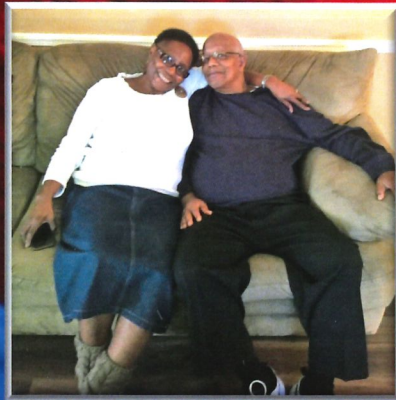


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## *Acknowledgement*

On behalf of Mrs. Caroline (Wilson) Burke and the entire family of Elder Burke McCoy, Jr., we extend our profound thanks and gratitude to all who expressed sympathy, sent condolences, sent flowers, sent or posted sympathy cards, and sent emails and text messages expressing your love and support to us. To those who prepared and delivered food and monetary gifts to us in this incredibly stressful time, we thank you for finding a way to comfort us in our time of loss. Thank you for communicating your love to us and for your presence here today to celebrate his life, letting us know that you are with us. Your many prayers and expressions of sympathy helped us immensely to go through this most challenging experience. May God bless all of you and your families to get ready and stay ready to meet Him in the air.

## *Pallbearers*

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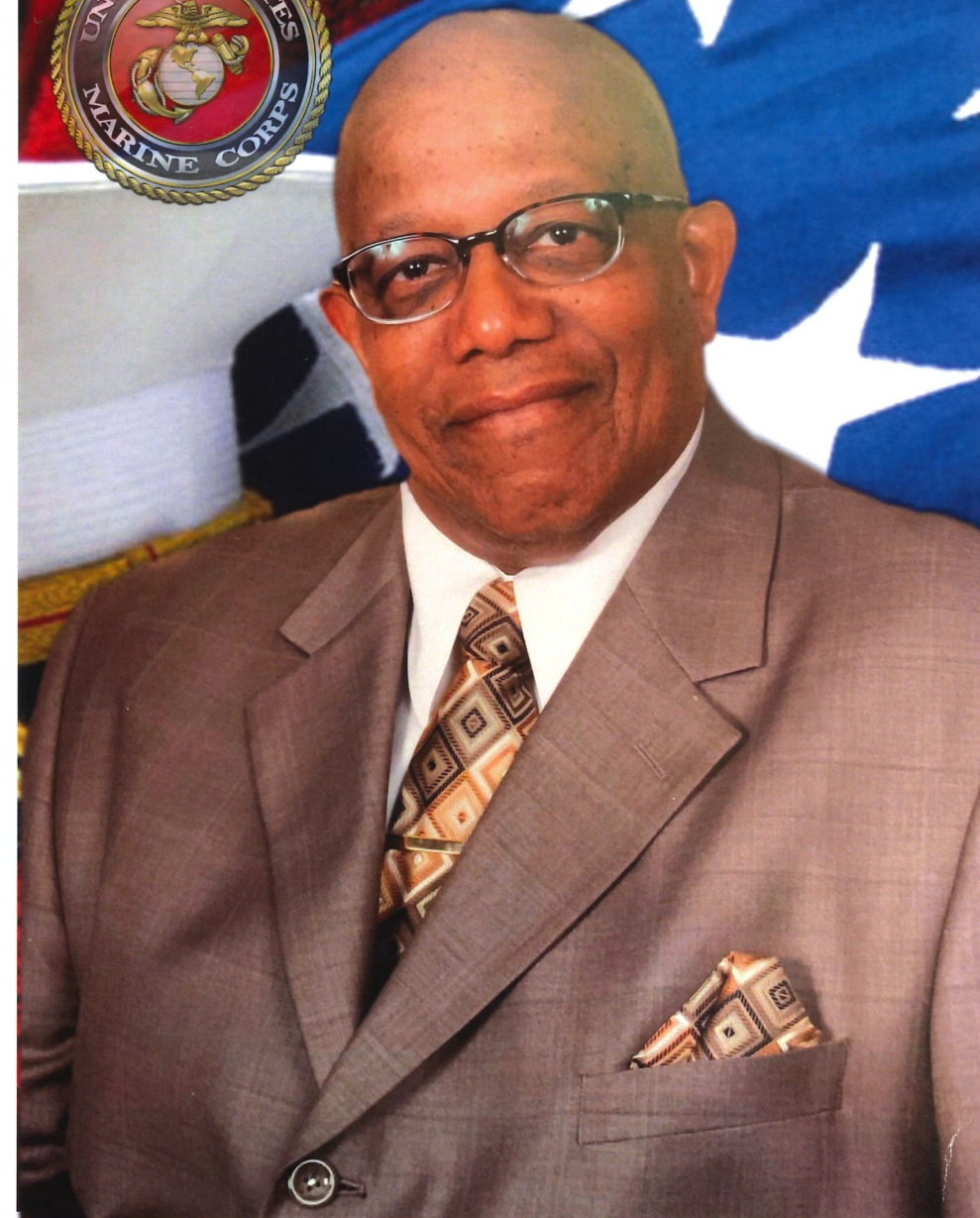
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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE *Elder Burke McCoy, Jr.*



**SUNRISE: October 27, 1941    SUNSET: June 3, 2021**

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, 11:00 A.M.  
Viewing 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

KENNERLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
4307 W. Kennerly Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63113

ELDER EDGAR MADISON, *Host Pastor*

## Order of Service

Processional	FAMILY
Prayer of Comfort	ELD. MARVIN EWING
Old Testament Scripture	ELD. KIRK BRADLEY
New Testament Scripture	ELD. EDWARD MORGAN
Musical Selection	KENNERLY TEMPLE MALE CHORUS
Family Tributes	SONS: MARIO MCCOY MICHAEL J. MCCOY NIECE: HELEN BELL FRIEND: ELD. DARRYL ROBINSON
Acknowledgement & Condolences	MOTHER AUDREY BANKS
Life Reflections (Read silently, soft music)	
Remarks (2 mins, please)	PULPIT
Sermonic Selection	
Eulogy	PASTOR EDGAR O. MADISON, JR. KENNERLY TEMPLE COGIC
Benediction	
Recessional	

## Interment

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MARINE CORPS

## Life Reflections

*The Lord Almighty in His providence  
closed the book of Burke McCoy, Jr., on the morning of June 3, 2021.  
God sent an angel to carry one of His children home.*

MR. BURKE MCCOY, JR., was born to the late Birk McCoy and Birdia (Cross) Ward in Augusta, Arkansas. Both parents and his sisters Erma J. Reaves, Nettie Moore, and Carrie Ward; brothers Robert J. Ward and Cleo Ward preceded him in death.

Burke confessed a hope in Christ at Kennerly Temple in 1975 under Elder R.J. Ward. He was ordained as a minister in 1977. He went on to become an Elder, and an Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a Sunday school teacher, a member of the male chorus, and president of the mission department. Elder Burke McCoy, Jr., loved his Kennerly Temple family.

Burke worked and retired from General Motors in October 1999 after 31 years of service. His love of service led him back to the workforce where he became a Security Supervisor at Centocor for seven years before ultimately retiring again in October 2012. His love of service also led him to participate in the Chaplain program with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and he served as a Chaplain at Barnes Jewish Hospital. He also served as the President of his neighborhood Block Unit #1382 in Walnut Park East. Burke was also a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps (Semper Fi) and was Honorably Discharged in 1964.

He received his education at Carver High School in Augusta, Arkansas, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Christian Family Counseling from Glad Tidings Bible College in St. Louis, MO. He was a huge Sci-Fi fan. He spent countless hours reading Sci-Fi books and enjoyed watching Sci-Fi television shows and movies. He was also fond of music, especially gospel and soulful classics.

Burke met and married the love of his life, Caroline (Wilson), on March 21, 1967. They were married for 54 years before his death. Together they raised two sons, Mario McCoy and Michael J. McCoy.

Burke was a devoted husband and father and consistently presented himself as a God-fearing man who would do anything for his family. He was also generous with extended family and friends and enjoyed helping others. Burke was always available to listen and offer sound advice. He will be deeply missed.

## Life Reflections, cont'd

He leaves to cherish his memories a Faithful and Devoted wife Caroline (Wilson) McCoy, sons, Mario McCoy (fiancé Amy Somday) of Renton, WA, and Michael J. (Teresita) McCoy of Florissant, MO; six sisters-in-love, Mary J. Smith (Carmi) of Wellington, Florida, Dorothy Ward (Bishop Robert J Ward, Deceased), Felix Mae St. James, Maggie Wilson Willis, Colmar J. Waters all of St. Louis, MO, Barbara A. Sanders of Chicago, IL; two brothers-in-love, Leonard Waters and Jerome Phillips, both of St. Louis, MO; four grandchildren, Markesha McCoy, Marcus Dahline-McCoy, Mario A. McCoy, and Silas Evans; three great granddaughters, Kaylee McCoy, Rhian McCoy, and Mauri McCoy; his Goddaughter, Jazmine Booker, Godson, Joshua E. Willis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and his wonderful Kennerly Temple Family.



### *Dearest Husband,*

*I thank you with all of my heart  
for sharing this journey called life,  
I'll be forever grateful that I was  
blessed to be your wife.*

*Grateful to have held your hand,  
to have loved you throughout the years*

*Amidst life's joys and challenges, in times of happiness and tears.*

*Blessed to have built a life with you, to have created a family  
For our love, and that of our sons means everything to me.*

*I can hardly bear the thought  
or accept you've been taken away,  
Facing the future without you here  
after 54 years, 2 months, and 10 days.*

*Yet I'm comforted knowing how much you love us  
And I'm certain you're still watching o'er  
Staying nearby and caring for us as faithfully as before.*

*And though you may be gone for a season  
I'll carry on...trusting to see you again,  
Waiting 'til God reunites us in heaven  
and brings me back to you, My Bae and Friend.*

*Until then...I thank you, Dearest Husband,  
for all you've meant to my life,  
I'm so grateful God made us a family  
and for the blessing of being your wife.*