



Curtis McClain

December 24, 1940 - January 15, 2011

Chesapeake-Curtis McClain was born to Ida and Artis McClain on Dec. 24, 1940. When he was 8 years old, his mother married Spencer Reed who raised Curtis as his own son. Curtis was called home to eternal glory on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

Curtis graduated from Bronx Vocational High School in Bronx, NY. He completed five years apprenticeship training in electrical engineering and became a certified A Journeyman Electrician. He retired from the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers Local 3 after thirty-six years of employment. Following his retirement, Curtis and his wife relocated to Chesapeake, VA and became faithful members of Grove Baptist Church. Curtis was active in the Seniors Fun Friday Ministry at Grove Church. He attended Jackie's Daycare in Chesapeake, VA.

Curtis was a member of Pride of Jamaica Elks Lodge No. 217 in Jamaica, NY and the Greater Deep Creek Elks Lodge No. 1033 in Chesapeake, VA. He was also a former member of the Aurlzie Police Department in Bronx, NY and Lewis Howard Latimer Association of Black Electricians in Bronx, NY. He also served as President of Key Club in Bronx, NY.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, Ruth and James Knight, and one son, Emmanuel Hunter.

Curtis leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 11 years, Patricia McClain; a daughter, Shell Branch (Brian), of Chesapeake, VA; four sons, Todd McClain (Sandra) of London, Bruce McClain (Sharon) of NY; Dracy McDonald and Ali McDonald (Sakari) of Syracuse, NY; a sister, Janice Greene (Booker) of Brooklyn, NY, a brother, Anthony Reed (Linda) of Chesapeake, VA; 18 grandchildren and two aunts; Dallas Lewis (Fred) of Maryland and Barbara Falk of Crewe, VA; three uncles, Sherman Knight and Matthew Knight (Jackie) of Crewe, VA and Warren Knight (Gladys), of Philadelphia, PA; a daughter in law, Renah Hunter, and a host of other relatives and friends.,

Viewing will be held on Friday, January 21, 2011 from 4 pm until 7 pm at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA. A life celebration service will be held at noon on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Grove Baptist Church, 5910 W Norfolk Road; Portsmouth with Dr. Melvin O. Marriner officiating. Condolences can be offered to the family at www.jtfishersfuneralservices.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Patricia and family, may God give you the strength you need during this time. I remember Mr. Curtis when we all first moved on Sagen Arch. He taught Vern about how to care for his lawn. We always have loved being your neighbors. Please know that we are here for you. Be Blessed!*

The Penders###imported-begin###Beverly Pender###imported-end##

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“ *Sister McClain, Know that you have my heartfelt condolences. Just know that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is always with you. He will never put more on you than you can bear. My you find comfort in knowing that God is still control and He never makes a mistake. God Bless you and your famuily###imported-begin###Deacon Calvin Bullock###imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ *Sweet sweet Sister McClain, may the peace of Jesus Christ infold you with his love and give continued assurance that he is and will ever be with you in times of sorrow and even greater joy, for he has captured everyone of your tears and has heard your prays that were offered up for your beloved husband and has given him rest from his labor. We love you.###imported-begin###Min's Andrew and Janet Sims & Family###imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 11:42 AM



“ *May God CONTINUE to wrap you in His loving arms and keep you today and forever. Wishing you our most sincere condolences. The Arnett (Tinsley, Arnett, Sims, McNeill, Gary) Family - FaithFirst Ministries (SBC) Paterson, NJ###imported-begin##Doris Arnett-Gary###imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 11:27 AM



“ *Sis. McClain,
Please accept my most heartfelt condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Please know that my family is here for you, remembering that God has us all in the palm of His loving hand! Be Blessed!
Min. Evelyn Arnett
(SBC)###imported-begin##Min. Evelyn Arnett###imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sister McClain, Remembering your hospitality of you and your husband while we where in Va. with Pastor A. McDonald III and can't thank you enough for opening up your home to us. We send our sincere condolence to you at this time. We know God is with you.
Joe & Mary McNeill###imported-begin##Deacon & Deaconess Joseph (Mary) McNeill###imported-end##*

January 21, 2011 at 10:59 AM



“ Dear Sister McClain, Heart felt sincere sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God grant you peace in this time and know that HE is your strength and guide. We love you here in Paterson, New Jersey (Rev., Dr . A.McDonald 's congregation)
From our family to yours.##imported-begin##Linda Arnett-Tinsley - Paterson New Jersey##imported-end##

January 21, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ What a sweet man Mr. Curtis was. What wonderful memories you must have of him to help fill the empty spot his passing leaves. My thoughts and prayers for you all.##imported-begin##Carol Torgesen##imported-end##

January 20, 2011 at 04:46 PM