



Deacon Eugene McKinnie,

March 13, 1950 - January 11, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church 104 S. 10th Street. Pastor Roy L. Manning will officiate with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. Our dear loved one, Deacon Rufus Eugene McKinnie, Sr., was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 11, 2008. Rufus was born March 13, 1950 in Memphis, TN, the third child of seventeen born to Walter and Lorine (Marable) McKinnie. Deacon McKinnie professed a hope in Christ at an early age. He was currently a member of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, MI where he was actively involved in several ministries and activities including, the Deacon Board, Trustee, Church Finance Committee, Church School Superintendent, Church Security Guard, Mission, Sunday School and Brotherhood Teacher and a former member of the Corinthian Male Chorus. Rufus retired from the GM Powertrain Saginaw Metal Casting Operations after 40 years of service and was a member of UAW Local #668. There are those who shall always remember and cherish Rufus. He leaves to honor the legacy of his life, his loving wife of thirty years, Glenda Fay; one son, Rufus E. Jr. (Tamara) McKinnie of Tacoma, WA; four daughters, Ashley McKinnie of Atlanta, GA, Ruquel McKinnie of Detroit, MI, Ebony McKinnie of Flint, MI and Estrella McRae of Saginaw, MI; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He also leaves his mother, Lorine McKinnie; sixteen siblings, Willie L. (Louise) McKinnie, of Saginaw, MI, Jerry J. McKinnie, William A. (Pauline) McKinnie,

Rickie McKinnie, Eddie Gene, Sr. (Kay) Mckinnie, and Willie James McKinnie, all of Whiteville, TN, Donald Ray McKinnie of Lake Charles, LA, Linzell McKinnie and Fitzgerald McKinnie, both of Grand Rapids, MI, Glendale McKinnie of Atlanta, GA, Robert E. Dotson of Gary, IN. Earline McGuire of Flint, MI, Tommie Lue (John) Dawkins and Pearl A. McKinnie both of Nashville, TN, Margaret S. McKinnie of Whiteville, TN and Deborah M. (Freddie) Dunn of Atlanta, GA; god-children, Leon Pritchett, Jr. of Saginaw, MI, Justin and Jonathan Wicker of Rochester, MI; a myriad of loving nieces and nephews; a vast array of relatives and caring friends, several dear and devoted friends, including Samuel, Sr. (Jimmie M.) Logan, Leon, Sr. (Brenda) Pritchett, Walter (Dorothy) Harris and John Hall. Deacon McKinnie was preceded in death by his father, Walter McKinnie; grandmother, Pankie McKinnie and his father and mother-in-law, Willie and Rosie Hemphill.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Kenny Mckinnie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene McKinnie,*



kenny mckinnie - March 26, 2013 at 09:32 AM

KM

my beloved brother, i will ALWAYS love n miss you, your suffering is over n im glad ur home with [GOD], REST N HEAVEN BRO, LOVING U ALWAYS!!

*YOUR LIL BRO.,
KENNY [LINZELL]*

kenny mckinnie - March 26, 2013 at 09:35 AM

KT

“ *Mrs. McKinnie, Eugene and Ashley: Words cannot express how you or I am feeling about your loss. I can only imagine how you feel. I wanted to let you all know that I love you and will continue to keep you in my prayers. May God bless you.*

Love Kellee

Kellee N. Scott & son TJ - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Ebony & Family,*

I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Take comfort in the arms of your Heavenly Father and you will make it through these tough times (I know I lost granny in August :).

Sherry Alston-Feltson - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“*Ruquel, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. As you know I have been thru this. I will definitely continue to pray for you and your family. Please don't hesitate to call if there is anything I can do. Trust God and He will carry you thru. May God continue to bless and keep you. Much Luv! Tammy*

Tamara M. Johnson - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

L(

“*Dear Uncle Snooky,*

*Your suffering has ended. Now reap your many rewards in Heaven.
You will be missed!*

Love

*Laron Bond Burns
(Toddie)*

Laron Bond Burns (Toddie) - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“*When somebody dies, a cloud turns into
an angel, and flies up to tell God
to put another flower on a pillow.
A bird gives the message back to
the world, and sings a silent prayer
that makes the rain cry.
People disappear, but they never really go away.*

*"May the memories grow within you and bring you and your family
strength."*

Piquette Atchison - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ to Faye and family,

My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.

Find consolation in God. He states in his word that he will never leave or forsake you. Look to him for the strength to endure.

Janie M. Cork

janie M. Cork - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ To the family of Mr. Rufus McKinnie Please accept our condolence in the loss of your love one. May fond memories be of comfort to you at this time.

Helen Biggins Ross - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Faye, Ashley, and Eugene

In this time of sadness, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. You all are so very special to me. Keep in your hearts the wonderful memories that you have and let Gods word comfort you.

Hilda A. Calhoun - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My hearts goes out to you and your kids Faye, but as we all know we're here only for a season. Had no idea Rufus was sick. God bless you and your family during this trial.

Love Ya....

RITA HALL - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ To the entire Mckinnie Family,

*My prayer's are with you and your family in this time of sadness.
May God be a fence around all of you! Take comfort in knowing that
to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*

May the peace of God surrond you all!

*Love Eidreice and Tyra Perry
Melvindale, MI*

Eidreice & Tyra Perry - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Faye, children, family and friends in Saginaw. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to each of you. I was truly saddened to hear of your loss. Rufus was a special person, may our Lord continue to give you strength and peace.*

Susan Hall - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Ms. Faye, Gene and Ashley, we just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you all and praying with you and for you. We love you. The word says not to weep for those that die in Christ, so let us rejoice because the sickness and suffering has ended. He ran a good race and his reward shall be with the Almighty. God's love will give you peace and strength. May God bless you all.*

Richard and Jocelyn Calhoun - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ St John 14th Chapter reads "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Hold your head up Fay, the Lord will strengthen thine heart.

gloria blackmon - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To Faye, Eugene & Ashley,

Lamentations 3:22 say: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness. May His mercies and His compassion comfort you.

Joyce Phillips - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ God Bless you and your family. you are in my prayers

LASHAWN JIMENEZ - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Louise and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother, you all were a very close family. I will continue to lift all of you up in prayers. Love your Baby Doll (Dahl) Nobody could call me baby doll like Louise Mckinnie. I will be in touch love you.

Dahl Enoch - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Faye my kindest condolences to you and your family during this time of bereavement if there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to let me know and my husband and I will do whatever it is you need. God bless you and your family. Kindest regards Denise Sykes and Freddie

Mrs. Denise Sykes - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To The McKinnie Family,

I really wanted to be there with you, but due to weather conditions I was unable to get to Saginaw. I had made flight arrangements and hotel reservations, but I cancelled them after seeing the weather forecast. However, I am happy to remember Snook in a happy state of life. I know that it was not easy during the last few months, but just remember that God knows best. I know that Snook is not in pain any longer. He is with God our Father and he is happy and healthy. He is no longer suffering or in pain. Glenda, take care and know that he loved you very much. You made him very happy during his life. You, now have to be strong and carry the torch for your children and grand children. Thank you for being Snook's lifetime partner and friend.

Finally, I was glad to be home when Tomica was stranded in Atlanta's airport last night. We were able to share some quality time as she visited me at my home for the first time. I guess God knew that I needed to be here for her. She flew back to Tennessee at 10:00 a.m. this morning.

Snook and the entire McKinnie Family were in our thoughts and prayers last night and this morning. Know that we love you and are praying for everyone's salvation and strength. Momma Tina, it is not easy to see your children go to the Father before you, but he loves them also. Know that you (we) will be united again in Heaven. Keep the faith and trust God! He will not leave you nor forsake you.

God Bless everyone and hopefully we can get together soon for a real McKinnie Family Reunion.

Your loving sister,

*Deborah McKinnie Dunn
Atlanta, GA*

Deborah M. Dunn - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To the entire McKinnie family, just a year ago or so we were saying goodbye to my mom, we used to talk about what it would be like after one of us had departed, and we would agreed that we would missed each other, but it would be ok, and for me it is, because of Love. Though Rufus will be missed by many, the time you all shared and the ?GENUINE? love you had for each other, that is what going to carry you through. Yes! It is all God, but when you sit to reflect, His LOVE it will move, guide and comfort you with the assurance that one day, while you are in the midst of praising God in heaven, you will feel a gentle tap on your shoulder and when you look around there he will be praising God also! Peace I speak to you and your family!

Renee Chatman - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To Aunt Faye and family, Sorry I could not make it, but my heart was with you, there is no pain jesus can't feel and no hurt that he can't heal, this battle is not yours, it's the Lords. YOu don't have to go through this alone. Just remember that you have the Mckinnie Family and we love you. May GOd Bless You all as the days and years go by Uncle Rufus will not be forgotten but he will be loved as we have always loved him. I Love you.

Tomicka Mckinnie - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Faye, you and the children are in my thoughts this morning. My heart and prayers goes out to you. May the Lord give you strength in the days ahead. He will strengthen you. I know He can, and I know that He will.

Love Mary Ann.

Mary Ann Holden-Stewart - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To The McKinnie Family,
You all are very special to our family, we will miss Rufus dearly, we will cherish the memories of our childhood at Corinthian Baptist Church of Mr. McKinnie as our Sunday school superintendent :). Ashley and Eugene stay strong and remember the great example your father set; of how to be a child of "God". Faye, we will be praying that GOD help you go through this time of loss. May God bless and keep you all!
Kimberly Logan Bailey

Kimberly A. Bailey - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Faye, Ashley, Eugene, the McKinnie & CMBC family - I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Rufus was a very genuine man. When I ever I came home to visit, he always had a kind word to say and a smile on his face. Always willing to help out....I love you guys, May God bless you always.

Sharifa Bennett - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Uncle Rufus(snook) you were always my favorite uncle and I will miss you. You have been suffering for some months now but I'm sure God has rapped his loving arms around you. Aunt Faye I know that you are hurting right now but, always remember that you did everything you could do, now let God do his work.*

Shantay Mckinnie Mills - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM