



Sunrise and Sunset

April 19, 1962 - January 21, 2022

Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 1pm

Avery Chapel AME Church
1425 N. Kelham Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Rev. Brandon Sims - Officiating



Family Gratitude

We express with humble hearts and sincere appreciation and gratitude for every expression of love, sympathy and concern. Your prayers, thoughts and presence have lifted us in ways words cannot express. For every act of kindness
THANK YOU

The Family of Verlon McKinzie

THE **Life**
AND **Legacy** OF



Verlon
McKinzie



Verlon's Life and Legacy

Verlon McKinzie was born on April 19, 1962 in Star City, Arkansas to his parents Ivory McKinzie Sr. and Ruby Jean Darrough-McKinzie. Verlon accepted Jesus Christ at an early age, and became a member of The Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist church in Cole Spur, Arkansas under the leadership of Rev. Jimmy Bynum.

Verlon attended Gould High School in Gould, Arkansas and graduated in 1981. While in high school he played various sports that included: basketball, football, track, shot put and discus. Several of his most valuable accomplishments during his senior year was being voted to represent Gould High School Allstar football, and leading the basketball team to the state finals. After graduation he attended Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Later he followed his dream to join the National Guard as an E4 Specialist and served his country for 10 years. After serving his country Verlon moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and continued his career path at WW Steele; where he was employed for 24 years until his sudden passing. Verlon joined Collins Community AME Church under leadership of his former Pastor Ruth Holmes and current Pastor Brandon Sims. He was an active and dedicated member and served on the Board of Trustee, Sons of Allen men's choir, and served as an usher who greeted everyone with his great big smile and heartfelt hugs.

Verlon met and fell in love with Donna Howard in February 2009, and later they were joined together in Holy Matrimony as Mr. & Mrs.

Verlon McKinzie on October 24, 2015. To this union God bless them to have a blended family of 10 children, and 23 grandchildren. Verlon hobbies and past time included: spending quality time and traveling with his wife, spending time with his children, basketball, cooking, wrestling, and attending his grandchildren sporting activities.

On Friday, January 21, 2022, our heavenly father opened the gates of heaven, and gave Verlon McKinzie his well-deserved wings, and placed him into eternal peace to reunite with his parents Mr. Ivory McKinzie Sr. and Mrs. Ruby Jean Darrough-McKinzie and sister Debra Sue McKinzie. Verlon will leave to cherish his precious memories to his loving wife, Donna McKinzie and Mother-in-law, Jeanette Howard both of Oklahoma City. Children: LaChandra Rena McKinzie-Moss (Arbrady) of Southaven, MS; Shuntevious Ventrell McKinzie (Whitney) of Gould, AR; Marzella McKinzie of Dumas, AR; Verlondro McKinzie, DeArdea McKinzie, Jacqueline McKinzie, LeAndrex Jones (LaToya), Tenieka Howard (Desmond), Kanetta Alexander, Tracey Driver (Brittany) all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Siblings: Royce Callaway (Linder) of Lonoke, AR; Ruthie Ann Doyd (Ricky) of Dumas, AR; Ivory McKinzie Jr. of Little Rock, AR; James Jones (Angelia) of Gould, AR; Jenest Murry (LC) of Chicago, Dwight Ray Mckinzie (Kelia) of Gould, Arkansas, and a host of In-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Celebration



Processional
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Musical Selection
Collins Community AME Choir

Prayer
Rev. Derrick Richardson

Inspirational Poem
Brittney Ellis
(On behalf of Verlon's wife Donna McKinzie)

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Rev. Royce Callaway

Words of Comfort
Rufus D. Howard

New Testament
Pastor Tony Howard

Musical Selection
Hosea Rodgers

Musical Selection
Elijah Golson

Eulogy
Rev Brandon L. Sims

Resolutions and Acknowledgments
Collins Community AME Church

Video Tribute

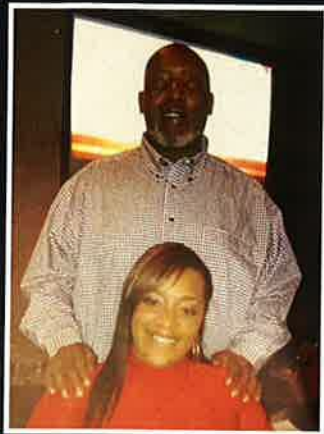
Special Remarks
Collins Community "Sons of Allen"
Hosea Rodgers
Kenneth Davis

Parting View

Recessional
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Remarks
(2 Minutes Please)





They say blood don't make you related and I found out that this is true. Because even though we were not blood, you could never tell. You treated me like your own child and nothing less. You were the best dad to me and the best papa to my kids. Thank you for always treating my Mama like a QUEEN! You always had my back and my hand. This seems so unreal to have to go on without you, but I have no choice. JOB WELL DONE POPS! Until we meet again, I will carry you in my heart. You are leaving earth as one of the realist and strongest men I knew.

Your daughter Tenieka



Thank you for being a part of our family. I will always hold you dear to my heart. I love the way you took care of my mom and our entire family. You will be truly missed. Rest in Heaven

Tracey



My only regret that if I had known that night was the last night, I would ever see you again. I would have hugged you a little tighter and stayed by your side a little longer. My mind knows that you are gone, but my heart will never accept it. I will hold on to our times spent and wait until that day I will see you again.

Love you Dad



I will remember you each day that I live. God blessed us to have you to be our Pops and I will cherish every memory we have until we meet again. Thank you for loving my mother like the Queen she is!

Love you Pops, LeAndrex



He Knew His Assignment

My Dearest Verlon,

You knew your assignment. When your eyes met mine they mirrored our excitement.

It was through our unexpected love that our hearts found alignment. Through highs and lows I always found joy in creating our environment.

You and I discovered love at a certain age of refinement. You had yours and I had mine, for merging our families and learning as we go will always be my greatest enlightenment.

The love you gave to me could only come from a man who was consistent. A true King met his Queen and it was heaven sent.

I will try my best not to question God with my why's. He gave you your assignment and trusting God and leaning on his word in our marriage was our number one requirement.

A love like ours, holds no bounds you for me and me for you. I know you shared the same sentiment. My heart, My husband, My hero. Our love will be transcendent.

So fly high my love, for you, there is no more confinement. I will always be grateful, that you knew your assignment.

Your Forever Love, Donna



Just because you cannot see me doesn't mean I am not there. Just because I am in heaven does not mean I do not care.

I often see you crying and calling my name.
I want to hold you tight
I want to ease your pain

It's easy for me because I know Heaven is real. If you knew the truth how much better would you feel.

Heaven is waiting on you. One day we will meet again, but only when the time is right. Look for me, I will be standing in the light.

Loving Memory of your mother,
Ruth Jean Darroug-McKinzie



To our Dad,
It hurts us to know that you are no longer here. But we will hold on to the memories of the last time we saw you so close and near. We love you and will truly miss you.

Love Champ and your grandkids

If I could build a stairway from tears, I would walk to heaven and bring you back again.

I love you daddy. Till we meet again

Renae and the boys

Dad we hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Our family chain is broken now, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Love your Daughter

You hold my hand when I was small, and you caught me when I fell. You are the hero of my childhood and my later years as well. Every time I think of you my heart fills with pride, even though I will always miss you; I know you're by my side in laughter and in sorrow in sunshine and in rain. I know you're watching over us until we meet again.

Your daughter, Shea

Pop's, my best memory to recall is the gift of your presences. What more could I ask for. To know and love you was the Greatest Gift of All...Thank you!!!

Your Babygirl Kanetta

Pallbearers

Collins Community AME Church "Sons of Allen"

Honorary Pallbearers

Verlondro McKinzie
LeAndrex Jones
Shuntevious McKinzie
Tracey Driver

Flower Bearers

Collins Community AME Church
"Women Missionary Society"

Honorary Flower Bearers

Lachandra McKinzie-Moss
Marzella McKinzie
Tenieka Howard
DeAndrea McKinzie
Jacqueline McKinzie
Kanetta Alexandra

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12825 N.E. 50th St. Spencer, OK 73084

Repast

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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