



Walter Leon McClain

June 23, 1933 - July 17, 2021

Walter Leon McClain, was born to the late Daniel Frank and Lucille McClain on June 23, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Herbert Lee McClain, Ruby Francis Stewart, Daniel Leroy McClain, and Wallace Allen McClain. Early Saturday morning, God summoned Walter home, for it was time to take his rest. He peacefully departed this life on July 17, 2021.

Walter received his education at Dunbar High School and Catonsville Community College before receiving a degree in Physical Education from Morgan State University. He excelled in basketball and exhibited a strong interest in sports throughout his life. Walter was also a member of the St. Francis Drum and Bugle Corporation playing both the bugle and the drums. Walter served in the United States Army from 1955-1956.

Walter married the late Hazel Agnes McClain, a loving and enduring union of over 50 years.

Walter worked for Whitman's Company and the former C&P Telephone Company before starting his career within Baltimore City Recreation and Parks in 1962. He started as a Recreation Leader and was later promoted to Center Director III. In addition to Director's duties, he was the Sports

Coordinator and organized one of Recreation and Parks largest track teams. He organized the Comedy Military Drill Team which served as entertainment at recreation center functions. He received many honors including President of the City Council Citation, the Barclay Planning and

Community Association for meritorious services, and the Recreation Pioneers Hall of Fame Award for Baltimore City. Walter retired from Recreation and Parks in 1995 after 33 years of service.

At an early age Walter embraced Christianity and was active in ministry throughout his life. He embraced and valued his relationship with Christ. Walter joined The Calvary Baptist Church where he served as Usher and Deacon, and also sang on the church choir. During later years, he

attended the Living Word Christian Center, where his beloved wife Hazel was one of the pioneers.

During his last year on this earth, he faithfully read his bible every day, sometimes having bible study with family and friends.

Walter made many friends wherever he went. Flashing his famous smile, he enjoyed telling jokes and “tall tales” about his many adventures. A sponge for knowledge, he taught himself to play the piano by studying an online course. He particularly enjoyed learning about other cultures and languages. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, watching sports and westerns, and eating soul food with his beloved daughter Shannon. He would jokingly say while eating a tasty piece of fried chicken, “This bird died peacefully.”

Left to cherish fond memories are his loving daughter, Shannon R. Maulsby (Rodney), grandson, Amir J. Gaskins, beloved nieces and nephews, Tyrone McClain, Patricia Taylor, Michael Stewart, Larklyn Brown, Wynton Stewart (Joi), brother-in-law, Pastor Robert L. Smith (Adelaide), and a host of extended family and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Garrison Forest Veterans
11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD,

JUL 29	Viewing	03:00PM - 06:00PM
	March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown 5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD, US	
JUL 30	Wake	10:00AM - 10:30AM
	March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown 5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD, US	
JUL 30	Service	10:30AM
	Garrison Forest Veterans 11501 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD, US	

Comments



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Walter Leon McClain, Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - July 22 at 12:24 PM



“ SHIRLEY BULLOCK lit a candle in memory of Walter Leon McClain



SHIRLEY BULLOCK - July 29 at 12:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Leon McClain.



July 28 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Leon McClain.



July 27 at 09:55 AM



“ RUTH E JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Walter Leon McClain



RUTH E JACKSON - July 26 at 12:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Leon McClain.



July 25 at 11:53 AM



“ Having a perfect credit is way better than loads of cash in the bank, I didn't understand this until my credit hit the lowest. I consider myself to be very lucky to have been referred to KingZeus by my cousin over the Independence Day holiday. He fixed my bad credit and paid my credit card debts, car notes and student loans. I'm so grateful to him is why I decided to write about his good works. You can find him on HackKingZeus@gmail.com to solve all credit problems.

Eric Grimes - July 25 at 10:26 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - July 20 at 09:27 AM