

Mr. Albert McClain

February 23, 1932 - September 9, 2021

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Mr. Albert James McClain, born Albert James McLean, of 1536 Palmer Drive (formerly 429 Chatham Street), Fayetteville, North Carolina, departed this life on September 9, 2021 at Cottage # 73 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Fayetteville, NC, after a lengthy illness.

Albert was the eldest child of four born to the late Mattie Smith McLean and William Henry McLean on February 23, 1932 in Fayetteville, NC.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his beloved grandfather Robert Smith, whom he spent many summers with in Whiteville, sisters (devoted) Allene "Lena" McLean-Smith and Mattie Smith-Wade; beloved and devoted aunt, Annie Bell Smith-McLean, aunts; Virginia Byrd, Maggie S Powers, Daisy S. Brown, Catherine S. Clinkscales, and Bertha S. Singleton; uncles Charlie "Bub" Smith, Levi, Henry, Cornelius & James Smith & Walter McLean, and a grandson; father-in-law, Henry A Patterson; Polly Banks, mother of Wayne; 1st wife, Mildred, mother of Tony and Yvonne M. Ward; 2nd wife, Nathalene, mother of Yvonne M. Smith and numerous nieces, nephews & cousins; special friends, John Murchison, Eugene Ryals(devoted); Robert Grooms, Jimmy McNair & John Stewart(devoted).

Albert and his parents were among the original members of Cross Creek Church, which is now Smith Chapel FWB Church. He was baptized in Sawyers Creek at an early age and grew up in the church. He and his cousin Howard Mclean, Sr were the first altar boys .

Albert's education began at St Joseph's Episcopal Church, Orange Street School and E.E. Smith High where he played football until joining the Army in 1951 .He served two tours, during the Korean War Conflict, one in Germany . After being honorably discharged, he pursued his goal of a better education by using his G. I. Bill to obtain his High School Diploma. He became a student at Alexander High School in Brookhaven, MS becoming a football star and a graduate of the Class of 1957.

Albert believed that with hard work, determination & good work ethics, a person could achieve most anything & any amount of education was a stepping stone upward

His official work career began in 1950- 1951 at D K Taylor Oil Co as a delivery boy & after returning to Fayetteville in 1960 he began his sales & shipping career at the Big Pencil Store under leadership of Mr & Mrs Hatchette, selling & stocking educational & office supplies to businesses & teachers in Cumberland Co. & drapery hanging along with picture framing in businesses & upscale homes. When the Hatchetts sold to JD Parker he continued under their leadership, going on to Charlotte to Office Mechanics School becoming an asset to Parker Marketing Systems.

He retired in 1996 after 46 years of service. After retirement he worked another 10 yrs building ramps for the disabled & delivery salesman for Advance Auto Parts.

He loved his close-nit family, friends & his Smith Chapel Church family dearly.

Albert was the Life of Any Party. He was known as the "Dancing Machine" and his games were football, motorcycling, bowling, boating, fishing, playing cards & more dancing.

He was a Life-Time member of American Legion Post 202 & Past President & Treasurer of Fayetteville crusaders Motorcycle Club.

He leaves to cherish & honor his memories: his loving & devoted Wife, Earline Patterson-McClain; his Children: Yvonne Bruimiester, of Germany; Wayne Banks of Brookhaven; Ms. Tony (Lula) McClain of Cameron NC; Yvonne McClain-Ward of Spring Lake, NC; & (devoted) Yvonne(Melvin Pitts) McClain-Smith of Opelika, Al; a host of grandchildren & great-grandchildren, devoted Dashonda & Angela McClain of Auburn, Al & Anthony(Anderwniki) Smith, Jr of Fayetteville, NC; Brother, William "Gene"(Luray) McClain of Pittsboro NC; Aunt (like a sister) Mary P. "Aunt Doll" McCormick of Fayetteville, Nc; a host of Cousins; devoted Rev. Howard McLean, Sr of Fort Worth, Tx & Dr. Walter "Bobby" McLean of Detroit; host of nieces & nephews; Devoted sisters in law; Luray(Gene) McLean of Pittsboro, NC & Barbara (Ivy) Patterson-Jones of N. Prince George, Va; Alfreda Patterson of Burlington, Vermont, & Geraldine Patterson of Savannah, Ga; brothers in law: Alton H Patterson of Tacoma, Wa; Thomas L Patterson of Petersburg, Va & Donald L Patterson, Sr of Jacksonville, Nc; devoted step children: Lawrence Watson, Jr, of Fayetteville, NC, Cory (Jessica) Watson, Sr of Columbia, SC, Christopher Neil of Fayetteville, NC, and Jennifer (Thomas) Neil-Saul of Miami, FL; Special Co-Workers, J.C., Julia, Sharon, Lynette, Darrel, and Ronald.

Cemetery Details

Northside Cemetery

Fayetteville, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Service

SEP 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Smith Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
519 Boundary Lane
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

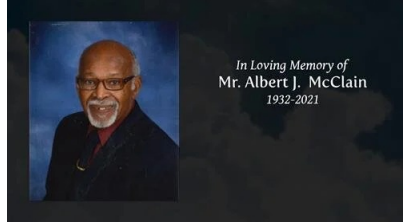
SEP 18 (ET)

Northside Cemetery
Fayetteville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Albert McClain* ”



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - September 22, 2021 at 12:01 PM

TB

“ *Shipping Room Blues* (song)
Wrote this for Albert McClain, my friend, mentor and work mate, in
the shipping/receiving room of Parker Marking Systems,
Fayetteville, NC from 1977-1980

Tom Baker

*Monday through Friday, I've got the blues,
Monday through Friday, I've got the blues,
Working in the shipping room, I've got the shipping room blues.*

*I asked my friend Albert ...
Tell me Albert, oh Albert, what can I do? (2x)
Cause working in the shipping room, I've got the shipping room
blues.*

*This is what he said ...
Tom, oh Tom, I don't what you can do. (2x)
Cause as long as I've been working here, I've have 'em too!*

*But Friday comes ...
But when Friday comes, I get me some wine.
Yes, when Friday comes, I get me some wine.
Then I get up with my woman and you know I have a good time.*

*Monday again ...
Monday through Friday, I've got the blues,
Monday through Friday, I've got the blues,
Working in the shipping room, I've got the shipping room blues.*

Tom Baker - July 04, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TB

“ My condolences and thoughts to Albert’s family and friends. I worked with Albert at Parker Marking Systems from 1977-1980. He was wonderful to work with and he was a good friend and mentor in my life. I remember how he loved to ride his motorcycle. I miss him still and we lost contact. May he be at peace as he was a kind and loving man.

Tom Baker - December 08, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JJ

“ Big Bro you will be missed in so many ways. On this day we went all over the VA enjoying your birthday. 2/23/2020 After that visit the COVID-19 shut us out.
Enjoy your rest and ride your wing with heavenly wings to keep it balanced..
Little bro AIRBORNE
JAMES JOHNSON



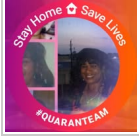
James Johnson - September 17, 2021 at 11:32 PM

TA

“ Towanna,Kenny,Paulette From Advance Auto
lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain



Towanna,Kenny,Paulette from Advance Auto - September 17, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Gloria Smith-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain



Gloria Smith-Jones - September 17, 2021 at 08:10 AM



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Gloria Smith-Jones - September 17, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ MR.MCLAIN, YOU WILL BE MISSED,BEENING KNOWING YOU SINCE DECADE, YOU USED BE A FRIEND OF MY FAMILY, ALWAYS BEEN A NICE PERSON RIP



CHRISTINE BEAUFORD - September 16, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ CHRISTINE BEAUFORD lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain



CHRISTINE BEAUFORD - September 16, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert McClain.*



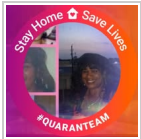
September 16, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *My deepest Condolences Earlene, Gene and Cousin Albert's children. I am truly going to miss Albert. Thank you for always sharing stories as a little boy going to see papa getting off the greyhound train with the cardboard name tag around your neck.*



Gloria Smith-Jones - September 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *My deepest Condolences Yvonne, Gene and Cousin Albert's children. I am truly going to miss Albert. Thank you for always sharing stories as a little boy going to see papa getting off the greyhound train with the cardboard name tag around your neck. Also all the time you and my father went to go see uncle Lindsey and he would tell you ghost stories of the headless horseman as you guys would have to walk home down a pitch dark road to go home at night. I am going to miss you dearly.* 🙏🌹🕊️



Gloria Smith-Jones - September 16, 2021 at 06:16 PM

KS

“ *In loving memory of my great-grandfather, Mr. Albert McClain. May God comfort my family during this time, especially my grandmother Yvonne McClain Ward. May your soul be at rest until we meet again.*



*Love, Kenston I. N. Swann
Your great-grandson (oldest son of Eric Ward and oldest grandson of Yvonne M. Ward)*

Kenston Swann - September 16, 2021 at 05:03 PM

YS

“ *Daddy I love u man miss u*



Yvonne Smith - September 16, 2021 at 02:07 AM

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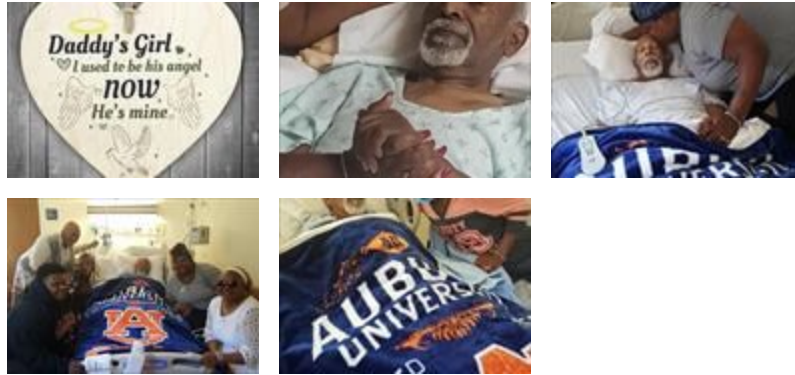
“ *Sending much love to my siblings and my family I love yall be strong Daddy is resting now Amen he's at peace Rejoice in the Lord Amen Amen*



Yvonne Smith - September 15, 2021 at 04:43 PM

YS

“Dad I have a lot of memories of and with u Just know that I truly loved u we know what we had and that’s all that matters RIH &RIP Forever your Butterball



Yvonne Smith - September 15, 2021 at 04:00 PM

IR

“Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr. Albert. You will be greatly missed.



India V Rives - September 15, 2021 at 02:38 PM

SJ

“Sadie Jones: Albert I will miss you, I love you but God love you Best that's why he took you home to rest; Sleep on my Brother sleep on..

Your adopted sister
Sadie Jones
Timmons ville
SC

Sadie jones - September 15, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MM

“ *MARY PECOLIA McMORMICK lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain*



MARY PECOLIA McMORMICK - September 15, 2021 at 09:54 AM

MM

“ *MARY P MCCORMICK lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain*



MARY P MCCORMICK - September 14, 2021 at 09:58 PM

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“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU...CLASS OF 1957 ALEXANDER HIGH SCHOOLBROOKHAVEN ,MS.*

CLASS OF 1957 - September 14, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JT

“ *JUDY TYLER purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Mr. Albert McClain.*



JUDY TYLER - September 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Jones Birts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert McClain



Carolyn Jones Birts - September 14, 2021 at 08:43 AM

DS

“ I will always remember Albert the way he lived his life and that is, as a person who loved life and loved to have fun...dancing, socializing and his motorcycle. Now, he is taking his rest. Much love to you Cousin Gene, Cousin Yvonne and the entire family. May GOD wrap his loving arms around you. Peace and Blessings...Dottie and family.

Dottie S. - September 13, 2021 at 05:14 PM

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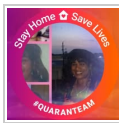
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Dottie S. - September 13, 2021 at 01:30 PM

YS

“ My Father I love you dearly and you will
Truly be missed but no more suffering that you had to endure these
last few
Months God saw fit and decided to bring you home I will forever
remember your smile when you were happy and you spoke to your
children thru your eyes
And we understood that Yes you were tired and weary just know
you fought a good&wonderful fight now you can Rest In Peace and
enjoy your eternal
Life, No more being worried with the stress of things And Let is
rejoice and be glad you are finally home with grandma. I love you
tremendously Your Forever loving daughter yvonne in alabama

Yvonne Smith - September 13, 2021 at 12:36 PM



My deepest condolences to you & your siblings. Cousin Albert will be
truly missed. 🙏🌹🕊️

Gloria Smith-Jones - September 16, 2021 at 09:38 PM

HJ

“ My cousin thank you for your service keeping us safe
In our military, you will be missed your loving cousin Herbert Powers
Jr.



Herbert Powers Jr. - September 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM