



*In Loving Memory
of*

James Cleveland McNeill

*Sunrise
March 9, 1940*

*Sunset
December 2, 2016*

*Saturday, December 10, 2016
9:30 a.m. Viewing
10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass Liturgy*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES R.C. CHURCH
*1 Eagle Rock Avenue • West Orange, NJ 07052
Father James Ferry, Officiating*

Obituary

James Cleveland McNeill was born on March 9, 1940 in Maxton, North Carolina, to the late James C. and Christine McNeill. He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the age of seventy-six in East Orange, New Jersey.

He spent his early years in Maxton, North Carolina and moved to Plainfield, New Jersey upon his graduation from R. B. Dean High School in 1959. He resided there until 1969, when he moved to Orange, New Jersey.

Cleveland began his career at Ford Motor Company and retired after twenty years to pursue his entrepreneurial passions owning several businesses.

He leaves behind to love and miss him: Joan, his wife of forty-eight years; he is the loving father to his two sons, Jason and Jonathon; two granddaughters, Jendaya and Imani; his brothers, Bobby (Theresa), Curtis (Annie) and Warren (Wanda); brothers-in-law, Stokes Watson (Priscilla), Charles Watson (Beatrice) and David Watson (Cathy); sister-in-law, Sandra Myrick (Floyd); god-daughter, Roslyn Fleming; his nieces, nephews, aunts, uncle and a host of relatives.

Cleveland was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Earnestine McNeill, Catherine McNeill Perry and Charlene Johnson Pope and brothers-in-law, Everett Douglas and George Douglas.

Family members and friends will miss Cleveland's telephone calls to share a good word and his made from scratch meals he loved to share.



Order of Service

Celebrant: Father James Ferry

Cantor: Linda Chapman

Introductory Rites

Priest.....The Lord Be With You.
All: And With Your Spirit

Processional Song.....“*Here I Am Lord*”

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Responsorial Psalm.....The Lord Is My Light

Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Gospel Reading.....John 14:1-14

Homily.....Father James Ferry

The Eucharist

Offertory Song.....“*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

Communion Song.....“*How Great Thou Art*”

Concluding Rites

Recessional Song.....“*On Eagle’s Wings*”

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

*Please join the family and friends
Immediately following the interment for a celebration at the
Montclair Women’s Club
82 Union Street • Montclair, NJ 07042*

Pallbearers and Flower Bearers
Family & Friends

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you;
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see the Master called me
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

Acknowledgements

*The family of **James Cleveland McNeill** acknowledges with humble hearts all the expressions of love and kindness shown to us during this hour. Your visits were comforting, the substance you brought sustained us, your cards and calls consoled us, and your prayers uplifted us. We will forever remain grateful and pray God returns His blessing upon you for your love toward us. You have made the weight of our grief much lighter and easier to bear and have shown us that family and friends are truly a blessing.*

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