

Celebrating the Life of



Stevenson "Bumble Bee" McElveen

Sunrise
August 19, 1954

Sunset
June 5, 2012

Service

Sunday, June 10, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

**NEW CREECH TEMPLE UNITED
HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA**

221 Hamilton Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Elder Moses McKenzie, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Stevenson “Steve” McElveen was born on August 19, 1954, in Olanta, SC, Steve was born to the late Ernest Sr. and Margaret McElveen. He grew up in the neighboring town of Lake City. Steve attended Lake City elementary schools before graduating from Carver High School. He then followed other family members and relocated to NJ in 1973.

In 1980 Steve met the love of his life, Annette “Tookie” Stephen, they started their life together in Bronx, NY, and then later settled in Paterson, NJ. Steve was a committed and devoted hard working-man, he held a 20-year tenure as a maintenance supervisor at Paramus Park Mall in NJ. After his time at the mall, he worked at Diacolor-Pope in Paterson as an ink mixer for more than fifteen years. Most notably, Steve loved quartet music. As a singer, he traveled nationally with Doc McKenzie and the Gospel Hi-Lites for over ten years. In 1986, he became a founding member of The McElveen Brothers. For more than twenty years Steve lent his voice to both lead and background vocals as the group shared the stage with The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Pastor Shirley Ceasar, Rev. Al Green and other notable Gospel artists.

Beloved by many for his phenomenal sense of humor, Steve McElveen brought smiles to the faces of everyone who came in earshot of his unforgettable laugh.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2012, in Wayne, NJ, Steve entered eternal rest after a faithful bout with cancer. He had the vigor to maintain an admirable outlook on his condition and keep his family strong and hopeful. Steve truly fought the good fight.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Annette “Tookie” (Stephen); four beautiful children, Jermaine McElveen, Nakita Stephen McElveen, Keith McElveen and Keisha Carter (La Marcus Carter, son-in-law); he loved and adored his four grandchildren: Jordan, Jabari, Jada and Christian; his siblings and their spouses, Margareta (Henry) James of Lake City, SC, Frankie Ryan of Lake City, SC, Ernest (Loretta) McElveen of Mt. Pocono, PA, Willard (Peggy) McElveen of Lake City, SC, Diane (Timothy Sr.) McFadden, of Lake City, SC, James McElveen of Paterson, NJ, Alvin (Gardina) McElveen of Paterson, NJ and Belinda Tisdale of New Jersey; also a beloved brother-in-law, John Earl Stephen of Paterson, NJ. He is also survived by a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and many other family members and friends who will celebrate Steve’s memory with the McElveen family. They will particularly remember how he loved cleaning his car, making little kids cry and some good, down-home southern cooking!

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation Assistant Pastor Mary Lee McKenzie

Musical Selection Creech Temple Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Minister Donovan Marshal

New Testament La Marcus Carter

Prayer of Comfort Elder Mattie Price

Musical Selection Creech Temple Male Chorus

Tribute Bro. Little "Pie" McElveen

Poem Sis. Shertera Price

Reflections Bro. Ernest McElveen

Acknowledgement of Condolences Lady Sherry Price

Musical Selection "Amen" - Creech Temple Choir

Message of Hope Pastor Moses McKenzie

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



II Timothy 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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