



Melvin Lee McKandes

July 10, 1931 - July 20, 2013

GOD sent his majestic angels for Melvin McKandes Sr. who passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the age of 82 while vacationing in Florida. He passed doing what he loved, travelling.

Melvin was born on July 10, 1931 in Jackson, MS to Robert Lee and Ethel McKandes. He moved to Saginaw as a young boy and attended Saginaw Public Schools. He was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War. He was a retiree from General Motors (Central Foundry Malleable Iron). He married Audrey Archer on October 11, 1973 with whom he shared many happy years and unconditional love. His hobbies were travelling, reading horoscope books, playing cards, taking pictures, and sports. He was an avid photographer and sports fan. "If you needed a picture, just call Melvin because he probably had one in his collection". Melvin was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Korean War Veterans Association (national and local #251), and UAW Local 455.

Melvin will be missed by all those whose lives he touched with his smile and sharing of the many pictures he took over the years. He will be missed by his "Old Timers Breakfast Buddies".

Besides his faithful, caring, and devoted wife, Audrey, he leaves to cherish his memory, children, Melvin (Bessie) McKandes, Jr., Kevin and Michael Jordan,

Craig (Kristi) McKandes (Oconomowoc, WI), Jimeka McKandes (Peoria, IL), Kenya Bady (Houston, TX), Markisha Goodman, and Gloria Ross (whom he raised as his own; Peoria, IL).

He will be missed by his siblings, Robert H. McKandes (Dorothy), Bobbie McKandes, (Washington, D.C.), Delores McNair, and Clifton Brooks, who all loved him. He also leaves behind grandsons, Darrio McKandes, Darryl Williams (Detroit, MI), Brandon McKandes (Oconomowoc, WI), Noah Bady (Houston, TX), Amarrion Morris and Gary Richardson (Peoria, IL); granddaughters Nicole McKandes (US Navy, Virginia), Yolanda Williams-Jackson (Flint, MI); great-granddaughters, Nalisa Sharper (Virginia) and Darrriana McKandes (Las Vegas), and special great- grandsons, Camryn Lee McKandes and Curtis L. Gibson (Virginia) or “Papa’s Boys” as he called them; this also includes god-daughter, Amanda Newson Daniel who he mentored and loved and many more members of his extended family who loved him dearly. He will also be greatly missed by his special cousin, Billy (Annie) Jordan who was more like a brother than a cousin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ethel, daughter, Berlene (Dee Dee)McKandes; siblings, John McKandes, Roland Austin, and Ruby Austin.

He will be dearly missed by his devoted wife because he was the “Wind Beneath Her Wings”.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Otis Dickens will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
810 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
810 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cleveland Burks lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Cleveland Burks - August 22, 2013 at 10:01 PM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



myrtle collier - August 05, 2013 at 04:10 AM

 Fran Jefferson

“ *Fran Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Fran Jefferson - August 04, 2013 at 05:01 PM

DC

“ *Doretha Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Doretha Cheatom - August 04, 2013 at 08:42 AM



“ Rip to uncle /cousin Melvin from robbin and dee

\ - August 03, 2013 at 07:15 PM



“ Mamie And Family lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



mamie and family - August 03, 2013 at 07:13 PM



“ Liz,ML lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



Liz,ML - August 03, 2013 at 07:13 PM



“ Phyllis, Jarice, Kim, Janese Sylvester lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



Phyllis, Jarice, Kim, Janese Sylvester - August 02, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ Fondly called "Uncle Melvin" but really my cousin...you are and will continue to be missed. I'm still somewhat in shock about you being gone. However, I remind myself that our physical presence on this Earth was meant to be temporary. I love you always!!



Bri Ford - August 02, 2013 at 10:57 AM

AM

“ I will always carry you in my heart. You were my best friend and motivator. You were unique in your own special way. Goodbye my love and rest in peace. See you later Babe. Your faithful and devoted wife. My wind beneath my wings.



Audrey McKandes - August 01, 2013 at 11:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melvin Lee McKandes.



August 01, 2013 at 10:21 PM

NM

“ To: Audrey Jean Mckandes and family. You have my deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. May God Bless and Keep you during this time. Love you Jean. Your cousin Nancy from Mississippi.



Nancy Johnson, Byram. Ms - August 01, 2013 at 09:41 PM



“ Later 'Babe'!!



Joselyn Jordan - August 01, 2013 at 07:22 PM



“ *"Uncle" (cousin) Melvin: It's Not Goodbye, 'Babe'...It's See Ya Later, 'Babe'! I'm so glad I got to see ya and give you a forehead kiss less than three days before your transition; I love ya, miss ya...and I'll see ya later on! To Aunt Audrey and the rest of my fam: Hold on, be strong, Jah's got this and He's got you too. I couldn't stay in Sag any longer; I'd already extended my leave once while I was there. I had to get back home and resume my life's necessities. Know that I'm with you all in spirit, thought and prayer. Blessings; Love; Peace; Respect.*

~JaJa



Joselyn Jordan - August 01, 2013 at 07:21 PM



“ *My father and best friend you will truly be missed. Your legacy will live on forever..*



Nicolebownowpeasant Mckandes - August 01, 2013 at 08:28 AM

JS

“ Jodi And Jeff Smogoleski lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



Jodi and Jeff Smogoleski - August 01, 2013 at 04:09 AM

SM

“ Sam And Drborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



Sam and Drborah Mack - July 31, 2013 at 08:40 PM

FJ

“ Brother Melvin we go way back..you are in the care of JESUS,,remind him of the good stuff you know about me..will meet you later in the Kingdom Of GOD.....Little Frankie as you always called me.



frank johnson - July 30, 2013 at 06:12 PM

IB

“ Dear McKandes Family, May God give you strength and peace in this difficult time. Melvin has been a family friend forever, what a very nice man. Love to your Family, Barkleys (Barbara Jean, Ingrid, Lionel, Harry, and Andre)



Ingrid Barkley - July 30, 2013 at 11:38 AM

OJ

“ Melvin you have my deepest condolences and sympathy upon the passing of your Father. I'm praying for you & your family in your time of bereavement. God bless you my brother in Christ!

Orlando Jones - July 30, 2013 at 08:10 AM

WM

“ Melvin, I am so sorry about the loss of your father. Please know that I will keep your family and you in my prayers!

Wendy McKnight - July 29, 2013 at 07:48 AM

MC

“ Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



myrtle collier - July 29, 2013 at 06:09 AM

MC

“ Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



myrtle collier - July 29, 2013 at 06:08 AM

RW

“ *Rita M. Williams lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Lee McKandes*



Rita M. Williams - July 28, 2013 at 08:55 PM

BR

“ *lois I just want you to know we are here for
you...love always.....the Roberson*



Barbra j. Roberson - July 27, 2013 at 07:52 AM

VA

“ *well want can i say about my uncle melvin he always treated me like
his necice so i was grateful for that aunt audrey i love u nikki and
darrio and yamericka i love u guys valerie robinson*

valerie - July 26, 2013 at 11:10 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle
in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - July 26, 2013 at 03:21 PM

MR

“ *Malcolm And Velma Roach lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Malcolm and Velma Roach - July 26, 2013 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ *Sonny&Freddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Sonny&Freddie Hodges - July 25, 2013 at 08:12 PM

FJ

“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



frank johnson - July 25, 2013 at 06:17 PM

TC

“ *Tommy Chester lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Tommy Chester - July 25, 2013 at 01:02 PM

PT

“ *Phyllis Thorne lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Lee McKandes*



Phyllis Thorne - July 24, 2013 at 03:28 PM

ED

“ *Emma Donald lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Lee McKandes*



Emma Donald - July 24, 2013 at 03:09 PM

JG

“ *Jocelyn M Gordon lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Lee McKandes*



Jocelyn M Gordon - July 24, 2013 at 12:36 PM

LI

“ Dear McKandes Family and Friends
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18,Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again.(Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace.(Phillipians4:7)

Lisa - July 23, 2013 at 08:05 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of
Melvin Lee McKandes



Yvonne Corley - July 23, 2013 at 07:43 AM

RC

“ Ralph & Shirley Culpepper lit a candle in
memory of Melvin Lee McKandes



Ralph & Shirley Culpepper - July 23, 2013 at 07:34 AM

AH

“ To Mrs. Mckandes N Family N Friends Will You Please Accept My
Condolence N Prayer For You N Your Family At This Of Your Loss.

Alice Hunt - July 23, 2013 at 01:54 AM

AH

I forgot to put the word time in my sentence please accept my mistake.

Alice Hunt - July 23, 2013 at 01:58 AM

AH

“*Alice Hunt lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Alice Hunt - July 23, 2013 at 01:49 AM

TS

“*Thomas J Graham SR lit a candle in memory of Melvin Lee McKandes*



Thomas J Graham SR - July 22, 2013 at 12:37 PM

AK

I send my heartfelt condolences to the entire McKandes family. I remember Melvin coming into the Malleable employment office while I worked there and he had one of the greatest smiles even after being out in that hot foundry. It appears that Melvin never lost that smile. May the Good Lord comfort you during this very hard time.

Alfreida Kirksey - August 02, 2013 at 09:35 AM