

Honorary Pallbearers

Elder Gregory Boone
Elijah Oston

Tony Boone
Wayne Boone



Repast

There will not be a repast held immediately following the service due to adhering to the CDC guidelines during COVID 19. The family would like to invite you to join them at an event planned to celebrate Walter's life when the CDC has deemed it safe to gather.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and love we have experienced during our time of bereavement — May God Bless You!

~The McClendon Family~

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A Celebration of Life for

Walter Alexander McClendon, Jr.



October 3, 1963 — August 20, 2020

Service

11:00 AM, Friday, September 4, 2020

Samuel C. Rogers, Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

CSM Jeffrey Topping, Sr. (Ret), Officiating

Obituary

Brother

*You gave no one a last farewell,
Nor ever said good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A million times, we will cry.
If love alone could have saved you,
You would never have died.
In life, we loved you, dearly.
In death, we love you still.
In our hearts, you hold a place,
No one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.
We will meet again someday
I know in a better place.
I thank God he made you our brother
While you were here on earth.*

On Thursday, August 20, 2020, Sgt. Walter Alexander McClendon, Jr., U.S. Army National Guard Ret., our loving brother, compassionately called Mac by friends, Alex by others, but just Walter by the family, was called home at age 56.

Walter was born on October 3, 1963, in St. Augustine, Florida, to Walter Alexander McClendon, Sr. and Thelma R. McClendon. He graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1983 and joined the Army National Guard of Florida in 1986, where he served twenty-seven years and retired in May 2013 at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. His last work assignment was as a Maintenance Mechanic for the state of Florida, where he enjoyed working with a group of guys he considered and called his brothers. Although he never married or fathered children, his nieces, nephews, and friends' children were like his own.

Walter had a passion for helping others and was a dedicated benevolent soul to all that needed him. He particularly enjoyed sharing his carpentry and mechanic skills and knowledge. He spent numerous weekends grilling with friends and enjoying their passion for remote control vehicles; he was an avid Florida State and Cowboy Football Fan and missed very few games. He was always there for his brothers and sisters to support them with tough love or to correct them with an infectious laugh, which made you laugh too. He will be missed intensely.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Walter Sr., and his mother, Thelma. He is survived by his siblings, Natalie Wilcox, Andre McClendon, Marilyn McClendon, Endolyn Austin-Brooks, James McClendon, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Order of Service

Elder Gregory Boone, Presiding

Processional Family and Clergy

Music Selection "Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Devotion

Prayer of Comfort for the Family

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 57: 1-2

New Testament Scripture John 14: 1-3

Obituary (Read Silently)

Family and Friends Tribute

Music Selection "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Reading CSM Jeffrey Topping, Sr. (Ret)

Eulogy CSM Jeffrey Topping, Sr. (Ret)

Closing Committal Prayer CSM Jeffrey Topping, Sr. (Ret)

Recessional

Interment

1:30 PM, Friday, September 4, 2020, Lane 3
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218