



William McNeil

December 24, 1930 - April 27, 2020

William Leonard McNeil born on December 24, 1930 Gastonia, North Carolina to the late Edna (Brice) Vickers and the late Leonard McNeil. He passed away peacefully on April 27, 2020, at the age of 89, after a long illness.

In 1949, William relocated to New Haven, Connecticut. He graduated from Wilbur Cross High School and later attended technical school. On April 26, 1951, he married the love of his life, Danise Carr. They had two children and were married for 69 years. Danise affectionally called him "Dabell".

William was a very devoted and proud family man. He always put his family first and was active in the lives of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren until his health no longer allowed. He enjoyed planning family trips and attending family reunions.

A humble man with tremendous faith and a big heart, William was a loyal member of Pitts Chapel Unified Free Will Baptist Church for over 65 years. He served as an Ordained Deacon, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Treasurer, and Sunday School Teacher and member of the Male Chorus. In addition, he served on the Bus Committee, oversaw Homecoming and Church Anniversary Celebrations, the Northern Connecticut Annual Conference, the General Conference, the District Union, and Home Mission. William enjoyed serving the community through the church.

A certified mechanic by trade, William was employed at Sargent located in New Haven for 25 years until he retired. His other places of employment included: Race Brook Country Club in Orange; Winchester Repeating Arms in

New Haven; Brass Mill in New Haven and Bridgeport; Yale New Haven University; and the City of New Haven. He also served as a member of the Elks Mason Orange Blossoms Chapter.

Obituary continued

In addition to his parents, William was predeceased by a son, Dennis Galloway; brothers Louis Brice and Leon McNeil; and Special Aunt Sarah Jackson.

William leaves a great legacy of character, love, and faith to his wife Danise; children Edna Jones (Ezeife) and William Jerome McNeil; a brother Oliver Adams; a sister Diane Hinton (Buster); 20 grandchildren; 48 great grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law Geneva Walters; Goddaughters Jean Carr; Melva Murrell and Chinita Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Tribute Wall



“ *William McNeil*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To one who cherished his wife and family. Your work on earth is done and now you will make your home with our heavenly Father. Condolences to my cousin Danise and family!*

Lucretia Mack Bramsen - May 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Uncle. My prayers and thoughts are with all of those who loved and cared for him.*



Kevette (Patterson) Williams - May 07, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Phyllis M Hansberry lit a candle in memory of William McNeil*



Phyllis M Hansberry - May 07, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *Thy Good And Faithful Servant Man Of God You Will Truly Be Missed R.I.H.P. WL* 🙏🙏🙏💙

Diane & Buster Hinton - May 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

DH

“ *Diane & Buster Hinton lit a candle in memory of William McNeil*



Diane & Buster Hinton - May 06, 2020 at 04:36 PM

LA

“ *Grandpa, you always provided for our family. I learned the value of the fruit of ones labor shall always be rewarded. I love you and will miss you deeply. Lashanda*

Lashanda - May 06, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BC

Uncle Dabell you were always a rock of the family I'm going too miss you so much

Benjamin Carrington Carr - May 06, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BR

“ *Dear Mother Danise McNeil and family, we ,Bro. & Sis. Richardson, send our deepest sympathy to you all in the passing of Deacon McNeil, Please know that he will be truly missed by all that knew him. He was a fighter and God said, You have fought a Good Fight, and now it is time for you to Rest. We Loved Deacon McNeil So Very Much, he was a role model at Pitts Chapel UFWB Church, that we all looked up to., But Loved Him Best. We are praying that God gives you much Comfort and Strength during this difficult time. Love You All*

*Bro. Roy & Sis. Barbara Richardson
Your Church Family.*

Barbara Richardson - May 06, 2020 at 10:26 AM

