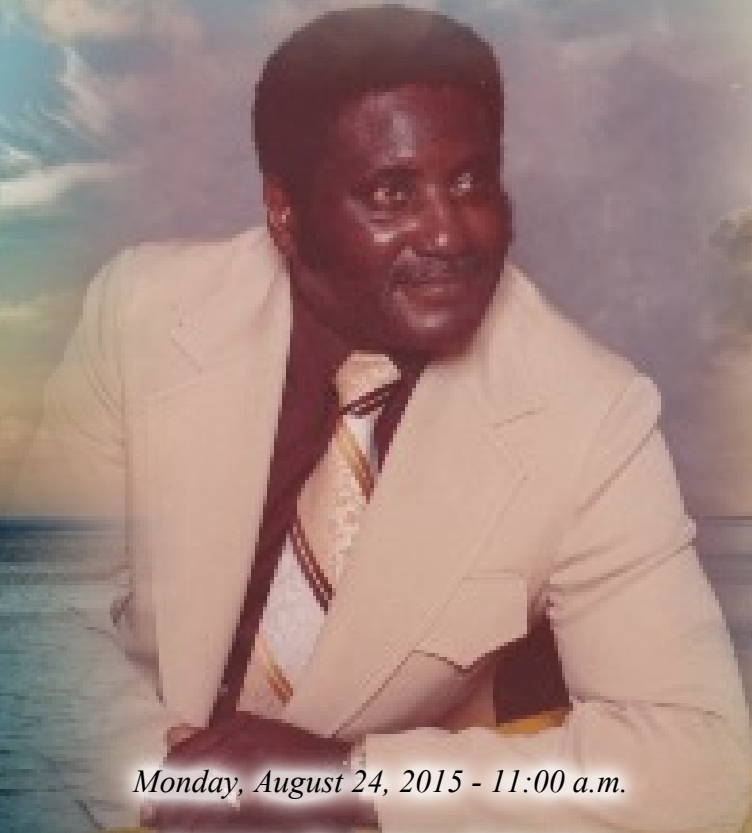


*In Loving Memory of*  
***Albert McLeod***

**Sunrise**  
September 12, 1929

**Sunset**  
August 15, 2015

A portrait of Albert McLeod, a Black man with short hair, wearing a light-colored suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle smile. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with a blue sky and white clouds.

*Monday, August 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

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*Rev. Kyle Stewart, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

Life ceased in peace for **Albert Gaston McLeod**, in the early afternoon hours of August 15, 2015 at his home in Newark, NJ. “Grandad” as he was affectionately known to his family and friends was born in Troy, Alabama on September 12, 1929. He was the second eldest of seven children born to Julius Gaston and Lottie Bay McLeod. His parents, wife Fannie Mae, son Albert “Sonny boy” Gaston Jr., daughter Patricia Ann, son-in-law Abner Fields and four siblings Robert, John, Victor and Mittie Jean preceded him in death. Albert received his primary education in Troy, Alabama’s Public School system (Academy Street High School 1946). Albert found employment as an Assembly Man with Ford Motor Company July 23, 1956 (When the Ford Plant closed in Mahwah, NJ. **Al** transferred to Kansas City, MO) where he retired July 1, 1986. **Al** was a long time member (30 years) of UAW United Auto Workers of America.

**Al** was united in marriage to Fannie Mae Britt (Smith) on December 24, 1945. To this union six children were born.

**Al** loved gardening. His well-manicured lawns and planted flowers were his pride and joy. People would stop and ask him what he used to make his grass so green. He spent hours trimming the grass like he was giving it a precision haircut.

The loving family that **Al** leaves to cherish his memory includes: two brothers, Charles and Hubert (Shirley) McLeod; three daughters, Mary Lois Fields, Annie Jean and Gail McLeod; one son, Tom Lewis McLeod; six grandchildren, Monica Denise, Michelle, Kishime (Latee) and Latiff (Jamillah) McCleod, Monica Dawn and David Pemberton; thirteen great grandchildren, Kishime Altariq, Jamal (Stevie), Takeeta, Kayla, Naseem, Taali, Jessica, Trevon, Namira, Helena, Jeanetta, Victoria and David; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

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Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery

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*“Together  
Again”*

*Grandad*

Seems like only yesterday when we  
saw your face, How precious did it  
appear with solemn grace You lived  
your life as you saw fit when you  
could bare no more you still didn't  
quit. You wanted what you wanted  
and you wanted to come home  
Away from the nurses and doctors  
and feeling so alone  
You wanted to reserve your dignity  
and surround yourself with the  
love that you knew

Your soul was at peace,  
no longer having to worry about who was coming through  
Your family surrounded you and was prepared for what  
we thought was a long road ahead  
But you had other plans. What up, what up,  
what up were the last words you said  
Something in my soul said his suffering is through  
Never did we realize how we would be missing you  
So for now we say so long  
It's been a long day without you, Grandad  
And we'll tell you all about it when we see you again.

*Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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