



Lonnie McGill

January 28, 1944 - November 3, 2020

Lonnie McGill was born on January 28, 1944 in Jackson, Mississippi to J.C. and Martha McGill. While there, he received his formal education. As an adolescent, Lonnie began his journey as a musician, transitioning into his young adulthood, he continued to refine his musical talents. In 1974, Lonnie relocated to Kankakee, IL. He and his twin brother, Johnnie McGill, began singing with a local quartet group. He also sang throughout the community. Lonnie met Gloria Jean Ervin whom he married on August 20, 1982. To this union four children were born.

Lonnie joined True Vine Church under the leadership of Elder Abram Lane. There he raised his family and served as the minister of music. He and his wife were known for singing duets together while his children accompanied them on the instruments. This made his heart glad. After many years of dedicated service, Lonnie joined The Liberation Worship Center under the leadership of Bishop Roger Lane. There he served until his passing.

Lonnie was a strong supporter of the quartet groups in Kankakee County, where he often served as Master of Ceremony. These groups included: The Burtis Sisters, The Lane Sisters, The Rosenthal Singers, Gospel Harmonettes, Mama Bobo and the Angels, and the Hopkins Park Singers amongst others. Lonnie was known throughout the community for singing soul-stirring solos and playing his guitar which was also his passion. He also

acted as a mentor to new musicians in the community, birthing two of his own. Lonnie's proudest moments were watching his sons Matthew who plays the bass and Marcus who plays the guitar and drums serve as musicians for area churches.

Lonnie was employed by Gould Battery, Brandon House, and Jones Funeral Home as a driver. In his spare time, Lonnie enjoyed serving friends and family by fixing cars earning his reputation of being an awesome mechanic. He was also known for his jokes, which often began as a story and ending with laughter. Lonnie was known for his appearance which consisted of a suit or dress attire with a hat that matched perfectly; he was adored by those that encountered him.

"Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away;" the lyrics of one of the songs that Lonnie often sang. Thus, on the morning of November 3, he made his transition and gained his wings. Lonnie leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Gloria, his only daughter, Lonyae (Octavious) McGill, sons, Artemus Ervin and Marcus (Christina) McGill, all of Kankakee, IL, Matthew (Raven) McGill of Bourbonnais, IL, Terrance (Christian) Ervin of Aurora, CO, Lonnie (Juamana) McGill Jr. of Jackson, MS, Jason (Andrea) McGill of Detroit, MI, daughter-in-law, Nikki McGill of Jackson, MS; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; identical twin brother, Johnnie (Ada) McGill and sister, Elizabeth James of Jackson, MS and sister, Mary Louise McGill of Momence, IL; aunt, Barbara Bennett of San Diego, CA; Goddaughters, Tiffany Lane and Jessie Mae Bolar of Kankakee, IL; special friends, Jimmie Smith, Frank Rowe and Steve Hunter and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Martha McGill, his son, Dwayne McGill, and his best friend, Deacon Tommy Lane.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

NOV **14**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Vision MB Church
1501 E. Merchant Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Mary Gaddy lit a candle in memory of Lonnie McGill*



mary gaddy - November 21, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Apostle-Bishop Dexter Thompson & Prophetess Callia Thompson Words of true friendship has never been more true than deacon Lonnie McGill .I remember he and I was talking about truly trusting God and he said Preacher if we get our messy selves out of the way then God can truly talk to the heart of man.Deacon McGill we are so going to miss you
You were our God father and our hearts are so heavy we will truly truly miss you we love you always.*

Dexter Thompson - November 18, 2020 at 03:19 PM

DA

“ *He will truly be missed. He was very kind and encouraged my Mom when he was a driver for River Valley Supportive Living which is now called Asbury. May God comfort and strengthen the family during this time. Take your rest sir.*



Dr. Rodney & Jackie Alford

Dr Rodney & Jacqueline Alford - November 17, 2020 at 12:03 AM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX



JOANN FORD-BOX - November 16, 2020 at 09:27 PM

TJ

“ Will be truly be missed



Tonja Jefferson - November 14, 2020 at 01:49 PM

AN

“ My dear friend, always found the right key on the strings to assist me in song. God bless!



Angie - November 14, 2020 at 02:30 AM

EL

“ Lonnie was a good person and love telling jokes. He would stop by my Aunt's house and he and I would tell one joke after another. He will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to his family. May he rest in the arms of the Father 🙏🙏🙏



Ethel Lee - November 14, 2020 at 02:23 AM

RA

“ *Roberta Asher lit a candle in memory of Lonnie McGill*



Roberta Asher - November 13, 2020 at 06:42 PM

SF

“ *I will miss you Deacon McGill you was like a father to me. RIP.*



Sachi forman - November 13, 2020 at 09:19 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lonnie McGill*



Cheryl Wilson - November 13, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonnie McGill.*



November 13, 2020 at 08:16 AM

DF

“ *Dion Forma lit a candle in memory of Lonnie McGill*



Dion Forma - November 12, 2020 at 09:36 PM

MC

“ *Our condolences to family. Art stay strong and we love you. Mark&Annie Calbert*



Mark&Annie Calbert - November 12, 2020 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ *I knew Lonnie for a while me and my family he used to make me laugh all the time every time me and my family went to Coyote Canyon we saw Lonnie there too and he would come to our table and mess with me and my husband all the time so we will definitely miss the time we had with him so my condolences and prayers to his entire family R.I.P. my friend.*



Jacqueline D Harris-Shorter - November 12, 2020 at 06:20 PM