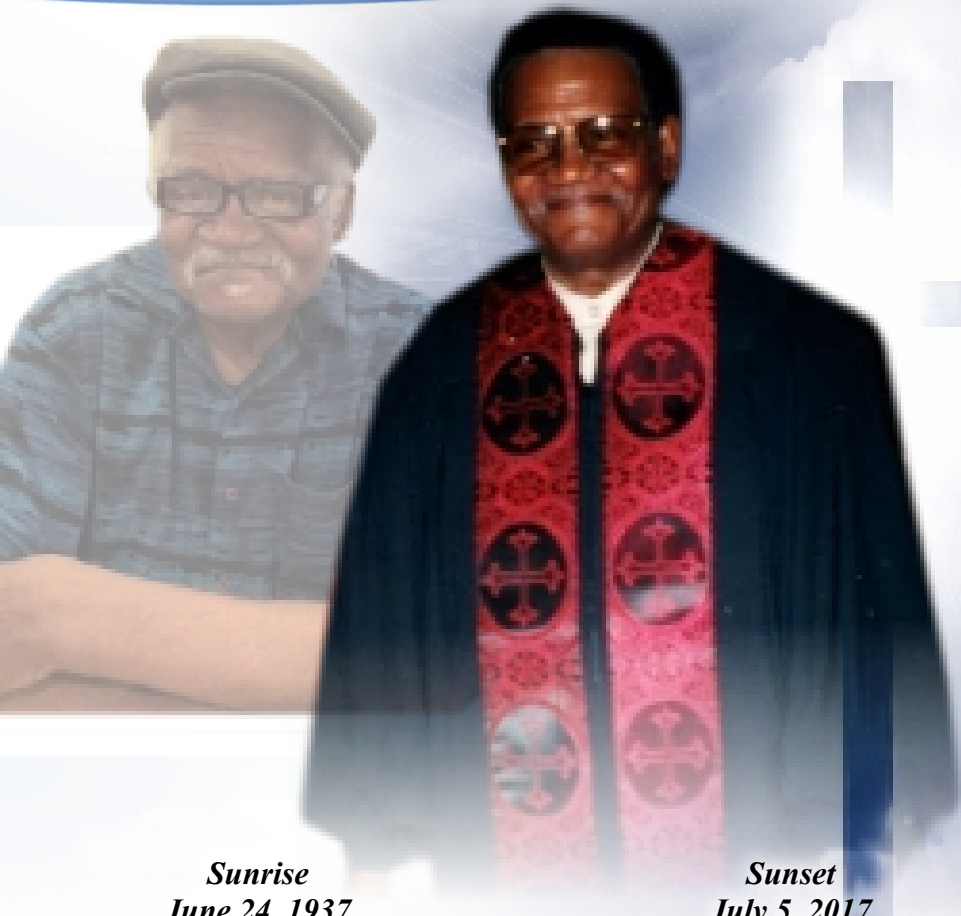


# Celebrating The Life of Humon Roosevelt McCallum



*Sunrise*  
*June 24, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*July 5, 2017*

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**GRACE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating**

**D'Quan McKnight, Organist**

# Reflections of Life

**Rev. Humon Roosevelt McCallum**, born June 24, 1937 to Cassie and Roosevelt McCallum in Maxton, North Carolina. He received his formal education in the Robeson County Public School System and graduated with a diploma from Hilly Branch School in Lumberton, NC.

Humon accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and spent his life preaching the gospel and singing. In 1957, he became the manager of the Friendly Five Gospel Singers in North Carolina. Humon moved to New Jersey the end of 1958 and the next year the other four members followed. The group continued their legacy and in 1964 changed their name to the “Exciting Guiding Light Singers.” In 1984 the group recorded the songs, “Oh Lord Have Mercy” & “He Will Make A Way” under their own certified charter. The group went through many changes of members over the years and now go by the name of the “Sensational Guiding Lights Singers.”

Humon was a licensed minister and ordained elder in the Church of God in Christ order. “New Hope Temple Crusaders for Christ” Pentecostal Church in Paterson, NJ is where he met his wife Leslie McCallum. He was the assistant pastor under the leadership of the late Bishop Fred Turnipseed and was addressed as “Elder McCallum.” Humon later joined “Cornerstone Baptist Church” of Hackensack, NJ under the leadership of Pastor & Founder Rev. Robert L. Davis Sr. and Rev. First Lady Carolyn Davis as a reverend on their ministerial staff.

Humon was a Professional Truck Driver for 41 years at L.J. Kennedy Trucking in Kearny, NJ were his co-workers affectionately addressed him as “Mack.” He was proud of the many certificates he received for his safe driving and retired knowing that he had made a lasting impression.

Humon was a people person and loved to talk, give advice and tell stories about his many life experiences and accomplishments. He loved to travel, take videos of the many gospel programs he attended, go fishing and he had a “green thumb” always planting collard greens and various other plants in his garden. He was also a proud supporter of the NAACP, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Monument in Washington, D.C. and the Tuskegee Airmen.

On Wednesday, July 5, 2017, Humon peacefully departed this life and returned home to be with The Lord. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roosevelt and Cassie McCallum; his siblings, Lula Mae Douglas, Berniece Brunson, Arthur McCollum, Charles McCollum and sister-in-law, Linda McCollum.

Humon is survived by his loving wife Leslie McCallum of 21 years, son Shawn McCallum, step-children Monique Joseph, Muthama Nzioka and Kathuka Nzioka. Mother-in-law, Francine Rainey; Grandchildren with wife; Jahquise Joseph, Dominique Roberson and Jordan Nzioka. Children from previous marriage; Judy Moore (J.C.), Myrita Willis (Vincent), Christopher McCollum (Keneisha), Andre McCollum (Cedenia), Anthony McCollum (Denise), Karen Grant (Philip), Theresa McCollum-White (Marek, deceased) and Angela McCollum. Siblings; James McCollum (Priscilla), Betty Macner and Mary Kyser. 26 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, who will miss him greatly.

# Order of Service

Prelude.....D'Quan McKnight

Processional

Opening Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Elder Clarence McFadden

New Testament ..... Rev. Robert L. Davis Sr.

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Carolyn Davis

Solo ..... Simone Shabazz

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life ..... Rev. Patrice McFadden

Selection

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Alfred E. Steele, Pastor  
Seminary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

## **Interment**

Arlington Cemetery  
Kearny, 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 **Humon Roosevelt McCallum** 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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