



Deacon McClenon

June 1, 1925 - July 29, 2007

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 S. Outer Drive. Bishop Marvin C. Pryor will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 Willie McClenon was born on June 1, 1925 to Ben McClenon and Gussie West in Claxton, GA. The oldest of four children, he went into the U.S. Army and served in World War II in Okinawa Nakashima, Japan where he received four Medals of Commemoration. Honorably discharged from the service in 1946, he was persuaded to "come north" by his first cousin, Henry Showers, where he found work at the G.M. Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant for 39 years until his retirement in 1981. He attended Tabernacle Baptist Church and was the Chief Usher until he met and married Wanda L. Smith in 1950. He became a member of Grant Street C.O.G.I.C., i.e. Williams Memorial C.O.G.I.C. His service as an usher for 40-plus years rendered him the titles of President of the Usher Board (40 years), Usher of the Year (1988), Deacon of the Year South West Three (1988), and Usher Emeritus (1989). Willie believed early in his life that a pastor should have knowledge of the number of "persons" attending a church service and had a system of "counting heads" that he was capable of doing until his last days. He also received an award for "Mr. Parking Lot" in 1993. He was an "Armour

Bearer/Adjutant" before the title was established. He was faithful to the church and taught the Sunday School Cradle Role for many years as well as YPWW. He loved singing and sang with a group of men called the "Williamson's". Willie loved the Lord and his family with all his heart. He had a passion for hunting, fishing and gardening. He prided himself as a painter and shared his skills with a number of "Street Boys" that he mentored. He believed in teaching everyone the importance of working and taking care of your church and family. He leaves to mourn, his children, Deborah J. Williams-Gaines (David), Willette Hill, Seattle, Washington, Pamela Kelly, Columbus, Ohio, Wm. Arnold B. McClenon, Columbus, Ohio, Eunice McClenon, Detroit, Michigan and Kevin McClenon, Saginaw, Michigan; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, twin sisters and a host of friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Wanda L. McClenon; his parents, Ben and Gussie McClenon; one brother, Herman Lee McClenon; stepson, Ronald Smith and a granddaughter. "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness". Psalm 84:10

Tribute Wall

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“ To the entire McClenon Family, I am so sorry about the loss, another great poineer has went home to be with the Lord. Pops was very dedicated at everything that he would attempt to do. More importantly, he loved the Lord. Anyone who really knew him, would say how much he took pride in the church parking lot, he was very dedicated at making sure that it was well kept. He will truly be missed. He and Mom can now be together. Family take care and know that God will take care of you all such as he did in the past. Love Dahl and family.

Dahl Enoch - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To the McClenon Family: My most sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I am so glad I was able to have known and shared conversation with Deacon McClenon during my time at VBM. He always had encouraging words to say to me. I will never forget him! Be encouraged. God will take you through.

Ronald Parrish - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy for the lost of Mr. McCendon. Kevin, you are still my friend and we go back since elementary and I want u to know I havent forgotten you and that you and your family are in my prayers. May God keep you and your family . f30e39

Sandra Dillard-Conway - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ God Bless The McClenon Family. He was a great man. I had opportunities to work with him during VBM Conferences working in the parking lot when I was a small boy. I am glad to have met and known such a great leader in the HOUSE of GOD. Be Bless Family and know that GOD has everything in control and I'm sure he is dancing in HEAVEN....MUCH LOVE!

Darnell Dunnaway - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *With Deepest Sympathy*

During this time of sorrow you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sharing your sorrow in the loss of one so dear, and sending heart felt sympathy to let you know we are near. God Bless and comfort you in a very special way.

Norella and Family

Norella Barnes - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *When I was young at Grant Street COGIC, I remember Dea. McClenon telling me to spit out my gum. He also directed on where and how to park my car. He will be greatly missed.*

Eld. and Mrs Jerry Myles - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM