



Ms. Letha McNeill

May 23, 1924 - August 2, 2025

With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the extraordinary life of Mother Letha McNeill, a woman of unwavering faith, deep family devotion, and remarkable strength, who was called home to be with the Lord at the blessed age of 101.

Born on May 23, 1924, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Letha was the cherished daughter of the late Will Evans and Jenette Avant. She was one of fourteen children—a beautiful legacy of seven sons and seven daughters. Having lost her mother at the tender age of six, young Letha was raised with care and resilience by her father and eldest sister, Lucille. Through hardship and healing, her childhood in the Cedar Creek community, affectionately known as “Boom Bay,” was filled with the joys of family, faith, and simple pleasures like baseball and dodgeball.

In the early 1940s, Letha met the love of her life, the late Reverend William McNeill. Their union became a living testimony of commitment, faith, and fruitfulness, as they welcomed nine children into their home. She was a devoted and loving mother to Nettie Mae Brown, William McNeill, who is married to Darlene, Richard McNeill who is married to Mary, Wil Atlas McNeill, James McNeill (“Hubcap”), David McNeill who is married to Tonya, Samuel McNeill who is married to Carolyn, Laura Ann McNeill, and Mary McNeill. Though preceded in death by two of her beloved children, Nettie Mae and

James, Mother Letha's love has extended across five generations, touching the lives of 27 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

Together with her husband, Letha worked diligently in environmental services at several Fayetteville schools, including North Street (now T.C. Berrien), Newbold Elementary, Alexander Graham Junior High, and Hillcrest Middle School. She also worked for Lawyer Diva. Her work ethic and humble service mirrored her values—faith, family, and community.

Mother Letha McNeill's life was a living chronicle of American history and faith. She bore witness to some of the most pivotal moments of the 20th and 21st centuries—the Great Depression, multiple global conflicts, the Civil Rights Movement, and the historic election of the nation's first African American President, Barack Obama, and she witnessed the election of the first female Vice President, Kamala Harris. Through it all, she remained rooted in faith and resilience. Her legacy of patriotism and service was mirrored in her children, several of whom proudly served in the United States Armed Forces. Her sons—William, Wil Atlas, David, and Samuel—honored both their family and their country through military service. Notably, William served during the Vietnam War, and Samuel answered the call during both Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Their dedication stands as a powerful reflection of the values of courage, duty, and sacrifice that Mother McNeill so faithfully nurtured in her home.

A pillar of faith, Letha was rooted in the church from childhood, beginning at Fallen Run Church. She would later become a vibrant and faithful member of Rockfish Baptist Church, Daniel Temple Holiness Church, Holy Temple Church of Fayetteville, and most notably, Liberty Temple Church, which she helped found over 40 years ago with her husband. Her love for God and the church was unwavering, and her prayers have carried generations.

Mother Letha McNeill was the matriarch of a vast family tree and a spiritual mother to many. Her wisdom, quiet strength, warm embrace, and fierce love will remain etched in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was a sermon without words—a testimony of perseverance, grace, and unwavering trust in God.

As we reflect on her remarkable life, we honor her not just for her longevity but for the depth of her love, the strength of her faith, and the legacy she leaves behind. Heaven has gained a precious soul, but her presence has forever blessed the earth.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord. – Matthew 25:23

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts
10225 Fayetteville Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376

Burial

AUG 10 (ET)

Daniel's Temple Cemetery
301 Platt Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Letha McNeill*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LD

“ *Words cannot explain how much I am going to miss my sweet, beautiful aunt*❤️

Luella Daniels - August 19, 2025 at 02:27 AM

EL

“ *Praying for her family in this time of sorrow...
May you rest in eternal peace with our dear*

elizabeth lapointe - August 10, 2025 at 06:45 PM

RW

“ My fondest memory of you was picking green beans from your garden and you sharing stories with me about my dad 💕 What a beautiful family you’ve created here on earth! One day we will all be together again. Rest in paradise Grandma Letha knowing your time here was fruitful and precious! - Richelle



Richelle Williams - August 10, 2025 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ We fondly remember the times we spent visiting great aunt Letha. She was a blessing to many. We are praying for the family.

Dan and Gwen Bothun

Daniel Bothun - August 10, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PL

“ I will always remember from the first day I meant Mrs McNeill she was so nice and the fruit of spirit that she showed for the love was always the same thank God for being a part in her life. Love goes a long way and you will forever be in my ❤️ Mrs Love

PAMELA LOVE - August 10, 2025 at 09:47 AM

LJ

“ Our deepest sympathy at the loss of your dear mother.

Lavon and Anthony Jones



Lavon M Jones - August 09, 2025 at 11:29 PM

RB

“ To Pastor Dave and the McNeill Family,

May God's sweet Holy Spirit abide with you during this time of bereavement as you endure the loss of your beloved mother. She lived a long life walking in the will and admonition of the Lord; touching the lives of so many, both young and old. As we continue to reflect together through our journey of friendship, please know that our prayers will be with you and your family. May you forever cherish the valuable lessons Ms. McNeill taught you and hold the memories of her beautiful life in your heart.

*Sincerely,
Ronald and Audrey Bates*



Ronald and Audrey Bates - August 09, 2025 at 01:09 PM

AM

“ Love you and miss you Aunt Letha



Anthony Monroe - August 07, 2025 at 08:53 PM

CF

“ Just a heart felt word of thanks,to ms Letha for the friendship and support she always shown to my mother. Even durning the passing of my father, how she came and sat with mom. We the Collins family will for ever remember the love she and her family showed us.

Collins family - August 07, 2025 at 05:58 AM

SM

“ Samuel M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Letha McNeill.

Samuel M. - August 05, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Letha McNeill.



August 05, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Letha J. McNeill.

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