

*Your wings were ready, but
our hearts were not...*

Acknowledgements

*Sometimes it's hard to understand
the loss of one so dear,
but the comfort of a loving God
is always very near.
So may He help to ease the pain
and sadness that you feel,
for this earth has no sorrow
that Heaven cannot heal.*

IN APPRECIATION

*With heartfelt appreciation, the McNeal family acknowledges the
many comforting expressions of love shown during this time of
sorrow. Through your prayers, cards, calls, gifts and visits,
we have received strength and comfort.*

*Special thanks to Pastor (Mother) Annie Johnson and the
members of Deliverance Temple Word of Faith Christian Center.*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE
OCTOBER 30, 1934

SUNSET
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

John Marvin McNeal

Saturday, September 26, 2020 • 12:00 Noon

**CUNNINGHAM & SONS
MORTUARY CHAPEL**

3809 Raeford Road • Fayetteville, NC 28304

Pastor Annie Johnson, Eulogist

Order of Service

- ProcessionalClergy and Family
- Hymn of Celebration“WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN”
Congregation
- Prayer of Comfort Elder Randall Johnson
- Scripture Readings:
 OLD TESTAMENT*Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*
 Elder Andrew Jones
 NEW TESTAMENT*John 14:1-3*
 Elder Lonnie Coulter
- Musical SelectionPaula Waters
- Reading of the ObituaryBeverly V. Brandon-Simms
- PoemDenise Cole
- Video Tribute
- Acknowledgements Beverly V. Brandon-Simms
- Reflections 2 Minutes Please
Reverend Jimmy McClain
Family and Friends
- Musical Selection“JESUS PROMISED ME A HOME OVER THERE”
by Jennifer Hudson
- EulogyPastor Annie Johnson
Deliverance Temple Word of Faith Christian Center
- Benediction
- Recessional Hymn “SOON AND VERY SOON”

John Marvin McNeal

 n October 30, 1934, JOHN MARVIN MCNEAL was born in Baltimore, Maryland to the late John Marvin Martin and Louise Chance. He received his education in Dunn, North Carolina. Shortly after school, he relocated to Mount Vernon, New York where he enlisted in the United States Army.

After coming home from service in Germany, John married the love of his life, Mildred Beatrice McKoy in 1957. They moved to St. Albans, New York where he operated his own barber shop for thirty-seven years. He was very successful in this business. When he finished with his customers, not a hair was out of place; mustaches and beards were perfectly shaped. However, barbering wasn't just a craft for John, he used this time to listen and often counsel those with whom he came in contact. One of his most famous counsels was “to listen to old folks when they tell you something. They won't tell you something wrong.” His business also provided him the opportunity to give others often discarded by society, like former jail inmates, another chance by working in the shop. Oh, how he loved to tell stories and reminisce about the times there. John was always a dreamer; when he saw what his dreams brought him; he did not hesitate to counsel others on how to achieve theirs. Barbering was his ministry.

In October 1959, a special addition was added to their family, daughter Theresa. She has always been a Daddy's girl and she was truly the apple of his eye! Also, during their marriage, they assisted in raising several other children with love and care.

The time came when John and Mildred decided to retire and relocate to Fayetteville, North Carolina. They attended Deliverance Temple Word of Faith Christian Center, where he accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour before his health declined.

Other than his work, John also had other passions. He loved to cook; during his life he attended cooking school. He always bragged on his chili, which was good and spicy. Also, he was known for making pickled pig feet for folks upon request. In his later years, he spent much of his time watching old TV westerns and movies while eating hard candy and cookies and drinking coffee. John also had a passion for scratch off tickets, something he looked forward to daily.

Quietly in the afternoon on Sunday, September 13, 2020, John went to be with the Lord. He is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Alexander; and sister, Denise. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Mildred McNeal; daughter, Theresa; grandchildren, Charia and Nirupa (Gull); great grandchildren, Heaven, Hasain, Halees, and James; great, great grandchildren, Chance and Isabella; sisters Jewette and Sandra and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.