



## Mr. Arlandist McCollum

June 3, 1929 - December 30, 2019

Arlandist McCollum was a man of faith, integrity and held in high esteem by all who knew him. A man who gave the words "work ethic" a whole new meaning. He put in an honest day's work and expected an honest day's pay. At times, the pay did not always match the work and dedication he gave General Motors. For example, falling through a hole in the floor 30 feet from one floor to the next at Grey Iron Foundry or having a splatter of hot liquid iron melt his overalls into his shoulder fusing the material to his skin or the asbestos inhaled over the years complicating the breathing difficulties of an asthmatic. Arlandist always dusted himself off and kept working, literally. He served General Motors for 42 years never once taking a sick day nor being late for work and was recognized by GM for that achievement.

In his earlier years, Arlandist worked at Kutcher's gas station where he was given the nickname "Mack" and became acquainted with many of the residents in the City of Saginaw. For several years, he worked at Kutcher's and General Motors often changing from one uniform to the next.

Arlandist professed his love for Christ and accepted Him as his personal Lord and Savior and united with the Davis Creek Baptist Church at an early age. He has always LOVED the LORD and was an avid church goer from the time he could walk until the time he was hospitalized. He has always been active in his church. He has been a part of the Bethel A.M.E. Church family serving in

various roles since the late 1950s including but not limited to singing in the choir, Usher Board, Steward Board, Class Leader, Sergeant at Arms for Pastor Huggins, Pastor Robinson, Pastor Bowman, Pastor Saunders and more recently serving in whatever capacity needed for Pastor Dennis Laffoon; over 50 years of service to Bethel A.M.E. Church. He was also a member of the trim and light the candles committee often arriving early to perform his duty to the church. Arlandist was a prayer warrior! Boy, Oh Boy could he pray. He was often called to lead the church in prayer during services and went into the homes, hospitals and nursing homes to pray for the sick and shut in. He was always happy to help wherever he could be of service.

Arlandist never met a stranger. He always greeted everyone with a warm smile, a joke reminding you how much weight you gained or a hug to lift your spirits. Arlandist was a loving husband to Julia (Jeanette) McCollum for 64 years and loving father to his five children Fred, Barry, David, Victor and Jacqueline; all of who survives him.

Arlandist started his life in a small town called Prattsville about 40 minutes south of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born June 3, 1929 to Fred McCollum (deceased) and Willie Faye McCollum (deceased). He was the first-born son to the couple as well as their third of six children; sisters Gladys (deceased), Lela (deceased), Earnestine (deceased), Joe Willie McCollum of Prattsville, AR and Dr. Rev. Nathaniel McCollum of Malvern, AR. Arlandist started working at a very early age. As signs of the times, back then everyone worked in some capacity to contribute to the family household. It was not all work and no play for Arlandist. He loved roller skating and had his eyes set on major league baseball. Everyone in the family played baseball. His dad was pitcher. His uncles Ben, John, Oscar and Albert all played as well as his two younger brothers. Arlandist, "Baby-Man," played second base, shortstop and third base.

Arlandist was married in 1955 to Jeanette (Johnson) and they moved to Saginaw, Michigan where he had heard jobs were plentiful and his career with GM began. Arlandist departed this life on December 30, 2019. He will be forever cherished by those who loved him. He leaves behind a loving family; wife, Julia (Jeanette) McCollum; four sons, Fred, Barry, David, Victor; and one daughter, Jacqueline McCollum. He has seven grandchildren; Barry McCollum, Jr., Eric Bell, Danielle (McCollum) (& Leon) Gipson, Patrice McCollum, Michelle McCollum, Justin Brent-McCollum and Xavier McCollum. Three great-grandchildren, Zaine Austin Bell, Addison Watson and Alexander Tra'Von Beverly, Jr; two brothers-in-law's, Ollie (& Mary) Montgomery and Apostle Bobby (& Prophetess Mary) Johnson and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Dennis Laffoon will officiate with interment Philadelphia Cemetery, Prattsville, AR. Visitation will take place 11:00 a.m. until time of service. Mr. McCollum will then be taken to: Brandon's Mortuary, 329 W. 3rd Street, Malvern, AR, (501) 337-9171.

# Cemetery Details

## Philadelphia Cemetery

Pratsville, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
535 Cathay Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
535 Cathay Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Wanda Faye Reynolds** - January 19, 2020 at 06:27 PM

SF

“ *Stephanie Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Stephanie Ford** - January 13, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ *Mr. McCollom will greatly be missed by my husband and I. Mr. McCollom prayers touched my heart and his stories were always humorous. He worked with my father at GM and he told stories of the days there worked together. The memory of Mr. McCollom standing, waving, and smiling on the day I gave my first sermon was delightful. After the sermon, Mr. McCollom ask, "Did you see me?" This was fitting because he always ensured I attended Tuesday Night Bible and Wednesday Night Prayer by saying, "I see you."*

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**Alexis Pinkston** - January 11, 2020 at 03:27 PM

RE

“ *Rebecca Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Rebecca Edwards** - January 11, 2020 at 12:24 PM

SB

“ *Shender Brown-Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Shender Brown-Mckinney** - January 10, 2020 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ *Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Melleretha Moses-Johnson** - January 10, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Arlandist McCollum.*



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January 10, 2020 at 11:44 AM

AP

“ My most sincere condolences and prayers to this family My heart was broken upon hearing the news of his passing. A link in the chain of our Wednesday Night Prayer group has been called from labor to reward. He was a faithful, committed and dedicated member of Bethel AME Church. WHAT A POWERFUL PRAYING MAN. He could lift your spirit in prayer and in A song. I am grateful to GOD for His servant, Arlandist McCollum. I believe he was a chosen vessel of GOD to encourage others on this Christian journey. I have many fond memories of him as we gathered for prayer on Wednesdays. Our lost is heaven’s gain.

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**Alberta Pruitt** - January 10, 2020 at 10:01 AM

FT

“ Fred And Rita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



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**Fred and Rita Taylor** - January 09, 2020 at 06:39 PM

CT

“ Carrie Townsend lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



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**Carrie Townsend** - January 09, 2020 at 03:10 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Crosby Locke, Cantonment, FL*



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**Bobbie Crosby Locke** - January 08, 2020 at 03:09 PM

TG

“ *The Guster's lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**The Guster's** - January 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ *James (Ola) McMillan And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**James (Ola) McMillan and Family** - January 06, 2020 at 10:39 PM

OM

“ *Ola McMillan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Ola McMillan** - January 06, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JP

“ *Janice Powell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Janice Powell-Coleman** - January 06, 2020 at 04:23 AM

CT

“ *Charles And Nola Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Charles and Nola Taylor** - January 05, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ *My condolences and prayers are to the family. Mr. McCollum was a kind person and friendly person.*



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**Mary Crosby** - January 05, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RW

“ *We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our condolences to the family.*



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**Ronnie and Ruby Watson** - January 03, 2020 at 09:41 PM

TW

“ Tracey White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



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**Tracey White** - January 03, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SP

“ My prayers are with you Soror Jennett. May the love of God be with you.

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**Soror Joyce Phillips-Stanley** - January 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



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**Barbara Land-Jones** - January 03, 2020 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



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**Sue Surles-McDole** - January 03, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JM

“ *John & Beatrice McAfee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



**John & Beatrice McAfee** - January 02, 2020 at 10:20 PM

SM

“ *Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



**Sam and Deborah Mack** - January 02, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TS

“ *Terry & Shedrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



**Terry & Shedrick** - January 02, 2020 at 09:11 PM

LV

“ *Jeannette and family my condolences are with you at this time of sorrow. Keeping your family in prayer.*



**LVeasley** - January 02, 2020 at 07:32 PM

CJ

“ C. Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



C. Jarrett-Mason - January 02, 2020 at 06:11 PM

NF

“ Nola Levelston (Jamerson Family) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Nola Levelston (Jamerson family) - January 02, 2020 at 05:09 PM

SV

“ Shelva Scott - Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Shelva Scott - Veal - January 02, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LB

“ Lawrence D Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Lawrence D Brooks - January 01, 2020 at 10:24 PM

CW

“ Calvin & Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Calvin & Delores Williams - January 01, 2020 at 07:25 PM

BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Belinda Barlow-Poole - January 01, 2020 at 06:42 PM

TB

“ Tonja Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum



Tonja Brown - January 01, 2020 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ We were fortunate to have Mr. & Mrs. McCollum as our neighbors for the last 26 years. We would see Mr. McCollum spent so much time working in his yard throughout those years. We will miss his friendly waves and pleasant conversations. Condolences and prayers to his family 💙

Tom & Denise Brush

Denise Brush - January 01, 2020 at 04:55 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in Peace, my brother in Christ*



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**Brenda Jones** - January 01, 2020 at 11:20 AM

RW

“ *Robert W.Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Robert W.Porter** - January 01, 2020 at 08:28 AM

RW

*Arlandist sang,in the Bethel A.M.E. Male Choir and I felt privileged,honored to sing God's praises with such a true Christian.He will be sorely missed. Sincere Condolences to the entire McCollum Family ! R.I.P.*

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**Robert W.Porter** - January 01, 2020 at 08:45 AM

VJ

“ *Val Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arlandist McCollum*



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**Val Johnson** - January 01, 2020 at 01:29 AM