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Expression Of Gratitude

We the family of Mr. McDowell Fortune, Sr. wish to thank all who supported us during this difficult time and appreciate all acts of kindness.



Celebration *Of Life*

In Loving Memory Of

Saturday, September 21, 2019

12:00 pm

New Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

78 Elliott Highway, Bishopville, SC 29010

Reverend Archie S. Temoney, Sr. MAPC; M. Div, Pastor



McDowell
FORTUNE, SR.

April 29, 1929 - September 18, 2019

Obituary

A Time to be Born...

Mr. McDowell Fortune, Sr. was born in Bishopville, South Carolina on April 29, 1929 to the late Nick and Mary McCants Fortune. He was the youngest of eight children and affectionately known as “Baby Ray”.

A Time to Grow...

He grew up and attended the public schools of Lee County. Most days, McDowell (Ray) walked twelve miles to and from school daily to get his education and obtain his high school diploma from Dennis High School. He was drafted into the United States Army May 19, 1954. He was Honorably Discharged on June 28, 1956. After his military service, he worked the farms of Lee County to support his ailing father and nuclear family. Later, he worked as a machinist for Reeves Brothers and Burlington Industries. Considered a ‘Jack-of-all-trades’, he labored on the farm of his in-laws and did construction repairs and renovations on the homes of many families in the surrounding communities.

A Time to Worship...

McDowell accepted his Christian responsibilities early in life and joined New Zion AME Church. As a young boy, he was part of the usher’s board. As he grew older, he revered God and learned later how to obtain eternal rest in heaven through Jesus Christ. He attended and supported his church faithfully until his health failed.

A Time to Love...

McDowell was a manly man who demonstrated his love by providing for his family and forever giving no-nonsense corrections and advice. He was stern and would whip you with his words. He was a man of few words, who told his children, “Do what you said you would do.” In his final years, he learned to say, “I love you, too.” Before, his response was always, “I loved you before you loved me.”

A Time to Die...

The hour glass with its sands of time slowly but surely spilled its contents with the passing of the last grain of his life on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at his home in Mayesville, SC. Through all the pain and suffering, both emotionally and physically, he did not complain, but fought the good fight until God gave him rest.

A Time to Mourn...

He leaves to cherish his memories, one devoted daughter, Ruth (James) McKinney of Sumter, SC; three supportive sons, Booker T. (Dorothy) Fortune, Melvin J. (Teresa) Fortune and Daryle (Ella) Fortune, all of Mayesville, SC; two daughters-in-law, Joyce S. Fortune of Columbia, SC, Lorie Ann Rogers of Bishopville, S.C.; one son-in-law Reese Fuller of Baltimore Maryland; one brother, Lucius Atkins of Philadelphia, PA; one sister-in-law, Edith Ricks of Sumter, SC; Minnie Rogers, a special friend of the family; a special niece and caregiver, Rosemary (James) Rogers; fifteen grand-children; thirty great grandchildren; one great-great grand and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Mae Fortune; two sons, McDowell Fortune, Jr and Gregory Rogers; one daughter Barbara Ann Fuller and one grandson Nicholas Tyron Fortune.

Order Of Service

Prelude

Processional..... #52 Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn..... “How Great Thou Art”

Prayer..... Reverend Alfred Bradley

Old Testament..... Reverend Johnny Rouse

New Testament..... Reverend James Gee

Selection..... I’ll Fly Away

Remarks (2 minutes)..... Mae R. Caesar - Church

James Roger - Community

James McKinney - Family

Acknowledgements..... Gloria Rouse Slater

Solo

Hymn..... The Comforter Has Come

Words Of Comfort..... Reverend A. S. Temoney, Sr.

Recessional Viewing..... Melody Of Songs

Postlude

Committal, Prayer, Benediction

Interment

Zion Memorial Garden