



John O. McKenzie

April 14, 1969 - June 18, 2009

John O. McKenzie departed this life on Thursday June 18, 2009 at ST. Raphael Hospital after a brief illness. Born April 14, 1969 in Kingstree, S.C. to Olin and Alice McKenzie. He was employed for 8 years at Kurt Weiss Trucking Co. of Cheshire. He attended Richard Lee High School and later graduated from Windsor Tech. In addition to his parents John leaves to cherish his precious memories 2 brothers Christopher and Terrell McKenzie, and 2 sisters, Tammy and Sharon McKenzie all of New Haven and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces and other relatives and friends. Funeral service will be held Friday June 26, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Morning Star Church 125 Dixwell Ave. New Haven. Calling hours will begin at 9 a.m. until time of service. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery. SERVICES OF COMFORT ENTRUSTED TO McClam Funeral Home 95 Dixwell Ave. New Haven, CT 06511. Online condolences available at mcclamfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John O. McKenzie*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM

“Dear McKenzie Family:

We are so sorry to learn of the death of John. Below is scriptural information that is designed to provide you with comfort during this difficult time.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?

“If a man die, shall he live again?” asked the man Job long ago. (Job 14:14, King James Version) Perhaps you, too, have wondered about this. How would you feel if you knew that a reunion with your loved ones was possible right here on earth under the best of conditions?

Well, the Bible makes the promise: “Your dead ones will live. . . . They will rise up.” And the Bible also says: “The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it.”—Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29.

To have real confidence in such promises, we need to answer some basic questions: Why do people die? Where are the dead? And how can we be sure they can live again?

Death, and What Happens When We Die

The Bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die. He created the first human pair Adam and Eve, placed them in an earthly paradise called Eden, and instructed them to have children and extend their Paradise home earth wide. They would die only if they disobeyed his instructions.—Genesis 1:28; 2:15-17.

Lacking appreciation for God’s kindness, Adam and Eve did disobey and were made to pay the prescribed penalty. “You [will] return to the ground,” God told Adam, “for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return.” (Genesis 3:19) Before his creation Adam did not exist; he was dust. And for his disobedience, or sin, Adam was sentenced to return to dust, to a state of nonexistence.

Death is thus an absence of life. The Bible draws the contrast: “The wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life.”

(Romans 6:23) Showing that death is a state of total unconsciousness, the Bible says: "For the living are conscious that they will die; but as for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all." (Ecclesiastes 9:5) When a person dies, the Bible explains: "His spirit goes out, he goes back to his ground; in that day his thoughts do perish."—Psalm 146:3, 4.

However, since only Adam and Eve disobeyed that command in Eden, why do we all die? It is because all of us were born after Adam's disobedience, and so we all inherited sin and death from him. As the Bible explains: "Through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men."—Romans 5:12; Job 14:4.

Yet someone may ask: 'Don't humans have an immortal soul that survives death?' Many have taught this, even saying that death is a doorway to another life. But that idea does not come from the Bible. Rather, God's Word teaches that you are a soul, that your soul is really you, with all your physical and mental qualities. (Genesis 2:7; Jeremiah 2:34; Proverbs 2:10) Also, the Bible says: "The soul that is sinning—it itself will die." (Ezekiel 18:4) Nowhere does the Bible teach that man has an immortal soul that survives the death of the body.

How Humans Can Live Again

After sin and death entered the world, God revealed that it was his purpose that the dead be restored to life by means of a resurrection. Thus the Bible explains: "Abraham . . . reckoned that God was able to raise [his son Isaac] up even from the dead." (Hebrews 11:17-19) Abraham's confidence was not misplaced, for the Bible says of the Almighty: "He is a God, not of the dead, but of the living, for they are all living to him."—Luke 20:37, 38.

Yes, Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect persons whom he chooses. Jesus Christ himself said: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."—John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.

Not long after saying this, Jesus met a funeral procession coming out of the Israelite city of Nain. The dead young man was the only child of a widow. On seeing her extreme grief, Jesus was moved

with pity. So, addressing the corpse, he command

Sylvia Bailey - August 10, 2009 at 12:34 PM

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“ *DEAR MCKENZIE,*

WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT,BUT JOY WILL COME IN THE MORNING,I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS, AND JUST KNOW THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH.

LATRELLE SMITH - June 30, 2009 at 03:07 PM

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“ *Hello Tammie & the whole McKenzie Family,
Me and mom just wanted to extend our condolences to you all. We know it's a hard time but always remember John is in a better place and looking down from heaven keeping watch over his family and friend. We've lost a loved one but gained a guardian angel.
Take care & God bless*

*Sincerely,
Troy & Dottie Leong*

Troy & Dottie Leong - June 30, 2009 at 03:07 PM

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“ *To My Dear Friend Alice and her family my heart and prayers goes out to you an your family at this so so difficult time May God be with you and your family Luv you and God Bless you.*

Lorraine Bellamy and Family

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“ TO MY FAMILY I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS OF YOUR SON,AND BROTHER YOU ALL HAVE MY PRAYS.LOVE
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“ TO MY FAMILY I'M SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF BIG NIP MAY GOD GIVE YOU ALL PEACE DURNIG THE TIME OF YOUR COMFORT. LOVE CURTIS RATCHFORD

CURTIS RATCHFORD - June 25, 2009 at 03:33 PM

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“ TO AUNT ALICE I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS OF BIG JOHN JUST HOLD ON TO GODS UNCHANGING HAND HE'LL MAKE AWAY FOR YOU ALL TAMMY, SHARON,CHRIS, AND TERRELL YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYS. LOVE NIECE STACY RATCHFORD

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“ TO MY SISTER ALICE MAY GOD GIVE YOU COMFORT DURING THE TIME OF YOUR LOSS OF YOUR SON HE WAS LIKE A SON TO ME WE ALL WAS FAMILY SO MY SISTER HE'S IN A BETTER PLACE THEIRS NO MORE PAIN FOR OUR BIG NIP SO YOU HAVE MY PRAYS LOVE SISTER CHAROTTLE RATCHFORD

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