



## Rev. Willie McMillon, Sr.

October 24, 1921 - July 15, 2007

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007 at New Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 3610 Russell Street in Saginaw, MI, where Rev. R. E. Donald is Pastor. Pastor Vincent D. McMillon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Sunday from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 12741 East Road in Burt, MI from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Pastor McMillon went from labor to reward on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at the Aleda E. Lutz V.A. Medical Center following a brief illness. Age 85 years. He was born October 24, 1921 in Benoit, MS to the late Grant and Lillie (Johnson) McMillon. Pastor McMillon accepted Christ in 1941. He married Maggie Haynes on February 20, 1944. She preceded him in death in 1996. To that union of 51 years, six children were born.

He was a WWII veteran, serving in the United States Army. He came to Saginaw in 1945. Pastor McMillon retired from the Chevrolet Grey Iron Foundry after 30 years of service and was a member of UAW Local 668.

Pastor McMillan's life-long dream was fulfilled when he completed his high school education, receiving his diploma in 1990 at the age of 68, graduating with honors as class valedictorian.

He answered God's calling to the ministry in 1958 and was ordained March 3, 1961. Pastor McMillon was known for spreading love over life, family, church family and friends. His labor of love as Pastor of the Mount Zion MBC of Burt, MI began in 1964, extending over a period of 42 years. He retired as Pastor on February 3, 2007. Pastor McMillon taught bible classes at various parishes for many years throughout the city of Saginaw, including a special group known as the "Promise Keepers."

Pastor McMillon touched many lives too numerous to mention. His presence will be greatly missed among us. He will best be remembered for his love for people, visiting the sick and shut-in, offering assistance to the needy and his overall selfless acts of kindness.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Mary Elizabeth (David) Nelson; three sons, Willie Jr. (Mary), John (Diana) and Jessie, all of Saginaw, MI; three sisters, Vera McMillon and Clairee Sanders, both of Saginaw, MI and Dortha McMillon of Grand Rapids, MI; six brothers, Clinton, James (Kay), Joel (Earlease), all of Saginaw, MI, Charles (Sandy) and John, both of Kalamazoo, MI and Roosevelt (Delores) McMillon of Bartlett, TN; 13 grandchildren, Willie III, Tracey, Stacey, Manitra, LaKeshia, Lirone, Curtis Jr., Ebony, Ashley, Tiffany, Tauren, Shayla and Justin; four great-grandchildren, JaNae, Jeremiah, Alexia and Lauren; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and special friends.

He was preceded in death by three children, Daisy, Delores and Curtis; five brothers, Wilburt, Grant, T.J., Gilliard and Baby McMillon; and two sisters, Catherine and Geralene.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ grand dad i will always love you you meant the world to me and the rest of your family it's things that had happened to me and hope you forgive me but in 2008 my life will change

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**janae mcmillon** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ In deed a great man of God He's gone But never forgotton. To the Family keep ya head up always remember God knows best for all of us.

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**Terry Blakes** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ To the McMillon Family, Our hearts go out to you at this hour of great loss. We're keeping you in our hearts and prayers. Love to you all The Nash Family.

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**Cheryl Nash** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ I want the whole family to know that through it all I made it. To all my aunts, uncles and cousins who took time with me, Thank you. But I want to thank Uncle Willie for talking to me and explaining things to me. I remember everything he told me. Thank you for making me listen, sitting me down and teaching me what was right. I appreciate that. Thank you Uncle Willie - Thank you. I love you more than you will ever know.

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**James McMillan, Jr. (Pookie)** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Rev. McMillon, When Rev. McMillon Baptized, Taught, Chestized, Humored us as we were children growing to adults, he did it with Love, and we all looked up to him as someone along with our parent, taught us how to be the best that we could be in life. He preached our fathers' funeral service in January 2007, and I could not have thought that anyone else could have done a better job for our father than Rev. McMillon. He will be loved and missed, and in our hearts forever.  
with love: The Parhams.

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**Doris&Polly Parham** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Let not your heart be troubled he that believe in God believe also in me for in my Father's House are many mansions, if it were not so I wouldn't have told you so. I'll go to my Father's house and prepare a place for you, and I'll come again and receive you on to myself so where I go Ye may go also. I'm sorry that I couldn't be with you all, but my wife is in the hospital. Our prayers are with you all. Love to the Family Andrew & Mary

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**Andrew Williams Jr.** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ The Reverend was a wonderful neighbor. He would stop on his way to give a shout out whenever he would see me. He was a very kind man.

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**Barb Doran** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE MCMILLON SIBLINGS, IT SADDENS US DEEPLY KNOWING THAT "THE REV" HAS GONE ON TO HIS REWARD. REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCE, HE COULD ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO BE THERE IN ANY CAPACITY NEEDED. WHEN OUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY, HE EULOGIZED HER, EVEN THOUGH HIS OWN WIFE WAS TERMINALLY ILL. WE SHALL MISS YOUR STRENGTH YOUR GUIDANCE YOUR LOVE AND YOUR UNFAILING LOYALTY.

WELL DONE SOLDIER OF CHRIST.....WELL DONE....WE PRAY THAT THE FAMILY FINDS COMFORT KNOWING HOW WELL LOVED THEIR FATHER WAS.....GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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**REGIMOND J MCKINNEY (BOX)** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Nitra, Keisha, Liz, and the rest of the family, my prayers are with you all during this time. It has been wonderful to be accepted into your family and know that "Uncle Willie" was just that to everyone. Always a spiritual leader, teacher and friend, he just loved everyone including me and so I thank you all for sharing him with me and the rest of the world. A fresh flower that has been plucked to sit now in the heavenly gardens of Christ. Thank you all so much for your open arms as a family. Be encouraged and God bless.

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**Rosalyn Williams** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Uncle Willie was a part of each major even in our lives from baptizing me when I was 8 years old, getting married, Fred joining the church, the christening of each of our children and the renewal of our vows on our 10 year anniversary. We will be forever grateful for his impact in our lives.*

*Thank You Uncle Willie. We love you and will miss you greatly!*

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**Fred and Michelle Burks and family** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Niece*

*To the family: we often reflect on how incredibly blessed we are to have each other - as members of the Haynes & McMillon families. Uncle Willie was so much to so many ? touching our lives in ways that mere words could never fully express. We share in mourning his earthly absence, rejoice in his painless, heavenly rest and are here for you during this time of bereavement and always.*

*With much love, Shed*

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**Shedrick Cox** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“*“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal” Another strong soldier for the Lord has made his transition from his earthly journey to his heavenly dwelling, we remember with great memories the life and ministry of Rev. McMillion, we are saddened in his departure, but we rejoice in knowing that he has made it to the place we are all striving for, the palce that Jesus informed us that he was going to prepare for us, our heavenly home, and in knowing this it's not good bye Rev. McMillion, it's good night for we shall see you again, when God calls all his children home, Sleep Well faithful servent, Sleep well, You have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith, to the McMillion family, Hold to God's unchanging hand, and he will hold onto you, Peace and Blessings to the McMillion family, Mt Zion Church and to all those who were connected to Rev. Willie McMillion, Sr.*

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**Reverend Scott Bliss** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“*To the Mc Millon family,  
Rev was the first person we met when we moved to Saginaw in 1961, he took my family to New Mount Calvary where they are members still, we loved the Rev and his great sense humor. We know what you are going though and send our love to the family. Keep your faith in the Lord and he will see you though this trying time. We loved Rev but God loves him best.  
May the Lord keep you all in your time  
of sorrow.  
Carolyn & Jannie*

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**Carolyn Jones** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I loved Willie more than anyone will ever know. He knew how I felt about him. He married James and I 43 years ago but he loved us all. I mean all four of our children and the grandchildren. We will all miss him so much but I know Jesus came and touched him early Sunday morning and said "come with me, my good and faithful servant, it is time to go home. You have hurt enough, you have endured enough and I came to take your hand and take you home." I love you Willie and I will see one day and we will be able to talk about some things.

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**Kay McMillan** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Liz, Willie and Jessie, I am so sorry to hear of Rev's passing, but please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers during your time of sorrow and beyond.

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**Bridgett Neloms** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Lakeisha, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your grandfather. I know how special your relationship was with him. Find comfort in knowing that "he has reached the home we're striving for where pain and suffering is no more." It was just a year ago exactly that I went through the same thing with the loss of my grandmother. I know that God can and will see you through. I pray that God will comfort you and the entire McMillon family during this difficult time.

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**Melissa Fuller** - July 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM