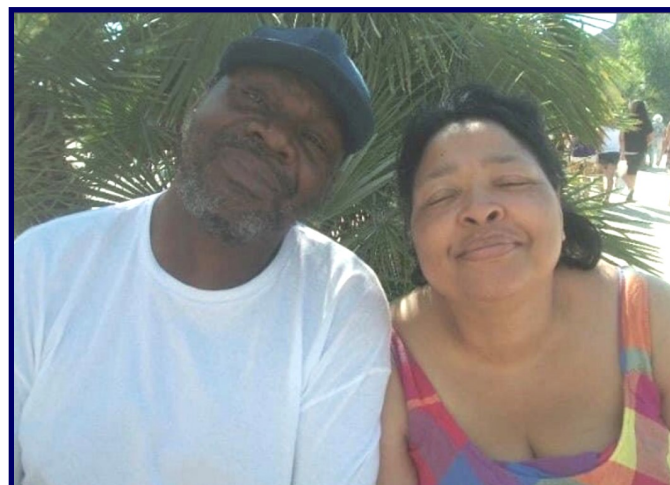


"My Love"



Pall Bearers

Friends of the Family

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgment

With the greatest appreciation, we express our sincere thanks for every act of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during the transition of our loved one. Indeed, each of you have been a great comfort to us and have shown us that we are not alone during this difficult time. Words are inadequate to express our sincere gratefulness. May the richest blessings of the Lord continue to rain upon each of you.

~The Family



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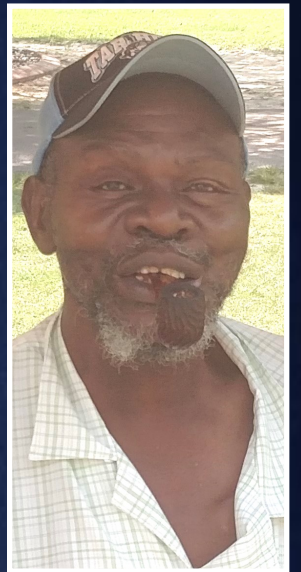
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Celebration of Life For

Mr. Ernest McLean



Funeral Service
3:00 PM

Friday, January 29, 2021

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719 Wall Street

Sanford, North Carolina

Pastor Bradley Brooks

Eulogist

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Soft music
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Selection.....The Brooks Family
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Sherlyn White
 - New Testament.....Sherlyn White
- Prayer of Comfort.....Sister Keena Brooks
- Remarks (Please limit to two minutes)
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Keena Brooks
- Selection.....The Brooks Family
- Eulogy.....Pastor Bradley Brooks
- Recessional



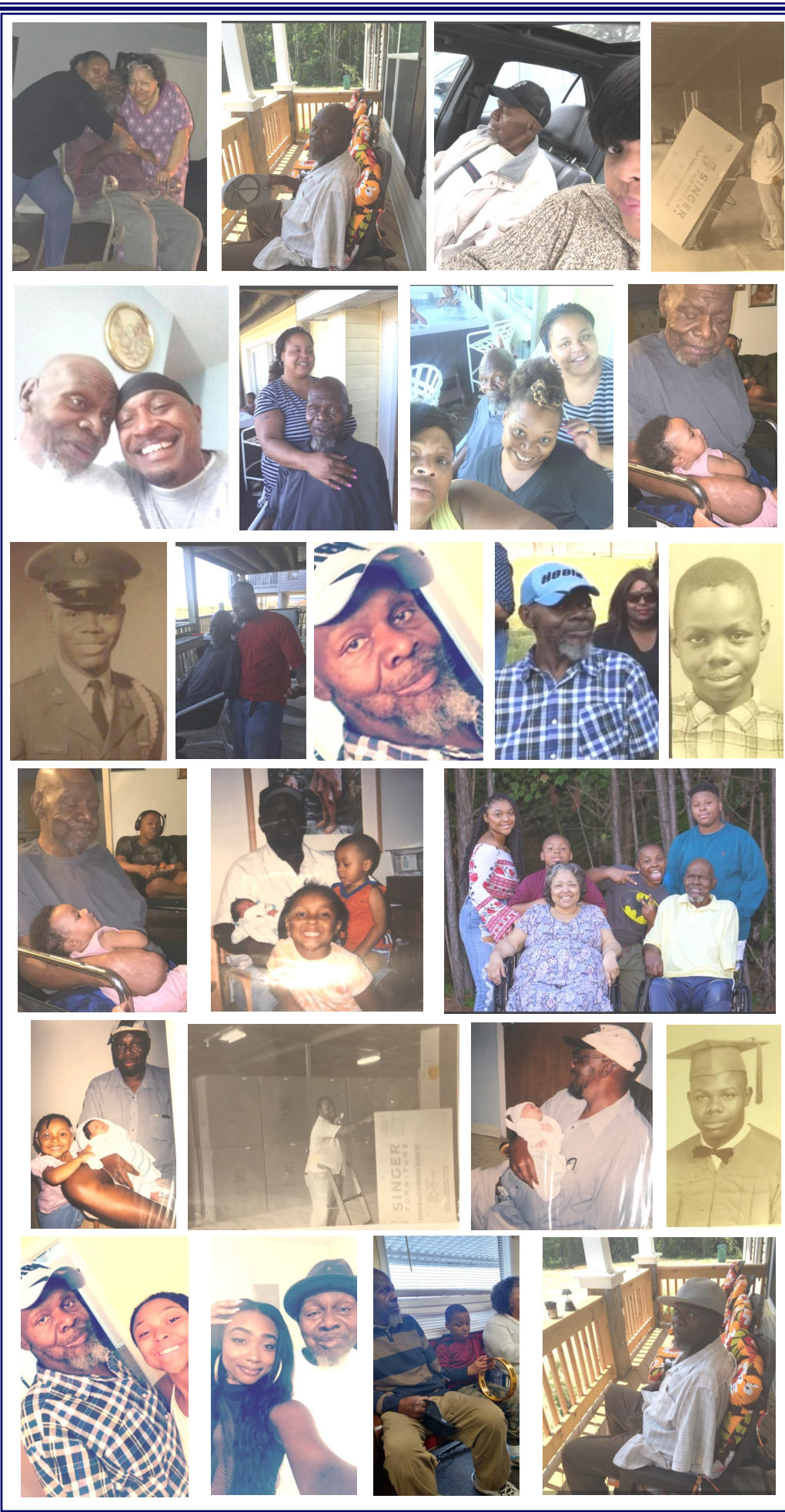
Grandpa

My worst fear has finally happened, but I would have never thought it would be the start of 2021. Everyone speaks on how rough 2020 was due to covid, and political issues, but I would go back in time just because you were right there with us. Your handsome smile, loud voice, and confident attitude, you were perfect for the nickname "Big E".



I had your great-grand baby, and you've met her even if you didn't know you did, I wish to god that she could grow up with the amazing man I grew up with, but she'll always know you, I'll lift your name and tell her of how amazing you were to each and everyone of us. No more pain, no more suffering. I'll see you again **poppa Scooty**, and you'll be that big guy at the fire pit, chopping down trees.

I will love you forever, your grand baby **Tykisha**.



Obituary

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (4:7)

Ernest McLean "Big E" was born on July 25, 1949, in Sanford, North Carolina to the late Sylvester McLean and Minnie Lee Smith. He transitioned from this life on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 in the comfort of his home in Sanford, North Carolina.

Ernest received his high school diploma from WB Wicker School in 1968. He served in the US Army where he received many medals including the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Service Medal. Ernest permanently retired from the military after being wounded in the Vietnam War that resulted in him losing his left arm. Even though he was left with one limb, Ernest continued to do everything in full capacity as if he were not wounded. Ernest completed a course in Radio & TV Broadcasting at CCCT where he then met the love of his life, Treva Headen.

Ernest and Treva were married on November 4th, 1972 in Sanford, North Carolina. Ernest was a devoted husband of 48 years. Through this union came the birth of his three daughters, which he loved and adored. Ernest was committed to family, making sure that all knew of support to achieve their highest potential.

Ernest will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his notion to debate any topic. If there was something to discuss, he was surely front and center. He was a jokester; he loved a good joke, especially if he was the one poking the fun. Also, Ernest had a heart of gold; he did not see a person in need without extending his assistance. People loved being around him for his ability to make even a stranger feel like family. He met no strangers. One of our fondest memories is of him and his fire pit. His fire pit and his dog Dexter took quite a bit of his time during most evenings. He would burn in his fire pit from sunup to sundown and then come in smelling of smoke, cigar, and sweat. It did not seem to be a big deal at the time, but now it is a memory that we will never forget.

Ernest is preceded in death by his mother, Minnie L. Smith; his father, Sylvester McLean; his sisters, Linda F. Martin and Minnie McLean, and his brothers, Jimmy Smith, Henry J. McLean, and William Smith.

He was survived by his loving wife of 48 years Treva McLean; their three biological daughters; Tonja McLean-Reid (Mike), Tasha McLean (Ricky), and Kelli McLean-Spinks (Stacey), all of Sanford, North Carolina, and an honorary daughter; Lakisha McLean (Will) of Sanford North Carolina; grandchildren and honorary grandchildren; Tykisha McLean-Spinks, Stacey Spinks Jr., Koby Spinks, Jaylenn Spinks, his great grand-baby Abrielle Skye Burroughs (Bri), Tyra Headen, Michael Headen Jr. (TJ), Kaniyah McLean, Marquies McLean, and Jakayla Judd (KK) all of Sanford, North Carolina, and Keith Reeves of Chatham County, North Carolina; his sisters Zelma Smith (Charles) and Devolar McLean and his brothers James McLean and Percy McLean (Stella) all of Sanford NC.

Extended mention to his niece, Arlene B. McLean; to whom he helped raise, his brother-in-law Michael T. Headen Sr. (Carol) of Sanford, North Carolina, and niece Ebony Harris (Nikki) who made a lasting impression on the family and would always lend a hand whenever it was needed. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.