



## Dr. David McNair

March 8, 1930 - April 18, 2022

The family of Dr. David McNair, age 92, wishes to announce his passing, which occurred on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Dr. David McNair, the third child born to Lacy Leroy McNair and Arletha Adam McNair, began his earthly journey on March 7, 1930, in Red Springs, North Carolina.

David was reared on the family farm in Robeson County, along with his siblings, Berneatha (Newt), Lacy Leroy, Jr. (June), Jonathan (Buddy) (all deceased), and Lela (Sister). He later became a member of St. James AME Church, Red Springs, North Carolina. At an early age he met his future wife, Betty Rouse. He and Betty were married in 1954. To this union, George David McNair was born, the first of three sons.

He enlisted in the army during the Korean War and became a corporal, working in the 101st Airborne Division's bookkeeping department based in Hanau, Germany. After leaving the army, David was again educated in the Robeson County School system and graduated from Peterson Negro High School, Class of 1953. He next attended Fayetteville State University where he became an honor student. While there he also joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and became the secretary for the chapter. He graduated earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1957. He later attended Columbia University in New York City where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Education in 1969. David's inaugural teaching assignment was at R.B. Dean in Maxton, North Carolina. He taught Math. He continued teaching at R.B. Dean School until 1970. At that juncture, he was hired by St. Andrews Presbyterian College as the Assistant Dean of Students in Laurinburg, North Carolina. In 1977, he took a sabbatical to pursue his Doctorate at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He graduated in 1980.

David was an avid supporter of Fayetteville State University and its Alumni Association and later became the President of the Durham, NC chapter. He also had a lifelong devotion to student counseling. He became an honored member of the American Psychological Association in 1996.

Dr. David McNair is survived by his wife Betty; sons George David, Timothy Wingate and Hiram Francis. His life is also celebrated by members of his beloved fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, members of his hunting club and fishing partners, numerous nieces and nephews, extended kin and cherished friends.

Homegoing services to honor the life and legacy of Dr. David McNair are as follows.

Visitation, Friday, April 29, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. - 12:55 p.m., with the Celebration of Life Service beginning at 1:00 p.m., at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will honor Dr. David McNair with a ceremony at 12:30 p.m., half an hour prior to the Celebration of Life Service at St. Joseph AME Church.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Markham Memorial Gardens

4826 Trenton Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
(919) 489-9128

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

APR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. David McNair*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

EB

“ *The entire St Joseph family will miss the warmth, kindness and spiritual support David provided to his church community. I will truly miss his incredible insight and wisdom he shared with the Berean Sunday School class and the Wednesday Bible Study group. We pray for strength and endurance for Betty and her sons as they undergo the pain of the loss of such a caring and supportive husband and father. May their faith carry them through these difficult times. Rest in Peace my friend and church Brother.*

*Evester and Brenda Bailey*

Evester Bailey - April 28, 2022 at 10:48 PM

DC

“ *Mrs. Betty: Met you today but had no idea why you kept asking me about and looking for your husband, I knew I had seen the name recently and I couldn't get it out of my head. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time and may the precious memories of your husband and father help you all in the days ahead. May God bless each of you today and always.*



Diane Cox - April 28, 2022 at 09:32 PM

PJ

“ *Our lives are darker and less important because the beautiful light of our brother Dr. McNair is no longer in them, however, heaven is brighter and more joyful because another saint has come home to rest and enjoy the Lord face to face. A good Christian friend and fellow hunter. We will miss him and his blessed voice and wise counsel.*

*Riverside Sportsman Club*

Pastor D.L. Evans Jones - April 28, 2022 at 05:36 PM

PS

“ *Phi Beta Sigma - Delta Zeta Sigma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. David McNair.*



Phi Beta Sigma - Delta Zeta Sigma - April 26, 2022 at 10:32 AM

MF

“ *McNair Harris Crescent Foundation purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Dr. David McNair.*



McNair Harris Crescent Foundation - April 26, 2022 at 09:44 AM

AD

“ *Betty & Family,*

*We are saddened to hear of the loss of our beloved Bro. and friend, Dr. David McNair. Bro. McNair was always a pleasure to be around, easy going and always willing to serve in any way possible. I am honored to be his Sigma Brother and his Brother in Christ. May you and the family cherish the many great memories of a great and gifted man. Bro. Allen and Sharyn Davis*



Allen Davis - April 25, 2022 at 10:13 PM

BF

*Bro McNair was my right hand when cooking barbecue pigs. He was my deboner, chopper, cooker and always had words of wisdom to live by. Bro. McNair was a man's example to live after. Bro Faribault*

Bro Walter Faribault - April 27, 2022 at 07:54 PM

PW

“ *Patricia M. Worsham purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. David McNair.*



Patricia M. Worsham - April 25, 2022 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ Betty, I am so very sorry for you and your family's loss . I ,too am grieving a recent loss of one of my youngest daughter. We once worked together at Midway Air lines, even though you were also an educator(Teacher). May God bless you,  
*Sandra Holifield*

Sandra Holifield - April 21, 2022 at 10:42 AM

MA

“ Betty and family,  
We are so saddened to hear of David's passing. We will miss him dearly. Praying that God and the memories you hold dear in your heart will sustain you now and in the days ahead. Please let us know if we can help in any way. We're here for you.

Love,  
*Walter and Marilyn*



Marilyn - April 20, 2022 at 11:39 PM

CI

Aunt Betty, George, Tim, and Hiram, the family of Charles Aldrich II pray that you find comfort in your happiest and fondest memories...a wonderful man who positively and honorably helped family and friends alike. Love to you, Charles ["Chet"] Aldrich II, Jill Frank-Aldrich, and Charles ["CJ"] Aldrich III.

Charles Aldrich II - April 26, 2022 at 10:25 PM

JF

“ Jeff Moreno and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. David McNair.



Jeff Moreno and Family - April 20, 2022 at 10:47 PM