

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



*Stormy Charles Oscar McNair*

March 16, 1938 - April 26, 2022

WAKE: MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 3:00-7:00PM  
FUNERAL: TUESDAY, MAY 10TH, 10:00AM

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**NEW YORK, NY 10027**

# Obituary

**Mr. Stormy Charles Oscar McNair** was born on March, 16, 1938 in Enterprise, Alabama to the late William Lester “Buck” McNair and Endell Russell. Endell later moved to New York, where she married Leo King who would be the caregiver and father figure in his life.

While living in the Bronx, NY, Stormy Charles signed up to join the Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia on March 28, 1955 where he served as a Basic Airman for a term of four years.

Later he drove the New York City Bus which was followed by some years in the NY Postal Service.

One warm summer day while Eula and her sister from another mother, Vernice, were sitting and talking on 122nd Street, across the street comes Charles in an army uniform; he was striking. After a brief courtship, Charles returned to the service in Georgia. He heard a song on the radio by Sam Cooke called “You Send Me” and made sure he let Eula know he was thinking of her and dedicated this song to her. Sometimes he’d call and the song would be playing in the background.

After leaving the service, Stormy and Eula got married and were married for 61 years! They had a daughter after the first year followed by a second daughter fifteen years later.

Stormy Charles spent many of his years on 122nd Street in Harlem where he was known by “Stormy Charles” or “King”. He always had a camera in hand or his slide projector in tow. He got pics of everybody on 122nd Street.

Stormy Charles loved to dress and loved his hats! Father’s Day became one of his favorite holidays. He’d get dressed up, put on some smell good and get plenty exercise! He’d leave the car and go strutting along Harlem’s blocks and avenues, smiling every time someone would say, ‘Happy Father’s Day Pops—You sure are sharp!’ He had such swagger and this would make his day!

Stormy Charles was a great dad and loving father, grandfather, a proud provider, family man and friend. He was a man of integrity, a wonderful, kind, caring and friendly gentleman who always wore a smile. In God’s likeness, he’d received many blessings in his lifetime and unselfishly helped many in their time of need. He is now healed and resting in Heavenly peace and the good memories will forever be etched in our hearts.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Eula Mae McNair; two daughters of New York, NY, Sabrina McNair Sherod and Stormy Jazmine McNair (children, Darald, Daniel and Marley); one sister, Dianne Elcock-Durdin (child, Michael) of Enterprise, AL; predeceased by his son, Floyd McNair, (child, Floyd McNair), married to Carol (children, Shanna & Shawna) of Jensen Beach, FL; one sister-in-law, Frances Hunter Tisdale; one nephew, Reginald Earl (married to Carol) McNair of Enterprise, AL (child, Justin); cousin, Robert L. Smith of Enterprise, AL (child, Eric); three cousins, Sheila, Rhonda, Shendea; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Service facilitated by Minister Larry Love

Opening Song.....Stormy Jazmine McNair

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Larry Love

Scripture .....Minister Larry Love

Memories.....Stormy Jazmine McNair  
Sabrina McNair Sherod

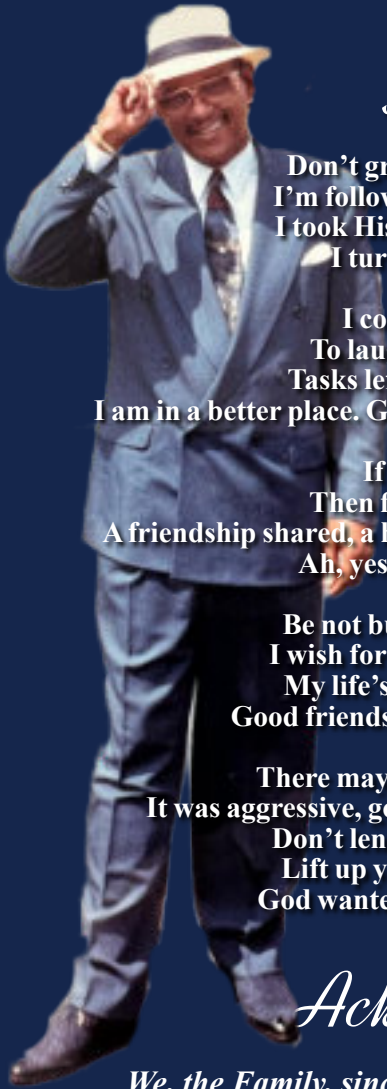
Family & Friends Two-Minute Reflections

Musical Selection.....Kenny Seymour

Obituary.....Sabrina McNair Sherod

Eulogy..... Minister Larry Love

**INTERMENT:**  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York



## *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 around 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 am in a better place. God I thank you for a life fulfilled.... I can say.

If parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a hearty laugh, my grandbaby's hugs & kisses  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much  
Good friends, great times, a loved one's touch.

There may not have been an official adieu,  
It was aggressive, got the better of me, unstable... then brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now, "He's Set Me Free!"

## *Acknowledgement*

*We, the Family, sincerely appreciate your comforting calls, cards, flowers and many kind expressions of love... and most of all your prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.*

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