



A Celebration of Life
James McElveen

Sunrise
February 14, 1953

Sunset
June 5, 2015

Friday, June 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

NEW CREECH'S TEMPLE U.H.C.

221 Hamilton Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Moses McKenzie, Officiating

Reflections of Life

James "Skibo" McElveen was born on February 14, 1953 in Olanta, SC. James was born to the late Ernest Sr. & Margaret McElveen. Although born in Olanta, James grew up in Lake City, SC. Where he graduated Carver High School in 1973.

James relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1975. He held a thirty year tenure, as a warehouse manager for Company, Major Products in Little Falls, NJ. Most notably, James loved quartet music. James song with a few groups, The Heavenly Chimes, Larry Williams and The Voices Of Supremes. It was in 1986, James along with his brothers became a founding member of The McElveen Brothers. James was known as The Boss Man, in the group. He song along side of his brothers for over twenty years. They traveled the country, as they ministered with so many gospel greats.

The beloved James, was known to many as Skibo. His love for his family was unmeasurable. Great sense of humor, infectious smile, selfishness, charming personality, great organizational skills and his extraordinary ability to develop stories to help others through there situations. Skibo, always had kind and encouraging words to say to everyone.

On Friday, June 5, 2015 in Livingston, NJ. James, transitioned into his life beyond earth. He's also preceded in death by his mother and father, Ernest, Sr. and Magaret McElveen and brother, Stevenson "Bumble Bee" McElveen. So as he leaves this world of pain and suffering, there's one thing we know. As he would always say "I'm Alright".

He is survived by: three daughters, Ms. Maria Fleming, Ms. Yolanda Hargrove and Ms. Latoya Hargrove; son, Anthony Hargrove; five grandchildren, that he so dearly loved, Anthony Bailey, Luna Ramdwar, Steven Simmons, Aaliyah Bailey, Tajmir Graves and Jaziyah Alston; Siblings and their spouses, Margaretta (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, Alvin (Gardina) McElveen of Paterson, NJ and Belinda Tisdale of Paterson, NJ; and sister-in-law, Annette "Tookie" (Stephen); a devoted friend, Cynthia Joans. His also survived by: a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and so many other family members and friends, who will celebrate James memory with the McElveen Family. He will be most remembered for cleaning his car, making up his own songs and being the King.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation.....Min. Lutrishia Wilson

Musical Selection.....Creech's Temple Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Min. Donovan Marshall

New Testament.....Min. Irving Jacob

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Anthony Price

Musical Selection.....Creech Temple Male Chorus

Poem.....Sis. Tiombae Wilson

Reflections.....Bro. Ernest McElveen

Remarks.....Family and Friends

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Lady Sherry Price

Musical Selection.....Felisha Farrar

Message of Hope.....Pastor Moses McKenzie

Recessional

Interment

St. Peter's Cemetery
Garfield, New Jersey

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

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **James McElveen** 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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