly personality and warm disposition, he was known for his infectious smile. He loved talking to people and reminiscing about "the good old days". He also enjoyed sharing a "cold one" with his friends and family. When he left a room the bond was sealed for eternity. West was the world's greatest grandfather. You could always count on him to come unlock the door whenever a key was lost, or to drive one of his grandchildren to a softball game, football game or cheerleading practice without hesitation. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and loved showering them with gifts.

West was called home peacefully with his wife and children at his side.

West leaves to cherish many fond memories: a devoted wife, Lottie M. McKenney; one daughter, Rhonda R. Snell; two sons, Derrick S. Bracewell and Kenneth E. McKenney; one daughter-in-law, Diane McInnis; one son-in-law, Norman L. Snell; five grandchildren, Kira and Kaylah Denis, Kendell McKenney-Nelson, Nile and Kyle Bracewell; five sisters-in-law, Lillie Hughes, Lorna Brown, Beatrice McKennith, Annie Criaghead, and Arlene Daily; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Loving Submitted, The Family

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Musical Selection

Processional  
Clergy and Family

Invocation  
Reverend Verenander L. Hughes

Prayer of Comfort  
Clergy

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament - John 14: 1-3

Music Selection

Obituary  
Grandchildren

Music Selection

Eulogy  
Reverend Verenander L. Hughes

Recessional  
Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

## ***Repast***

*The Family invites you to fellowship with them in the Bethel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the interment.*

### Pallbearers

Michael Hargrove      Todd Rhoads  
Malcolm McCummings      David Simmons  
Floyd Jones

### ***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 for too long;  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love 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 a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

~Krie

### *Acknowledgement*

*The McKenney family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation all expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You.*

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