



# CELEBRATING

*The Life and Legacy of A Giant*

## Roger MCKAY, SR.

*March 24, 1934- October 1, 2021*

HOME GOING SERVICE

*Saturday*

*October 9, 2021*

10:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

*3401 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

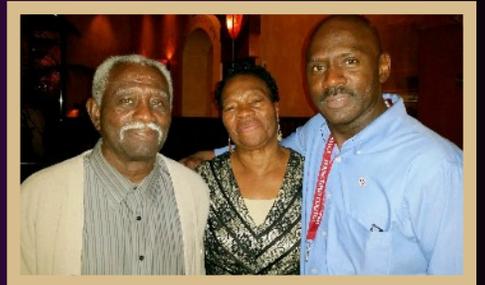
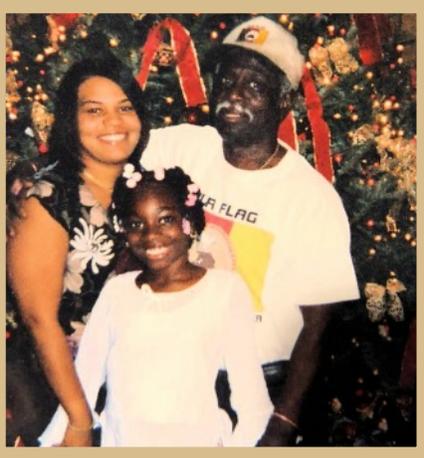
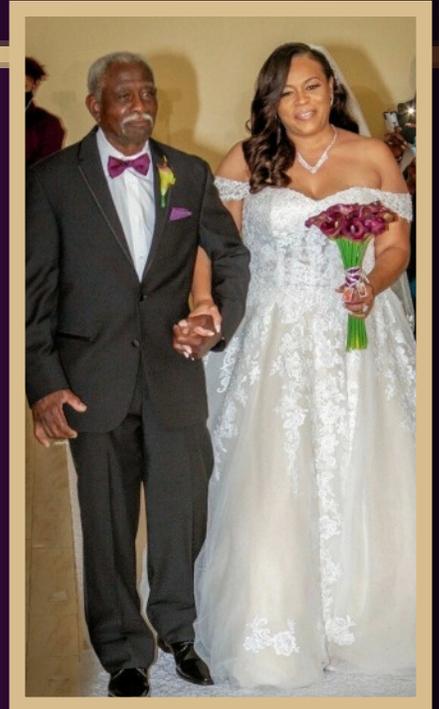
*Tampa, FL 33605*

*Dwight Newkirk, Pastor*



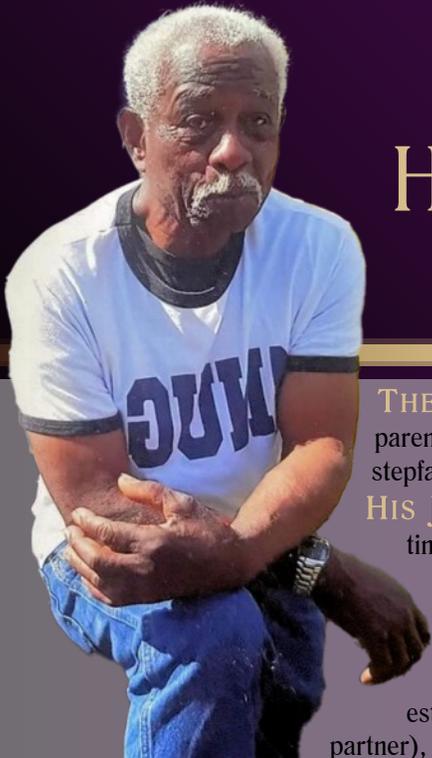
DR. CURT L. MCKAY – EULOGIST

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*dad*





# Roger McKay, Sr.

## HIS LIFE, HIS LOVE, HIS LEGACY!

March 24, 1934 – October 1, 2021

**THE BEGINNING** → Roger McKay, was born March 24, 1934 in Estill, South Carolina to parents Annie McKay Jenkins and John D. Butler. Roger accredited his Uncle Ernest McKay and stepfather, Ike Jenkins to raising him to be the man he became.

**HIS JOURNEY** → Roger attended Hampton County Public Schools in Estill, SC. Life during that time was very difficult but Roger persevered. At the age of 18, Roger left Estill, SC to North Carolina and from there to Tampa FL, where he resided until his demise. He sought employment in the building and contracting industry. Before branching out on his own, Roger had various construction jobs where he worked on several of the city's buildings, including Tampa International Airport. Roger's drive and determination for a better life eventually resulted in him establishing his own companies throughout the years: Quality Concrete–(Cleveland Arnold, partner), Roger McKay Group and McKay Engineering. Roger was able to *pay it forward* by providing

employment for others, enabling them to provide for their families and become productive members of society. His companies can be accredited with building some of Tampa and surrounding cities' commercial and municipal buildings including several churches. He also built the family home in which they reside today. His desire was to build a nice home with enough land that the family and friends could enjoy. Roger worked tirelessly on his house on weekends for three years with his son Jeff by his side until it was completed. He retired from the construction industry at the age of 65.

**HIS LOVE** → Roger met the love of his life Margaret Johnson-McKay in Tampa, FL and on October 27, 1965, they were united in Holy Matrimony. This union brought together two families with nine children: Willie, Charles Ray, Annie, Roger Jr. (deceased) Arthur, Alvin, Jeffery, Curt, and Cepeda.

**HIS MEMORY** → Roger was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. Roger, affectionately known as "Pop" had a caring heart and loving spirit. He enjoyed helping people. He was the "covering" for his family: leader, provider, protector, advisor, confidant, friend and much more. Roger was known for his special barbecue recipe and sauce. In 19\_\_, Roger rededicated his life to Christ under the leadership of his son, Bishop Curt McKay, Abundant Life Worship Center, Tampa, FL. He was a dedicated and faithful member, a hard worker and a prayer warrior; doing whatever his hands found to do. He will always be remembered by how he loved and made people feel loved. His response to everyone he met was "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it." It was genuine and you felt and believed it.

**HIS DEATH AND THOSE WHO PROCEEDED HIM** → Roger was preceded in death by his parents: Annie McKay Jenkins, Isaac Jenkins and John D. Butler; sisters: Gladys Jenkins Johnson, Annie Lou Jenkins Davis, Sarah Jane Darien, Pauline Hutchinson, Evelyn Myers, Cora Wright, brothers: Willie Butler and Thomas Butler; child: Roger McKay Jr. and grandchildren: Kamica D. Brown and Christopher Johnson. On October 1, 2021 about 4:00 in the morning with his wife and children at his bedside, Roger transitioned from this earthly life into his eternal rest.

**HIS LEGACY** → His legacy will live on in those he left behind. He leaves to cherish his memory and continue the legacy: a loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Margaret McKay; 1 daughter, Annie McKay Brown (Tampa, FL); 7 sons, Willie Sparrow (Geneva), Charles Mayhue, Arthur McKay—all from Tampa, FL; Alvin Johnson (Marian) Ocala, FL; Jeffery Johnson (Pamela), Bishop Curt L. McKay (Estelle), and Cepeda McKay (Vivian)—all Tampa, FL; 2 sisters: Louise DeLoach (Bluffton, SC), Clara Mae Perry (Estill, SC); 2 brothers: Earnest Jenkins, Andrew Jenkins both from Estill, SC; mother-in-law, Susie Jackson, (Goosecreek, SC); 1 brother-in-law, Reverend Willie Jackson, Sr. (Marva) Thonotosassa, FL; 2 sisters-in-law, Elder Barbara J. Gainey, (Geneva, FL) and Dorothy Edwards (Bronson, FL); 24 grandchildren: Natarsha Sparrow (Keith), Ayanna Sparrow, Mozella Sparrow, Charles Mayhue, Jr., Charlette Mayhue Fussell (Joe), Anitra Mayhue (Randall), Erieka Mayhue, Monique Mayhue, Tanya R. Brown, Janice L. Knight, Keila McKay Garrett (Vern), Selena McKay, Roger McKay III, Christina Johnson, Antron Williams, Torousha Keels (Lafayette), Jeffery D. Johnson, Jr. (Constance), Jamere Johnson, Jourdan Johnson, Curt L. McKay, II (Jaylen), Cortlyn McKay, Cepeda McKay (Rachel), Zachary McKay (Christina), Taylor McKay; 71 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great grandchildren; godson, William Hollingshed, Jr., and a host of other relative, nieces, nephews, and friends.



# A Tribute To Our Hero



Dad you were, you are and will always be my Hero! You taught me everything I know and made it simple.

You taught me how to work, provide for and love my family. You taught me business and how to treat others regardless of their status in life. Most of all you taught me how to be a man, to be responsible, to communicate my intentions

and to do what I say—to honor my word

My sons often tell me that they want to be like me. I say, if I can be half the man you are, I have exceeded all of my lofty expectations. You set the standards high for us all. Because we love and respect you so much, we will joyfully spend a lifetime trying to be like you. Dad I Love you.

MY FOREVER HERO,

*Cepeda McKay Sr.*

He CONSTRUCTED a FOUNDATION of hard work. He pushed a wheel barrel CONCRETE mixture of integrity and character. He set the BLOCKS in placed

that created a WALL of pure love that no DEMOLITION crew could break through. His smile and his laughter opened WINDOWS that invited wisdom and knowledge that would unlock the DOORS to precede through and prosper in. He BUILT a HOUSE to flourish and dwell in freely. He BUILT a HOUSE that Jack could not BUILD. Love You Dad,

*Louis*

Dad you lived as though God put you and everyone of us here for something special, not to fit into the norm or standards but to seek our purpose and live it to the fullest.

You taught us to be the very best at whatever we endeavored and you demonstrated the same. Mostly, you showed me how to be a man, lead my family and care about the lives of others.

As a family man, you wanted us to know Who we are, where we come from and focus on keeping the family together in love.

Dad, I appreciate you for living to change the world around yourself. I will live towards the same.

*Curt*

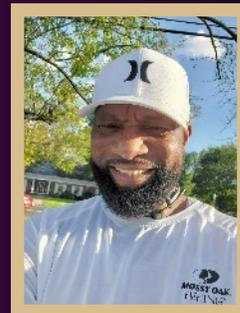


I am not one much for words, but

Dad, I tried to handle and work with everyone and every project with the utmost integrity. I've always tried to honor what I said and to do a little bit more. You Loved us all

unconditionally and I am forever grateful for the Life Legacy you modeled for me. I Love You Forever.

*Dale*





# *A Tribute To Our Hero*

There are so many words that describe the qualities of a good father. A good father is a: Leaders, Protector, Provider, Disciplinarian, Counselor, Motivator and Teacher. But for some reason these qualities seem to fall short of who you are to me. You were bigger to me than all of those combined. To me you are and always will be my "Daddy."



Thank you for all you did for me and what you taught me along the way; to work hard, the importance of taking care of my family, to be humble, to walk in dignity, to stay on the straight path, to be careful not to take any wooden nickels and how to be a man.

But thank you most of all for the one thing that I will never forget you for showing me and that is that *"You loved me and that there was nothing I could do about it."* I love you Dad!

*Jeff*

Dad, I remember the day you taught me how easy it is to love and how much positive energy is lost when you don't.

Pop was a father who expected his sons to be as good as he meant to be. He expected us (his sons) to be better by holding us accountable for our actions. Thank you, Pop, for being the best man I've ever known, I love you and will miss you.

Thank you, dad, most of all, for being you. I love you and will miss you dearly.

*Willie*

*Annie*

Pop you came into my life during a time when I needed a dad and you knew just what I needed. I was angry when I realize you were not my bio father. Then I realize that you were my dad in every way that mattered, and I will always be your second oldest son. I know you are in a better place, but I still wish you were with us. I love you and is going to miss you.

**Charles Ray**



# THE CELEBRATION

*Dr. Karen Barnes – Officiating*

Abundant Life Non-Denominational

## – ORDER OF SERVICE –

PROCESSIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ *Clergy & Family*

INVOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ *Pastor Thomas L. Dozier*

### *Scriptures*

OLD TESTAMENT \_\_\_\_\_ *Elder Robert Davis*

NEW TESTAMENT \_\_\_\_\_ *Pastor KaRon Jackson*

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ *The Celebration Choir*

### *As We Knew Him*

AS A NEIGHBOR \_\_\_\_\_ *Debra Smith*

AS A MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY TRIBUTE \_\_\_\_\_ *Granddaughters*

RESOLUTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ *Laura Julien*

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SERMONIC SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ *Cepeda McKay & Family*

WORDS OF COMFORT \_\_\_\_\_ *Pastor Curt L. McKay*

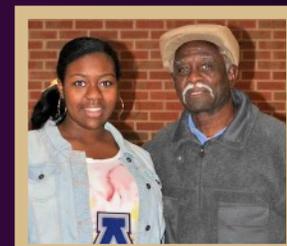
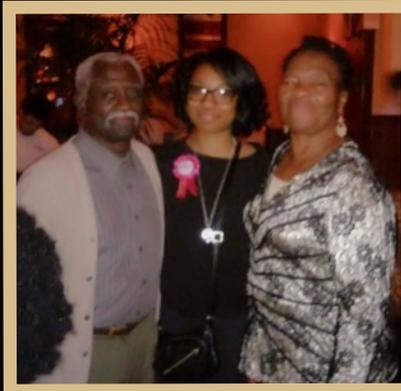
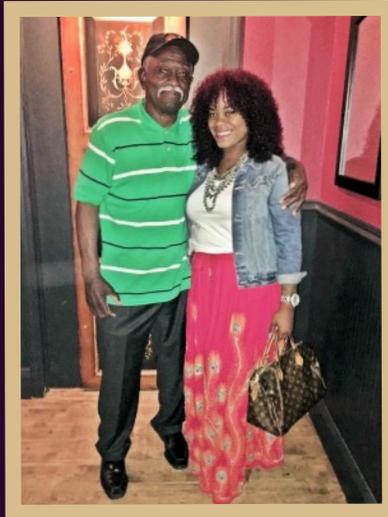
### *Recessional*

Interment \_\_\_\_\_ *Sunset Memorial Gardens*

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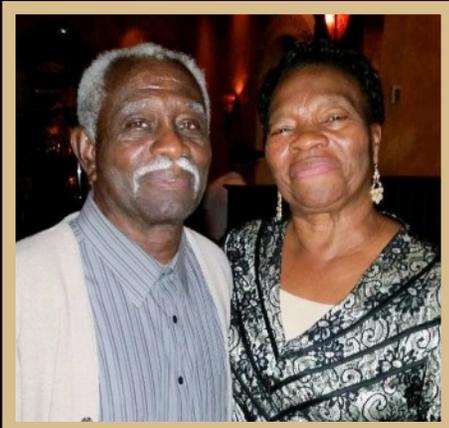
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Behind Every Good Kid is a  
**Great Dad**





My Dearest Rah,

God took you home one week ago. He gave you to me to love for 56 years and the day you left, a part of me went with you. You were my hero, security, rock, friend, lover, companion, provider, father of our children. You've taught me so much, I will always remember the times we spent together and our conversations. My heart is at such a deep loss of your love and presence. Thank you for your love, compassion, kindness and for taking care of our family; not just our immediate family, but everyone. Thank you for being an example of a godly man to our family and to everyone you touched.

I will forever cherish the love and many memories we shared. I now ask God to help heal my brokenness as I learn how to live this life without you. I say goodbye for now, but I know that one day I will see you again. Rest In Love Honey, you've earned it! *Until WE meet again...*

*Margaret*



#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Arthur McKay  
Alvin Johnson  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Curt McKay  
Cepeda McKay  
Willie Sparrow  
Charles Ray Mayhue*

#### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Grandsons*

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The family of Mr. Roger McKay extends their sincere gratitude to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, food and other gestures of kindness and love during their time of bereavement. May God continue to be a blessing to you!

**-THE MCKAY FAMILY-**