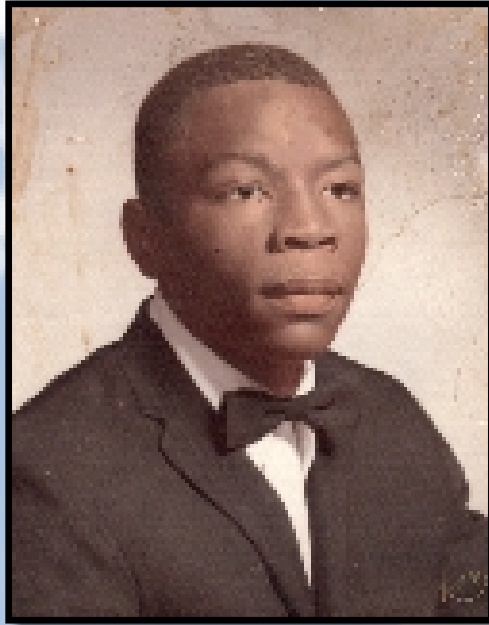


# CELEBRATION OF LIFE



## GUNNERY SERGEANT JAMES BOYD MCKENITH III

**Sunrise**  
May 6, 1949

**Sunset**  
April 1, 2020



**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

# OBITUARY

James B. McKenith III (Buster) was 70 years old. He passed away on April 1, 2020 in Newark, New Jersey. Funeral services will be held at Cotton Funeral Home on April 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery.

James B. McKenith III was born in Conway, South Carolina to James B. McKenith II and Rosa Bell Grant-McKenith on May 6, 1949. As a child his mom always remembers him being honest and loyal. He graduated from Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ. At which time he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served 20.5 years of active faithful duty, including fighting in the Vietnam war. After his retirement he went on to graduate from Lincoln Tech with automotive mechanic Certification.

He Left behind to Cherish his loving Memories his Wife, Gloria; Mother, Rosa Bell Grant; Sisters: Margaret McKenith, Linda McKenith, Glindian McKenith, Helen Owens, and Amanda Mckenith; Three sons, Eric McKenith, James B. McKenith IV (Sirivi) and Cedric McKenith; Two Daughters, Sakina Mckenith and LaHonda McKenith-Washington (Albert). He also had two stepdaughters, Idrissa and Selina; His Grandkids, Jauvon, Stephaun, Billy, Devour, Lillian, De'jhana, Vivian, and Assata; Step-grandkids: Elaan, Sire, Queen, and A'Sana; Four Great-grandkids, Liana, Kayden, Roshon, and Ty'ere; Four Aunts, Regina Grant, Earnestine, Hattie Anderson and Sylvia Grant; Two Uncles, Samuel Grant Jr., and Samuel McKenith. Also left to mourn Twenty-Eight Nephews and Nieces, and a host of Great Nephews, Nieces and Great-Grand Nephews, Nieces and Cousins.

He was preceded in Death by his Father, James 1928-1998, his sister, Floride Bell Gardner-Mckenith 1950-1998, his brother, Bobby Lee Mckenith 1952-1993 and baby brother, Robert Warren (Pete) 1958-1996. Also, his Grandparents: Rosa Mckenith 1912-1995, James Boyd Mckenith 1889-1954, Samuel Grant, 1912-1992 Millie Grant 1914-1937 and Relivia 1918-2014.



# Ask Me What I Was

*I'll reply with what I've done,  
Those things others would not do, I did;  
Those rivers others would not swim, I swam;  
Those hills others would not climb, I conquered;  
Those bridges others would not cross, I crossed;  
I have celebrated. I have mourned.  
I have smiled and I have frowned.  
I have seen death and felt its warm breath. I did not faze me.  
For I was different. I was a warrior.  
You ask me what I was? It was my destiny,  
Until my last breath,  
To be a United States Marine.  
And my spirit shall live forever.*

Semper Fidelis

For I was, am and shall forever be a

**“United States Marine”**

# IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

If roses grow in Heaven Lord Please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my daddy's arms and tell him they're from me. Tell him that I love and miss him and when he turns to smile, Place a kiss upon his cheek and hold him for a while. Because remembering him is easy, I do it every day. But there is an ache within my heart That will never go away.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
OUR DAD JAMES BOYD MCKENITH III  
MAY 6, 1949 – APRIL 1, 2020

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **James Boyd McKenith III** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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