

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*  
**Larry James Durnell McCray**



***Sunrise***  
April 21, 1958

***Sunset***  
June 17, 2021

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Thursday, June 24, 2021

1:00 pm

**Hudson Grove AME Zion Church**

4849 Hudson Church Road

Indian Trail, North Carolina 28079

Rev. Betty Rushing, Pastor

Rev. Veronica Cannon, Officiating Minister

# The Order of Service

## PROCESSIONAL

**WELCOME** .....Rev. Veronica Cannon

**SCRIPTURAL SENTENCES** .....Minister

Psalm 116:12-17 (NRSV)

*"What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD."*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** .....Minister

*Gracious is our God who hears our cries.*

*We come here today to cry out with confident hope that God is listening to us.*

*Loving is our God who comes to us in our grief and in our sadness.*

*We come here today to feel God wrap us in a loving embrace,*

*wipe away our tears and assure us that we are not alone.*

*Holy is our God who never lets death have the final word.*

*We come here today to bear witness to the resurrection-*

*in Christ and in us.*

*Transformative is our God who can turn grief into hope and sadness into joy.*

*We come here today to release our grief, to allow ourselves to be transformed  
and to begin to find joy in the midst of heartache.*

**MUSIC** .....Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** .....Minister

Old Testament ~ Psalm 27:1-14 (NRSV)

New Testament ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 35-39a, 42-58 (NRSV)

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** .....Rev. Veronica Cannon

## REFLECTIONS BY THE FAMILY

Wilbur Hood (Brother)

Demontris McCray (Nephew)

Margretta McKinney (Sister)

Gwendolyn Mungo (Daughter)

**POEM** .....Eva Hood

**READING OF OBITUARY** .....Melissa McCray

**MUSIC** .....Praise Team

**EULOGY** .....Rev. Veronica Cannon

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** .....The Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL

The Committal / Benediction / Interment  
Hudson Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery  
Indian Trail, North Carolina

# **The Obituary**

## **Larry James Durnell McCray**

April 21, 1958 – June 17, 2021

**Larry McCray**, the son of the late Ms. Myrtle McCray and Mr. John David Hood, was born on April 21, 1958, in Union County, North Carolina. He departed his earthly life on June 17, 2021 at Atrium Health - Union.

**Larry** was proceeded in death by his wife: Lexie Jean McCray; his mother: Myrtle McCray; father: John D. Hood; sisters: Dora Faye McCray; and brother: Ronnie Lynn McCray.

**Larry** accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. **Larry** was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina.

He graduated in 1976 from Parkwood High School. **Larry** was also a United States Army veteran, where he served for 5 years.

Anyone who knew **Larry** knew he could do just about anything. He could fix anything associated with a house, plumbing, electricity, sheetrock, roofing, flooring, and even automobile issues. If you wanted to learn how to do anything he did, he would not mind showing you how to do something if you had the desire to learn it. He loved his family with all his heart and did not mind letting you know. He always told his family, *"If you treat people right God will bless you and people will treat you right."*

**Larry** leaves to cherish is memories, three stepchildren: Gwendolyn Mungo (Lewis) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Gwen Mungo (Tim) of Monroe, North Carolina, and Haywood Mungo of Charlotte, North Carolina; two brothers: Rodger McCray of Waxhaw, North Carolina and Wilbur Hood (Glory) of Charlotte, North Carolina; one sister: Margaretta McKinney (David) of Charlotte, North Carolina; three special nephews: Demontris McCray (Melissa) of Waxhaw, North Carolina, Antonio McCray of Monroe, North Carolina and Demontris McCray, Jr.; four special nieces: Marquita Hood, Jaelyn Hood, Ziamirea and DaShane McCray; two special grandsons: Demarcus Mungo and Robert Mungo; five grandchildren: Shaiesha, Kyron, Taliyah, Kia Mosley, and Ja'Qunan; ten great-grandchildren; one special aunt: Joann McCray of Lancaster South Carolina; special "mother": Ms. Eva Hood; aunt: Maggie Twitty; uncles: Leroy and Everett Hood (Margaret); special cousins: Ricky and Tony Hood.

**Larry** had a very special lady in his life, Theresa Mays. **Larry** was loved by all who ever got the chance to know him. He never met a stranger.



## **The Family Acknowledgement**

The family of **Larry James Durnell McCray** wishes to thank each one who showed love and prayed for the McCray during our time of bereavement. God bless you all.

**Their will be a repass being held at the McCray Family house.**

**Flower Bearers**  
Family & Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
Family & Friends

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me,  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now,  
*He set me free!*



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