



Mr William "Coach" McNeill

February 14, 1953 - November 9, 2019

On Saturday November 9, 2019, the gates of heaven opened, God stepped out and took another Coach to add to his staff, Coach William Z. McNeill Sr

William Z. McNeill Sr. was born on February 14, 1953, to John McNeill Sr. and Eva McNeill. He began his Christian experience while singing in the youth choir and learned how to persevere through playing sports. William (or Coach) graduated from E.E. Smith High School in 1971 and joined the military in (date of entry into the military). While serving his country, William got married and fathered two sons, Demetrius and William Jr. It was in the military that William learned the value of mentoring and the importance of sports in the development of a person.

His passion was coaching and mentoring young people.

Coach McNeill loved to see young athletes soar to the next level in their lives. He was the first black coach at the Fayetteville Academy. He coached at Fayetteville State University, and later went on to Winston Salem State University where he won two CIAA Championships 99-00. He went back to Fayetteville State University and volunteered with Coach Sam Hanger and Coach Waldo Houser. Upon leaving there he went on to coach in the Semi-Pro League the Fayetteville Flights, and later with the Winston Salem Mavericks with Coach Willie Patcher.

He was the Chairman of Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation. He wore many other hats. He was a mentor and recruiter for many, his love for the youth was phenomenal. There was nothing he wouldn't do for the youth to make sure that they had what they needed to be successful in life.

Coach McNeill later went on to join Sunnyside Presbyterian Church. He was installed as an Elder at Sunnyside Presbyterian in January 2017. The love he had for his church family was unconditional. Elder McNeill expanded the Sunnyside Food Pantry to assist deserving families. He served on many Presbyterians boards to ensure that the gospel would be shared with all

Elder Coach McNeill leaves a lasting impact on many near and far.
He leaves his father John V. McNeill Sr., Fayetteville, NC,
Two sons Demetrius (Sarita) Ashburn, VA, William Jr. San Antonio, Texas, two
brothers Milton (Clara) Robersonville, NC, John Jr. (Alethea), Las Vegas, NV,
two sisters Miriam, La Palma, CA, Yvonne, Raeford, NC
Five Grandchildren: Demetrius Jr., Rahzzell (Kiara), Nasia, Asante, Shayla
Great Grand Daughter: Tatiana
God Mother: Mrs. Doris Ann Shipman,
Fayetteville, NC
Host of Nieces and Nephews and Friends His Loving Heart
Ms. Tara Whitfield.

Cemetery Details

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

400 Murchison Rd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

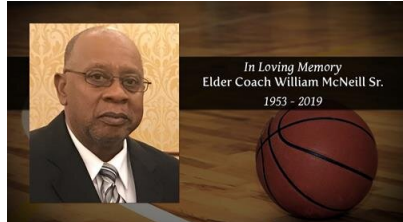
NOV 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
3997 Sunnyside School Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28312

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - November 15, 2019 at 11:15 AM

TI

“ *I met Coach when I was about 15 or 16 years old. At the time I worked at his doctor's office. He was always real cool. When Coach found out what college I was going to he teased me about going to the little town of Greenville. That's what he did and I knew he was joking with me. He called me his little girl and he was the only allowed to call me that. I'm going to miss Coach. It's weird knowing that I'll never see him again on this side of Heaven. Miss you Coach.*



Tiffany - November 18, 2019 at 12:10 PM

DW

“ GOD has welcomed HIS very own Special Angel, “Coach McNeil” 🙏 Home in Heaven!! We will never forget ALL of his kindness and assistance to our family, (His adopted Family from HOUSTON TX) we will forever be grateful the unconditional LOVE that Coach McNeil extended to our son, Isaac. 😊 May the Lord comfort each of you and give you strength. May HE give you a sweet peace that surpasses all understanding. GOD will never forsake you or leave you!! Gracefully Yours, The Jackson Family(Gerard, Danielle, Fred and Isaac)



Danielle Woods-Jackson - November 17, 2019 at 06:21 PM

GA

“ Praying strength for the family. A dedicated servant. Glenn Adams



Glenn Adams - November 16, 2019 at 06:08 PM

HH

“ Horace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill



Horace Hudson - November 15, 2019 at 06:25 PM

WJ

R.I.P.Coach- Thanks for all the postive energy you brought to the Winston-Salem Mavericks making sure the players and Organization had what they needed this hurts,bad but I know GOD had a Coaching Spot up there for U,till we meet Again. -Willie BB Patrick Jr.and the Winston Salem Mavericks. 🏀🏀🏀❤️

Willie Patrick Jr. - November 17, 2019 at 08:21 PM

MH

*“ Keeping the Family, Friends and Loved ones of Coach McNeill in our Thoughts and Prayers.
Mary Howard & Sara Perry*



Mary Howard - November 15, 2019 at 04:16 PM

PS

“ Pamela Suggs Story lit a candle in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill



Pamela Suggs Story - November 15, 2019 at 01:06 PM

IW

“ Irish R. Williams & family



Irish Williams - November 14, 2019 at 10:44 PM

DT

“ Dawn Anderson & The Property Management Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr William "Coach" McNeill.



Dawn Anderson & The Property Management Team - November 14, 2019 at 01:17 PM

HH

“ Horace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill



Horace Hudson - November 14, 2019 at 09:14 AM

TW

“ Theolive Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill



Theolive Washington - November 14, 2019 at 01:12 AM

CW

“ Cynthia Williams-James lit a candle in memory of Mr William "Coach" McNeill



Cynthia Williams-James - November 12, 2019 at 09:10 AM

SH

“ Steve Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr
William "Coach" McNeill



Steve Harper - November 11, 2019 at 05:49 PM