

Celebrating The Life of
Joseph Juneis McLaurin
"Pretty Joe"



Sunrise: May 15, 1946
Sunset: July 3, 2016

Obituary

Joseph Juneis McLaurin, affectionately known to friends and family as “**Pretty Joe**”, was born in Harlem, New York to the late Juanita McLaurin and William Brown on May 15, 1946. He attended the New York City public school system and graduated from George Westinghouse High School in 1964.

Pursuing his passion to assist those in need, he acquired his certificate as a nursing aide and later became employed at V.I.P. After working there for some years he moved on to Samaritan Village. He served as the house counselor where all who had come in contact with him adored and looked up to him. He was dedicated to his position always going above and beyond his call of duty. This is where he acquired the name “Papa Joe”. He always seized the opportunity to share his life story in order to encourage someone else along their life’s journey.

On a mild fall day, Joe ran into a beautiful young woman named Mildred. After spending some time with one another, they began dating in 1977. After several years of dating, they committed to marriage on May 22, 1987. Just like Joe exhibited his willingness to help those in need at work or with friends, he did the same at home. He displayed his act of love to his wife by caring for her diligently after she lost her sight. That was his “Millie Mill”.

Joe was a “people person” who enjoyed being around his family, friends, playing cards, chess, and sharing life events. He has touched the lives of many with his winning personality, passion for people, and ability to produce change in the lives of others.

On July 3, 2016, Joseph went home to be with the Lord. Joseph leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Mildred McLaurin; sister, Jane Mckenzie of Clermont, FL; brother and sister-in-law, David and Sheryl McLaurin of Mt. Vernon, NY; brother, Robert McLaurin of Bronx, NY; brother, Charles McLaurin Logan of NC; sister, Brenda Logan of Bronx, NY; sister, Carolyn Logan of Bronx, NY; sister, Shirley McLaurin of Harlem, NY; brother, Tony McLaurin of Bronx, NY; sister, Wileva Durham of Miami, FL; uncle, Junies McNeill of Bronx, NY; cousin, Walter McNeill; daughter, Dashawn McLaurin; daughter and son-in-law, Tamika and Ralph Charles; son, Joseph Juneis Landon; son, Kevan Landon; son, Christopher Landon; grandchildren, Samirah Jackson, Amina Owusu, Myles, Mya, and Matthew Charles; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, along with other relatives and dear friends.

Submitted in Love,
The Family

Service

Friday, July 15, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

151 W. 128th Street • New York, NY

Order of Service

Processional

Expeditior.....Rev. Christine Jackson

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Christine Jackson

Scripture Readings..... Elder Mark A. Davis I
Old Testament- Psalms 1:1-3
New Testament - Philippians 4:7

Selection..... “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Crystal McClelland

A Word of Reflection..... Reading of letter from wife

Selection..... Bill Saxton (Saxophonist)

RemarksMelvin Moore
Walter McNeill
A. J. Fleming
Leon Roberts
Sid Lamont
Joseph Landon

Acknowledgement of Cards..... Lashawn Davis

Obituary..... Lashawn Davis

Selection..... The Boys and Girls of Harlem Alumni Ensemble

Eulogy..... Deacon Ralph Charles

Committal/Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Mt. Rest Cemetery • Butler, New Jersey

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun of happy memories
that I leave behind when day is done.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to acknowledge with sincere appreciation and gratitude the many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during this time.

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