

Celebrating the Life and Times of



Sunrise: July 9, 1948 Sunset: May 3, 2017

<u>Obituary</u>

James "**Jimmy**" **McRae** was born on July 9th, 1948 to Frank McRae and Ann Laura McRae. He departed this earth on May 3rd, 2017 at his home in Washington, D.C.

He was predeceased by his Father (May 1971) and Mother (March 1989).

James "Jimmy" was educated in the New York City public school system (PS 123, JHS 43 and Brooklyn Tech HS). He excelled in all his studies and furthered his education at Boston University in the field of Engineering (Electrical).

After graduating, Jimmy moved back to New York City and lived there several years before moving to California and working with the transit system as an engineer. When he retired he moved back to the east coast, living first in Florida and then Washington D.C.

He had a passion for writing; he wrote and published several books, wrote songs, was on the radio, appeared as a contestant on the TV show, "The Dating Game" and was selected over the two other contestants. During his early years he enjoyed bike riding, running track, playing basketball, stick ball, roller skating, hand ball, music, dancing, dressing in some of his fly clothing and the everyday joys of being a young man of Harlem. He attended Riverside Church in Harlem in his youth. In his later years he began seeking the meaning of the scriptures by reading and discussing the Bible with a Chaplain and others at weekly meetings.

James "Jimmy" leaves behind to celebrate his life: four sisters, Shirley Wiley, Lorraine Bowman-Harris, JoAnne McRae and Audrey McRae; three brothers, Frank McRae, Edward McRae and Wayne McRae; five nieces, Marpessa (James) Oliver, Jamilla Bowman, Janine Harris, Khadijah McRae and Zuhairah McRae; four nephews, James Marshall Wiley, Howard (Tracy) Thomas, John Lamar Bowman and Dante McRae; great nieces, Jayla Ann Oliver and Brionna Harris; great nephews, Jared Mitchell Thomas, Alexander Wiley, Dischon Thomas, Dorell Thomas, Najine Lamar Bowman and Liam Zylen McRae. He also leaves behind uncles, aunts, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends to rejoice in the celebration of his life.

Viewing: Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm Funeral: Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 2:00pm

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Order of Service

Processional	
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr.
Scripture	
Musical Selection	
Reading of Obituary	
Reflections	Jo Anne McRae
Remarks (Please limit to 2 l	Minutes)
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr.
Funeral Director Remarks	
Recessional	

<u> Interment</u>

Cypress Hills Cemetery Brooklyn, New York

There will be a Repast Celebrating the Life of James
McRae following the funeral service at:
The Alhambra Ballroom-6th fl; 2116 Adam Clayton
Powell, Jr. Blvd, New York, NY 10027
"Celebration of Life" (Repast) Hostess
Sherry Johnson



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.

-Author unknown

PALLBEARERS

Wayne McRae James Marshall Wiley Howard (Lucky) Thomas James Oliver Dante McRae Devin Johnson

USHERS

Gary D. Stubbs William E. Walker

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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