

Special Tribute

Daddy, My Heart,

Where's my Daddy?! Where's my Daddy?! There's my Daddy! I would say when I'd come in and you'd answer, "Where's that rascal at?" I'd laugh and kiss the top of your precious head. **I'll treasure that!**

My phone would ring. You had a special ring song I'd answer and say, "My Daddy's on the telephone" You say, "that rascal on here too?" We'd laugh! **I'll miss that!**

Taking care of you as you aged was my pleasure! You were easy to love, easy to care for! Even when you'd be stubborn about something. You took such great care of us as your children, taking care of you was an honor! **I'll cherish that!**

Pulling up in the driveway and you sitting on the porch enjoying the nice weather you say "There's my baby!" I'd melt like sugar and run up on the porch, take your cap off and kiss the top of your precious head! **I'll hold on to that!**

The life you lived for God was real! You trusted God explicitly unwavering! You taught me to look to God no matter the circumstance. Your prayer life was fire! You taught me to pray about everything! Your sermons kept me rooted and grounded! **I'll embrace that!**

Daddy, you sparkle! A real live gem, treasure, jewel! You modeled what a real Christian, man, Pastor, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend was. Genuine and kind! **I am forever grateful!**

Fishing, gardening, cooking, preaching, singing, praying - You were jack of all trades and master of many! While this is one of the hardest times in my life, your teachings, prayers, and love will sustain me. I won't say goodbye I'll say see you after while!

Forever my Mommy and my Daddy's baby!
Your Jongi "Kakes"



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You have fulfilled so many roles in my life, and you did so with excellence, and grace; for that I am grateful. Whether it was doctor appointments, breakfast/lunch outings, road trips, or watching reruns of Walker Texas Ranger, our time together meant the world to me. The bond we share is truly one of a kind and I'm blessed and find peace in knowing that it transcends time and space; nothing is lost in Christ. Therefore, although you're not here physically, I will not grieve like those who have no hope. Instead, I will carry you in my heart and do those things you've taught me and would want me to do. Thank you for creating memories with me, and for teaching me the importance of faith, love, and compassion. Thank you for giving me a visual and proper example of integrity and discipline, and lastly but most importantly, Father God, thank you for loving me enough to bless me with your precious servant, John E. McMullen as my Pastor, Grandfather, Father, and Best friend.

Kemothy Ruffin, Jr. #1

Acknowledgements

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, we looked up and our friends were there, with flowers and words, written and spoken, with smiling and hearts opened, you comforted us and shared our grief. God will bless you and keep you, granting all relief. Our gratitude cannot be adequately expressed with mere words, but they are the best that we can offer in saying, Thank you! ~The family of Pastor John E. McMullen



Where Is Uncle Johnny?

Where is Uncle Johnny?

Well, wherever he is or whatever he is doing,

he is happily exemplifying the love of God.

Or he is behind the Sacred Desk faithfully preaching Gods word.

Or he is using his God given talent with the mighty male chorus;

bringing joy and hope to the people with his soul stirring voice.

Or he and Aunt Margie are taking a family trip with Shawn, Kim, and Jongi.

And that trip often included their niece and nephews; Nessa, Terry, and Lando.

This unselfish show of love in action,

enabled me to take a much-needed GMWA vacation.

Or he and Aunt Margie are taking a bus load of children from the church on fun filled educational trips to increase the children's self-confidence and self- worth.

Or he and Big Daddy are on the road to Alabama hoping and wishing;

they'll get back to Cincy with a load; after having a good time going fishing.

And did you know Uncle Johnny loved to drive?

He did with a sense of joy, freedom and pride.

Or that Uncle Johnny was a "mean green tomatoes and collards planting machine?" And Ooo wee, my oh my, he might be in the kitchen

making mouth- watering sweet potato pie!

Or he and Aunt Margie might be on one of those many wonderful romantic trips. Whether driving, flying, or sailing, all were a blessing with an aura of bliss.

"Where is Uncle Johnny?"

Wherever he was, or whatever he was doing; he was sharing and spreading Gods love. In deeds not just words, so people would believe all that they heard.

God gave Uncle Johnny ninety years to complete his task:

mission accomplished uncle Johnny, you did what God asked.

Where is Uncle Johnny?

He's with Almighty God in the land of love...heaven above.

Eternally grateful; singing with Aunt Margie and the heavenly angels;

Hallelujah Glory to God!

Jackie Moncrief AKA 'Soul Searchin Crads"

pallbearers

Grandsons, Nephews & Great Nephews



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A Celebration of Life

Pastor

John E. McMullen

Sunrise September 19, 1931 ~ Sunset May 2, 2022



Sunday, May 15, 2022

Visitation 4:00 pm | Funeral 6:00 pm

Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship

2324 May Street

Cincinnati, OH 45206

Bishop Michael E. Dantley, Pastor

Pastors Carl E. McMullen, Sr. & Dr. Eddie Collier, Officiating

Pastor Dr. Shawn E. McMullen, Sr., Eulogist


Pastor


John Elijah McMullen

A General in The Army of The Lord!

John E. McMullen was a native of Jackson, Butts County, Georgia. He was born September 19, 1931, to the late Emmett, Sr. and Martha Taylor McMullen of Jackson, Georgia. He entered the Church Triumphant on Monday evening 8:58pm, May 2nd, 2022. God gave his faithful servant long life in this world. Now he dwells with the spirit of “Just Men Made Perfect”.


In this life we are Selected and Drafted, then we Enlist, and are Promoted in connection with our service. ***John E. McMullen*** was not a tall man physically but was a giant among soldiers in the army of the Lord. When the Lord called him home, he was indeed a General in rank among the soldiers on the battlefield for the Lord.

 He gave his life to Christ at an early age and standing on a box sang his first solo at the age of 5. Having been the son of a sharecropper, he worked the fields from April to September and went to get an education from October to March. Because the school house was also the Church House, he was being groomed to rise through the spiritual ranks. Emmett Sr. wanting his baby boy not to suffer the indignities and disrespect of the sharecropping life, asked his eldest daughter Elven, affectionately called Evelyn, and her husband Jimmie Lee Bell, if they would take him back to Cincinnati, Ohio with them. This began a new assignment in a new place at age 16. Living with his sister and husband’s family, he went to work for Jake Sweeney Automotive. Rising through the ranks and acquiring new skills, he saved enough money to buy a car. He drove back to Jackson and moved his Father to Cincinnati.

 Having been selected, he served in the United States Army, for a year and a half in the Korean Conflict. He was released from active military service to return to the Army Reserve to complete 8 years of service. He went to work at his oldest brother, Emmett Jr’s, gas station. Then later took advantage of the opportunity to work at the Cincinnati Milling Machine. Because of his humble and teachable spirit, he was promoted to a machine operator, drawing blueprints, and creating his own tools as needed. After 30 years of service, he retired a much-honored and well-respected machinist.


In 1951, he married Redetha Johnson, to which union 1 child was born. Then in 1960, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Marjorie Veasley, to which union 1 son was added and then 1 son and 2 daughters were born. This was a 50-year union of love until The Father called his love to Himself.

“The greatness of the Army has always been the ability of a soldier who serves in the ranks to rise to the challenge...” (Julius W. Gates-8th Sergeant Major)


 ***John E. McMullen*** was up for the challenge. His devotion to the Lord grew parallel to his status in the community. He was a man of blameless character and spiritual devotion. He joined the St Luke Baptist Church where Lela Mae and James Carl Bonner became watch parents.

Mom and Dad as he called them became life-long guardians and he treated them as a good son would, caring for them until the Lord called them to Himself.

He grew in wisdom and stature with God and man. His devotion to God and loyalty to family and friends allowed for his promotion in St. Luke Baptist Church. He was set aside, tested and ordained as Deacon under the capable Pastorate of Pastor Charlie Roy Flint. He served in his rank until God elevated him to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

 In June of 1976, ***Deacon John E. McMullen*** publicly declared that the Lord called him to preach the gospel. It is with this message he continues to declare his love for God and his dedication to the ministry. “I Will Let Nothing Separate Me from the Love of God” was his 1st and continues to be his resounding message.

He made full-proof of his ministry as an Evangelist, preaching revivals both in his home city, his native home Georgia, as well as many other cities as God gave him opportunity. ***Reverend John E. McMullen*** understood the importance of leading by example. His loyalty and character allowed for yet another promotion from the Lord.

 In April, 1977, he was called to Pastor El-Bethel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He grew the congregation both numerically and spiritually by preaching the Word of God simply and faithfully, encouraging them to “Let Go and Let God”. He baptized countless, married many, counseled even more. As pastor, friend, and confidant, he would tell them “I Love You and There’s Nothing You Can Do About It!” He pastored El-Bethel Baptist Church for 44 years. When his health began to challenge him, it was at this time he entered retirement as Pastor Emeritus.

When El-Bethel and Zion Hill consolidated, under the leadership of his nephew Pastor Carl E. McMullen Sr. and son Pastor Shawn E. McMullen Sr., ***Pastor McMullen*** was an encourager of the vision. He became an intricate part in the founding of the merged congregations and continued preaching the Word of God and being an example of Christian living.

His favorite passage of scripture: II Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.”

Pastor Emeritus John E. McMullen was called from Earth’s Labors to Heaven’s Rewards. He leaves to cherish his memory and carry his legacy his sons Gregory V. Johnson (Carolyn), Pastor Shawn E. McMullen (Fanta); his daughters Vanessa Walker (Eugene), Minister Kimberly D. McMullen, and Psalmist Jongi K. Turney (Martin); 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and very special friend of over 45 years June V. Manuel.

Final Earthly Resting Place

Spring Grove Cemetery
Monday, May, 16, 2022 at 10:00 am

Repast

Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship
(following the committal)

Order of Service

Musical Prelude & Processional.....
“*May The Works I’ve Done Speak for Me*”

Parting View The Family

Scripture Reading Pastor Carl E. McMullen
Old Testament Scripture ~ Psalm 1:1-6
Pastor Dr. Eddie F. Collier
New Testament Scripture ~ Romans 8:34-39

Musical Ministry Special Choir
“*We Offer Praise*”

Acknowledgment of Cards, and Condolences.....Melvena Harris

Reflections

Welcome/Thank you Demetrius A. McMullen

Poem Reading Jacqueline Montcrief
Terrance D. Craddock
Pastor Sherrill and Lady Denise Smith
Reverend Rufus McDowell
Denice Murray
Warren F. Akins
1st Lady Debra McMullen
Kemothy T. Ruffin
Elliott & Lori McMullen

Musical Selection Darwin Hobbs
“Walk In Jerusalem” (Just Like John)

Words of Encouragement

Dr. Carl P. Atkins ~ *President, Temple Bible College & Seminary*
Dr. Dock Foster ~ Chairman of Board of Trustee Temple Bible College & Seminary
Pastor Dr. John B. Ivey ~ *Beulah Baptist Church*
Bishop Dr. Michael E. Dantley ~ *Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship* Pastor
Darnell Lee ~ *The Church of The Living God*
Pastor Dr. Cecil Farrell ~ *St. Mark Baptist Church*
Pastor Dr. Damon Lynch Jr.~ *New Jerusalem Baptist Church*
Pastor Dr. Eddie F. Collier ~ *Towaliga Countyline Missionary Baptist Church*

Obituary and Video Reflections.....

Saxophone Solo.....Ed Thomas
“Beams of Heaven”

Roll Call..... Annie Ree McDowell
Elven (Evelyn) Bell
Emmett McMullen Jr.
Laura Nettie Victoria (Bea) Akins
David McMullen
John E. McMullen

Music MinistryMinister Kim McMullen
“*I Know I Been Changed*”

Eulogy.....Pastor Dr. Shawn E. McMullen, Sr.

Benediction.....Pulpit

Recessional.....Clergy, Family & Friends
“*How I Got Over*”