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# Acknowledgements

The family would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone for their words of encouragement, prayers, and acts of kindness during our period of bereavement. A special thank you to Pastor Archie Ray and Merciful Hands Outreach Deliverance Ministries and Elder Jimmy Lee.

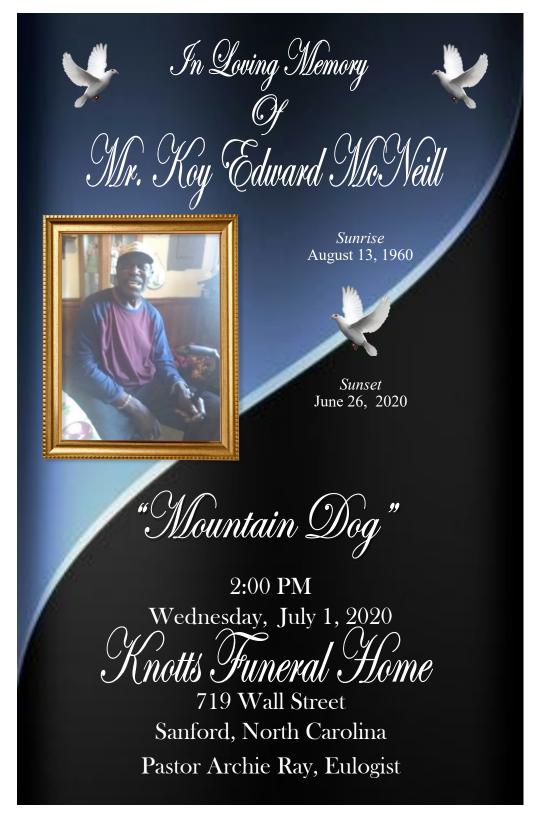
~The Family



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### Order of Service

#### Musical Prelude

> Old Testament: Minister Anthony Sparks New Testament: Prophetess Twana Ray

Selection/Parting View

Recessional



Interment
Lee Memory Garden
2600 Hawkins Ave.
Sanford, NC 27330

# Obituary

Mr. Koy "Edward" McNeill was born on August 13, 1960 to the late Mr. Koy Lee McNeill and Mrs. Flora Margaret McNeill. He entered into his eternal home on Friday, June 26, 2020 at his residence in Broadway, NC. He was a life-long resident of North Carolina and attended the local school system. In adulthood, Edward attended Rock Spring Free Will Baptist Church where he enjoyed playing the lead guitar.

Although he lost his parents at an early age he was always surrounded with the love of family. It is said that a double 1<sup>st</sup> cousin is genetically equal to a half sibling. But for us, growing up together he was the eldest brother no halves about it. Edward was a nature boy who enjoyed the great outdoors (fishing, hunting, you name it and he did it). He always greeted people with a smile and he always had a funny story to tell that would cause you to laugh no matter what was going on. Always willing to help anyone in any way that he could. The Ponderosa just won't be the same without its "Mountain Dog".

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Koy Lee McNeill and Flora Margaret McNeill; a devoted grandmother, Alberta Buie Bates and an uncle, Arthur William Bates who was like a father.

He is survived by a special aunt, who was like a mother, Jean Elizabeth McNeill Bates of San Diego, CA; a sister, Ann McNeill, NC; double 1<sup>st</sup> cousins, Cynthia "Lisa" Wall (Michael) of Pine Bluff, NC: Arthur "Ernest" Bates of Lillington, NC; Lester Bates of Lillington, NC; Juanita Sparks (Anthony) of Sanford, NC; and Annette Kennedy of San Diego, CA and a host of other cousins, relatives, and friends.



If I only had five minutes with you, before you passed away. I would have had time to tell you, the things I needed to say.

I never got to tell you, how much you mean to me.

Or, that you were the best brother you could be.

The last time I talked to you, I wish I would have known.

I would have said I love you and kept you on the phone.

# IF I ONLY HAD FIVE MINUTES, BEFORE YOU PASSED AWAY....

Although I wouldn't have wanted to let you go, I would have hugged you one last time.

And told you, I'll miss you more than you'll ever know but start your climb.

Now God has called upon you, it's time to get your wings.

To leave this life behind and enjoy all of what Heaven brings.

Love your brothers and sisters: Lisa, Ernest, Lester, Juanita, and Annette