



## Deacon Freddie B. McNeil

May 29, 1949 - September 7, 2014

MCNEIL, Deacon Freddie B. - passed away Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Genesys Health Park-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 5:30 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2014 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave. with funeral service commencing at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Lewis Randolph officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 5:30 p.m. Friday. Deacon McNeil may be viewed at the church from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Friday.

"I have glorified thee on the earth:

I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

St. John 17:4

On May 29, 1949, God blessed Freddie & Esther Jones McNeil with their first born of 10 children, a beautiful, healthy baby boy that they named Freddie. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined Liberty Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Moscow, Tenn. where he was active in youth activities.

Deacon Freddie was educated in the Fayette County Public School System graduating from Fayette Ware High School in Somerville, Tenn. From there, he enrolled in Tennessee State University majoring in Plant Science. There were many great events during his college tenure, including graduating with a BS degree and meeting his future wife LaDon Goodman who he proposed to

on Valentine's Day. They were married and began a wonderfully blessed life together. After completing an internship with the United States Department of Agriculture in Miles City, Montana, Freddie was hired and remained a faithful, cooperative and knowledgeable employee.

Deacon Freddie and LaDon were blessed with two children, Mia D. McNeil and Frederick L. McNeil. Upon locating to Grand Blanc, MI, Deacon Freddie and family united with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan under the leadership of Moderator Lewis Randolph. During his time at Antioch, he served faithfully in many ministries in the church including as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and a member of The Mighty Voices of Thunder. As a deacon, Bro. Freddie was always actively involved in worship services. He was never reluctant about witnessing, praise and making a joyful noise unto the Lord. He was very supportive in Kingdom building and had a great passion for creating opportunities for the work of the church. As an employee, Deacon McNeil was a dedicated worker for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 41 years. He was very passionate about learning new techniques to improve the lives of farmers all over the state of Michigan. However, he believed that his role was much bigger in this capacity. It was always important to him to ensure that there was diversity and equity in USDA. He was also an active officer in National Association of Professional Black Employees and was the former chairman of the Michigan Association of Professional Black Employees. Under his tutelage, the state organization hosted an annual Black History Program at the state headquarters. In his spare time, he enjoyed sharing time with family, traveling, taking his training in agriculture and using that to beautify the community and make it more sustainable. A civic-minded individual, he generously contributed countless hours to community endeavors. He enjoyed landscaping and it was not uncommon to hear him talking about his plans for a new urban gardening project. But it was in these activities that he enjoyed mentoring young men of the church and the community in these skills. Bro. McNeil had a kind,

cooperative and generous spirit. His attitude and spirit exhibited Matt 5:9 which reads, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God."

During the past few years, Bro. McNeil faced and overcame many serious health challenges; however, like Job and Paul, his patience and faith sustained him during his many trials and tribulations. He remembered the scripture which admonishes us to be thankful in all things.

Deacon McNeil leaves in God's care, his wife of 41 years, LaDon; two children, Mia D. McNeil, Lansing, Michigan; Frederick L. McNeil, Grand Blanc, Michigan; five brothers, Elder Willie (Helen) and Tim, both of Memphis, Tennessee; Ricky (Sharon) Dolton, IL; Gregory, Charlotte, North Carolina, Artra (Kewonni), Nashville Tennessee; four sisters: Alberta (Thomas) Yarbary, Moscow, Tennessee; Jean (Curtis) Corlew; Pearl and Glandia McNeil, Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters-in-law Edna Goodman, Detroit, Michigan; Mae (James) Taylor, Cordova, Tennessee; one brother-in-law Willie James (Carolyn) Goodman Detroit, Michigan; two aunts, Pearlie Hykes, Memphis, Tennessee; Selma Woodard, Pasadena, California; two uncles; Rev. Alonzo L. Jones, Memphis; John D. (Alice) Jones, Moscow, Tennessee; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and wonderful and caring church members.

"...Be thou faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life." Revelation 2:10

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My prayers go out to LaDon and the McNeil family that God will continue to keep you in his ever loving care and give you the strength to endure your precious loss.*



*Ms. Jerry Miller and family - Atlanta, GA*

**Jerry Miller** - September 18, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ *Mia and family,*

*Your father/husband sounds like an amazing man!! Reading about his life was very touching and his faith in God is very inspiring! I am left with the thought that we need more people like him on this earth. My prayers are with you all.*

*Kathleen Moore  
(MPLP Classmate)*

**Kathleen Moore** - September 13, 2014 at 10:44 AM

NA

“ *Nadine lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



Nadine - September 12, 2014 at 06:57 PM

SJ

“ *Sending deepest condolences to Ms. Mc and family. We are praying for your strength during this difficult time. Sincerely Ida Belle Patton (Aunt Belle) and Sharon Patton Johnson. Family of Carey Nelson from Texarkana, Arkansas.*

Sharon Patton Johnson - September 12, 2014 at 06:07 PM

SB

“ *Sis Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



Sis Cherry L. Brown - September 12, 2014 at 01:45 PM

MC

“ *To the LaDonna & The McNeil Family, Sad to here about Dea. McNeil but we know that God has the last say so. and I know that he is with Him.I pray that God will give you Strength and for Healing of the Heart. Sis. Hettie Collins of North Star Ministries*



Mrs. Hettie Collins - September 12, 2014 at 11:51 AM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



**Mary & Diane Williams** - September 12, 2014 at 08:50 AM

GH

“ *GHS Customer Services, Access and HID purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil.*



**GHS Customer Services, Access and HID** - September 12, 2014 at 08:50 AM

SH

“ *Sandy Hairston lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



**Sandy Hairston** - September 12, 2014 at 08:39 AM

MT

“ *To Mia and the entire McNeil Family, My deepest condolences on the loss of your father. Seek comfort in the Lord and know your father is with him.*



**Melodies Turner** - September 12, 2014 at 07:56 AM

SF

“ *Spartan Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Spartan Family** - September 12, 2014 at 07:49 AM

DE

“ *LaDon, we want you to know that even now God is with you and He will give you and your family the strength to endure during this time. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalms 30:5)...your joy will come.*  
*Dexter and Stephanie Clarke*

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**Dexter** - September 12, 2014 at 07:21 AM

ST

“ *Praying for Mrs. Mcneil & family during this time. May the God of peace sustain and comfort you.*

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**Sis. Turner** - September 11, 2014 at 08:10 PM

LC

“ *To LaDon & Family,  
May God extend his loving arms of comfort.  
Matthew 5:4  
May God grant you peace that passes all understanding. Philippians 4:7  
May you find joy knowing your husband/father is rejoicing in heaven Luke 15:7  
Prayers & More Prayers*



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**Loria Corder** - September 11, 2014 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie&Kenneth Steward lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Stephanie&Kenneth Steward** - September 11, 2014 at 04:58 PM

GJ

“ *To the family of Deacon McNeil, we offer our heartfelt condolences during this time of bereavement. As we grieve on earth, Freddie is forever rejoicing in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Know that we are praying that you find peace and comfort in the memories of your loved one.*

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**Gus and Vanessa Jordan** - September 11, 2014 at 01:53 PM

DG

“ *To the McNeil Family:*

*I worked with Deacon Freddie McNeil with NRCS in the Flint office for many years I considered him a co-worker and friend. His friendship and love for community will be a lasting legacy. Mia now that you are part of the PRBC family we are sending our love and prayers for you and your family during this time.*

*"I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)*

*Sis. Diane Gardin. Lansing, MI*

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**Diane G. Gardin** - September 11, 2014 at 01:18 PM

MF

“ *LaDon, Mia and Lamar,*

*I'm praying that the good Lord will show you the way through this valley of sorrow and that He will lead you beside the still water that restores your soul. May your faith sustain you and may the love and prayers of those who care comfort you.*

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**Mary Davis-Taylor & family** - September 11, 2014 at 01:01 PM

MD

*Mary Davis-Taylor*

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**Mary Davis-Taylor** - September 11, 2014 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ *DeNise L Blake lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**DeNise L Blake** - September 11, 2014 at 11:38 AM

RF

“ *Rev. Blake Strozier & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Rev. Blake Strozier & Family** - September 11, 2014 at 10:15 AM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - September 11, 2014 at 01:46 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - September 10, 2014 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ *Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Deacon Jesse Mosley** - September 10, 2014 at 06:40 PM

FF

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Freda Ratliff-Williams & Family** - September 10, 2014 at 03:57 PM

DB

“ *DaNetta Blake lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**DaNetta Blake** - September 10, 2014 at 02:10 PM

WB

“ *Wanda L. Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Wanda L. Baker** - September 10, 2014 at 01:29 PM

SC

“ *Sis Maudie Coley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Freddie B. McNeil*



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**Sis Maudie Coley** - September 10, 2014 at 12:01 PM