



Mr. Johnny F. McLawhorn

September 12, 1942 - July 18, 2023

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John Frederick McLawhorn, a native of Kinston, North Carolina, entered this world on September 12, 1942, as the second of four children born to the late Guy and Ethel Kennedy McLawhorn.

Growing up, he was known as Bruh by his siblings, cousins, and other close family members. In school he was Johnny Mac and remained that by school friends to this day. Later in Washington DC in adult life, he evolved to being just Mac.

Johnny Mac attended Lenoir County Public Schools, graduating from Savannah High School in 1961. Since academics never were at the top of his list of favorites, he chose to bypass college. Instead, he enlisted in the US Army and served three years. From a small child, he was challenging, extroverted, and always socially interactive. What he treasured most about the army was that it afforded him the opportunity to meet many people from different places and to travel the world. However, after three years, he severed ties with the army. When asked why, he explained, "I cannot tolerate having somebody tell me- - a grown man-- what time I have to be in bed." As a child

he rejected being confined by time. Because of this, he was always getting into trouble since he refused to come straight home after school even though his mother gave him a whipping every time. He only stopped when she punished him by not allowing him to attend the annual Christmas parade which he loved and looked forward to for an entire year.

Once out of the service, he returned to Kinston, grappling with what to do next. Finally, he journeyed to Washington, DC where he joined his younger brother Curtis. There he worked for various companies before he ventured into his own business as a vendor for Wise Foods, Inc. He never liked working for others, and he never did aga

Mac loved life, especially the fast-paced life in the city. City life was fun, always places to go, people to see, and things to do—day or night. Even just hanging out on the corner provided entertainment and excitement. Living in the big city was such a contrast to the rural life he experienced growing up. The night of his sudden departure from this world, he did what he loved: hanging out after playing his numbers. He lived his life to its fullest and did it his way.

Mac was predeceased in death by his son, John Frederick McLawhorn, Jr., his brother Curtis Ray McLawhorn, and his sister Ruby Chapman. Left to cherish his memories are two daughters, Joy Fredericka Christian and Ashley Patricia McLawhorn; two grandchildren, London and Chase Montgomery Wiles; two great grandchildren, Antonio and Nasir Wiles; one devoted sister, Margaret McLawhorn, with whom he resided. Others cherishing his memories are two nieces, Brandy Cook and Dr. Jessica Wyant; one nephew, James Wyant. A host of other family members and friends also mourn his demise.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cousin Johnny Mac was always a kind and caring cousin...He will be truly missed.... Take your rest cousin 🥀🙏🏾🙏🏾 Jarvis Smith and Family from North Carolina*

Jarvis D Smith ---Cousin - August 16, 2023 at 09:23 AM

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Rip Bruh. We will miss you and the joy you brought when you visited the family.

Cousin Lillian Tean - August 19, 2023 at 02:41 PM