

Different

Daddy, thank you for teaching each of us
What God's Love in action looks like;
What forgiveness is and how to walk by our faith;
And not our natural sight. Real love is not the norm,
And definitely not always expected;
But sometimes requires a sacrifice;
Particularly when feeling misunderstood,
Overlooked or neglected.
WaDaddy, it was you and Meema
Who taught us to be strong;
When healing may appear far away;
And to expect God to come through for us;
On any given day.
In times that we would have wanted to fight;
You taught us how to endure with patience;
And hold on to our faith;
As we watched you fight with fervor
And how to live with contentment.
We love you so much Daddy;
And WaDaddy, we love you too.
Your family misses you dearly;
Can't imagine living without you.
Because we hear your voice in our hearts,
There are no words that are truly adequate.
But God gave us an Angel,
We know you were heaven sent.
You were someone special,
You were just DIFFERENT!

Children and Grandchildren
By LaRachel 5/2021



Acknowledgments

The family is forever thankful for your heartfelt prayers, comforting words, visitations, cards and all expressions of love and concern shown to us during our time of bereavement.

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May God bless each of you as you have blessed us.



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Celebration Of Life Home Going Services For

Deacon Willie Russell McPhatter, Sr.

Sunrise

January

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Sunset

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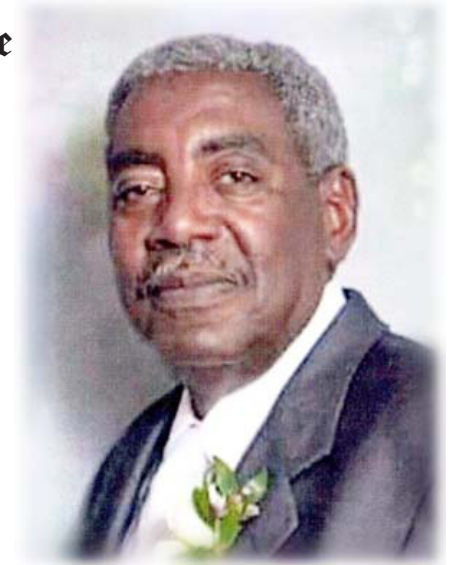
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Friday, May 28, 2021 • 2:00 PM

**Cape Fear Conference B
Headquarters**

Raeford, North Carolina

Rev. Bruce Hurst, Presiding
Overseer Willie Purcell, Officiating

Order of Service

- PROCESSIONAL..... (Soft Music)
PRESIDING..... Pastor Bruce Hurst
Leach Springs Missionary Baptist Church,
Raeford, NC
OPENING SELECTION.....Lyric
SCRIPTURES READING
Old Testament.....23 Psalm
Pastor Ted McMickle
Cedar Grove Church, Durham,NC
New Testament..... 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18
Reverend Glendia Black-Flippin
PRAYER OF COMFORT Pastor Todd L. Curry,
St. Peter,The Rock, West End, NC
SELECTION The Children
REMARKS Please limit to 2 minutes, limit 5
Brother Allen Graham, Dear Friend
Evang. Jacqueline Rogers, Niece
Min. Traven Harrington, Nephew
Pastor Danny Purcell,
(3G Committee, and Purcell Family)
Representative (McPhatter Family)
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY
.....Min. Devona A. Graham
SELECTION Cousinares
(Elder David Purcell and Elder Robert Purcell)
EULOGYOverseer Willie R. Purcell, Jr.
CLOSING SONG:..... Congregation



Interment
McLauchlin Chapel Church Cemetery
Raeford, NC

The Obituary

Deacon Willie Russell McPhatter, Sr. was born in Hoke County, NC to the late Elder Raymond A. McPhatter and Mother Bertha Purcell McPhatter on January 23, 1945; and transitioned to his eternal home on May 23, 2021 in Raeford, NC surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Deacon McPhatter was also preceded in death by his wife, Carol Dean McGregor McPhatter and four siblings.

He was educated in the Hoke County School System and graduated from the historical Upchurch High School in Raeford, NC as a member of the Class of 1963. He immediately began working at Burlington Industries upon graduating and later served a brief term as a member of the North Carolina National Guard. After completing his time as a serviceman, he returned to the textile industry and for a number of years, he was employed at Texfi full-time, while working at Sears part-time to support his growing family. Soon, Deacon McPhatter returned to work at Burlington Industries, where he retired after 31 years. Later, he was employed with the Hoke County Schools' Child Nutrition Department for a total of fifteen years until his retirement in 2008 when he began to face health challenges. Not one to ever be deterred, he began to work with his brothers at McPhatter's Produce and later, McPhatter's Cleaning Service with his brother, Raymond until his health rendered him unable to work.

Deacon McPhatter accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age, and attended St. James United Church of God where he began teaching Sunday School as a young man. He was an extremely faithful member of the Sunday School Department where he served as a Teacher and Assistant Superintendent; he was a member of the Bible Band Bible Study group; a singer in the Gospel Ensemble, the Voices of Consolation; and served on Trustee and Deacon Boards respectively.

He was also a dedicated member of his family singing groups; the Cousinares and the Family Fellowship Mass Choir. Deacon McPhatter was an amazing singer in his own right and mastered “The Lord’s Prayer” and singing high tenor in the quartet. He will be remembered for his very calming demeanor, wisdom, faith, endurance, sense of humor, and he had his own way with words. His quiet, but powerful presence as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend made him to be an example of God’s unwavering love, as he will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: five children: Carrian Rooks (John); Jameria Self (James); LaRachel McPhatter-Morrissey (Ricky); Willie R. McPhatter, Jr. (Johnika); Travia A. McPhatter: one brother: Raymond A. McPhatter, Jr, (Sennie): an aunt, Eldress Minnie Bridges (Willie); nine grandchildren; one great grandchild; sisters-in-law: Mary C. McPhatter and Anna Harrington, Zamenia Melton and Lucille McGregor; five brother-in-law: Robert McGregor (Denise), Eddie McGregor (Sallie), Michael McGregor, Frankie Martin and Charles Ferguson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, classmates, and friends.

