



Mr. Wanzie Lee McAuley

February 20, 1923 - June 24, 2016

Mr. Wanzie Lee McAuley, born February 20, 1923 entered into eternal rest on June 24, 2016, at 93 years of age.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 74 years, Ernestine Gunn McAuley; three sons, Tyrone (Gloria), Michael (Pamela) and Timothy (Regina) McAuley and one daughter, Linda McAuley Stevens all of Durham; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Will James McAuley of Sanford, N.C. and Emanuel McAuley of Charlotte, N.C.; five sisters, Julia Washington, Carrie Newkirk, Vinell Pearson, Cassie Richardson and Ruby Daniels of Sanford, N.C.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 12:00 noon at West Durham Baptist Church, 1901 Athens Street, Durham, N.C. Visitation with the family will begin one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Durham, NC 27707
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wanzie Lee McAuley*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss .I grew up in West Durham Baptist Church and remember his warmth and kindness. I am sure that he will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Draw close to God as you recover from the loss of one so precious. James 4:8*

Rachel Kincy-Baldwin - July 25, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Condolences to the McAuley family. I saw Mr.McAuley, it may have been about 6 months ago in the parking lot of Kroger. After speaking to him, I reminded him I had been a school mate/friend of Linda's. At the end of our conversation, he invited me to stop by and visit his wife. I departed feeling the compassion exuded by him for Mrs. McAuley. I have always admired the masonry skills performed by Mr. McAuley and the strong academic skills characterized by their off-spring, resulting from good parenting. Know that Mr. and Mrs. McAuley were admired and respected by many.
Marva Brown Thorpe*

Marva Brown Thorpe - July 01, 2016 at 11:47 AM

PW

“ *Wanzie was a very funny, loving and kind person. I will remember him as always smiling and being willing to help anyone in need. He stayed busy, always building and doing something at his home. He even took time out for my grand kids when they visited. The McAuley family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pastor Zella Williams

Pastor Zella Williams - June 29, 2016 at 10:02 AM

HR

“ Through out my life Uncle Wanzie has always been the most sincere, loving Christian I have ever known. His heroics of WWII will never get the recognition he so deserve. He was and still is my HERO and we will miss him dearly. Love to "ms Mac", Linda, Tyrone, Michael, and Tim. Uncle Wanzie wil be greeted at the Gate by Jesus and the Heavenly Host.

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Henry Luther Gunn and Rosita - June 28, 2016 at 01:06 PM

PW

“ *I will remember Mr. McAuley as a person that loved his family and did not mind working. When he sang the Lord's Prayer it really resonated with the hearer. My prayers and condolences to the family.*

Pastor Sylvester Williams - June 28, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Wanzie Lee McAuley.*



June 28, 2016 at 10:09 AM

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“ My grandad taught me the most important thing in life. "Trust in God and He will see you through." There are so many times in my life where that was the only answer to life's problems. And I loved being able to go to my grandad afterwards just to tell him how right he was. Every time, he would listen and he would smile and nod. Each time, I knew his enjoyment was from the wisdom he knew I gained with each experience with trusting in God. So patient in everything he did. My grandad was never one to tell me what I was doing wrong. He knew that life was full of tough choices. He always wanted the best for us. But in order to see that through, he had to practice what he preached. "Trust in God" which is what he did. Now I realize another reason why he smiled at everything in life I overcame. Because God was answering his prayers as well. I love you Grandaddy! Thank you for all you have given me.

Christopher S. Roberts

Christopher S. Roberts - June 28, 2016 at 09:25 AM