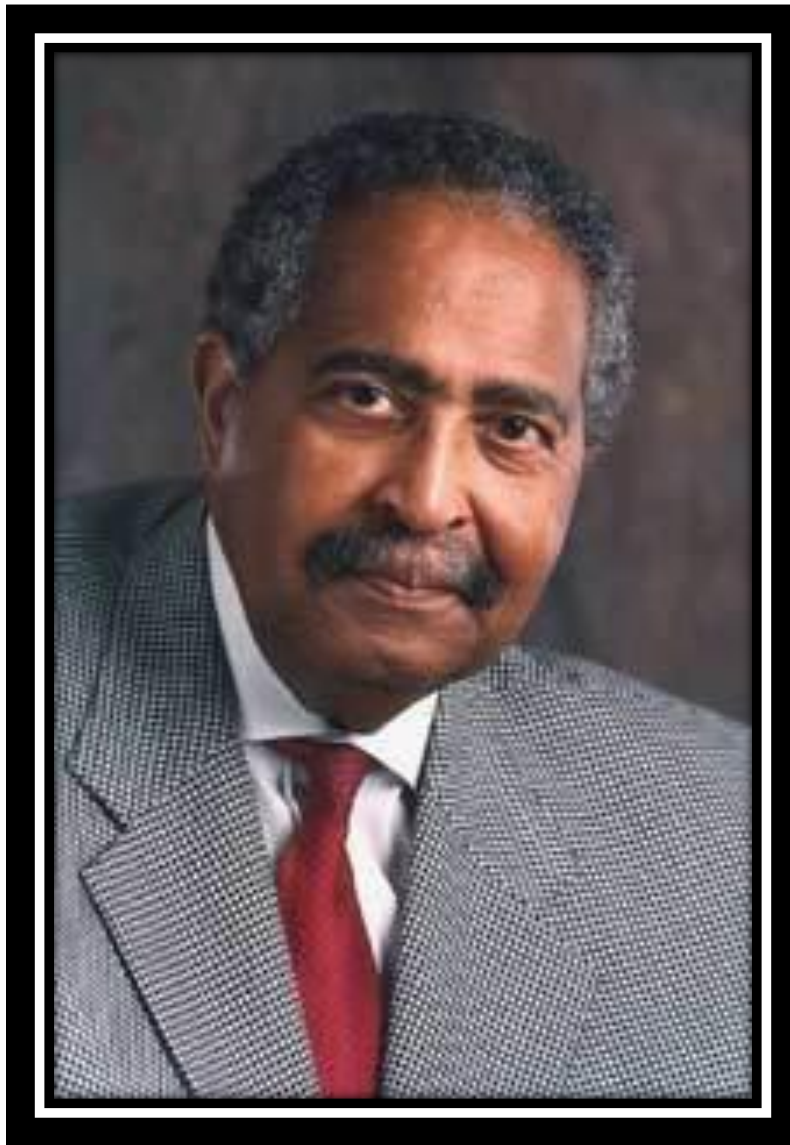


A
Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life and Legacy
of

Franklin Eugene McCain, Sr.



Friday, January 17, 2014
Two o'clock in the Afternoon

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3400 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Reverend Dr. Edward B. Newberry, Officiating
Memorial Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Musical Prelude

Deborah Barnes
Arnetta Murrill-Crooms
Vincent Robinson
Lenoa Great Smith
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University Fellowship Gospel Choir

Omega Ritual

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Call to Worship

Dr. Edward B. Newberry

Hymn....."Amazing Grace".....Lenoa Great Smith

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, you are our help in every time of trouble. Send your Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen us. Bless us, that we may have hope of life eternal. Help us to trust in your goodness and mercy. Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubles of our hearts and still all other voices but your own that we may hear and obey all that you tell us. Be with us in this time of worship, through Jesus Christ we pray.

TRIBUTES

(Three minutes, please)

Anthony Foxx

U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Mrs. Madelynn Hunter

Family Friend

Mrs. Sarah Stevenson

Family Friend

Mr. Thomas W. Ross

President, University of North Carolina

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II

Director, Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness

Selection....."Total Praise".....NCATSU Fellowship Gospel Choir

TRIBUTES

(Three minutes, please)

Dr. Harold Martin

Chancellor, North Carolina A & T State University

Mel Watt

Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency

Senator Kay Hagan

U. S. Senator for North Carolina

The Reverend Dr. Jesse Jackson

President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Dr. Jibreel Khazan
A & T Four

Dr. Joseph McNeil, Sr.
A & T Four

FAMILY TRIBUTE

Mr. Wendell Alan McCain
Son

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, source of all wisdom, still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your sacred word. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts, so that hearing the promises of Scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our grief through the power of your gracious Spirit. By the grace of Christ we pray. Amen.

Selection.....*"The Lord's Prayer"*.....William Andrews, Harmonicist

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....*Jeremiah 29: 10-14*.....Miss Taylor Davis McCain, Granddaughter
New Testament..... *II Corinthians 4:16-5:5*.....Master Davis Alan McCain, Grandson

The Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Steve Allen
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC

Poem.....*When Great Trees Fall*.....Dr. Maya Angelou
Mrs. Shirley T. Frye, Reader

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Doris R. Asbury

Selection.....*"Jesus and Me"*..... Ms. Deborah Barnes

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Commendation

Rev. Dr. Newberry

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Newberry

Recessional*"When All God's Children Get to Heaven"* NCATSU Fellowship Gospel Choir

From The Family

To the world, he was a civil rights pioneer who, along with his three classmates, dared to make a difference by starting the sit-in movement at the F. W. Woolworth store in Greensboro, North Carolina.

To us, he was "Daddy"- a man who deeply loved his family and cherished his friends.

We will forever treasure the wonderful memories that we have and be thankful for all that he did for us and for his fellow man.

*Truly, a giant has fallen. Charlotte will feel it,
North Carolina A & T State University will feel it,
The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Incorporated will feel it,
North Carolina will feel it and the Nation will feel the impact of this fallen giant.*

God rest the soul of this courageous giant, this pioneer, this civil rights advocate, this orator, this champion for justice, this brave man who sat so others could forever stand.

Interment

Oaklawn Cemetery
1615 Oaklawn Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28216

Franklin Eugene McCain, Sr.
...Reflections on A Legacy of Service...

Franklin Eugene McCain was born in Union County, North Carolina on January 3, 1941 to the late Warner E. and Mattie M. McCain. This Pioneer for Justice took flight on January 9, 2014 to enter the heavenly home of his wife, Bettye, who preceded him in death.

During his early years, Franklin grew up in Washington, DC and graduated from Washington's Eastern High School in 1959. After graduating from high school, he enrolled at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCA&TSU) in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology.

While matriculating at the North Carolina A & T State University, McCain realized the wheels of justice were turning in the right direction for only a few and the masses were being eliminated from the process. He, along with three other students, decided to make a statement against segregation and the injustices that prevailed in our country. They strategically planned to make a difference and on a cool Monday in February, 1960, they began to implement their plan by walking that long mile from the campus of North Carolina A & T State University to the F. W. Woolworth Store in downtown Greensboro. The courageous four sat at the "whites only" lunch counter. This bold move served as a catalyst and a spring board for other sit-ins to take place in other cities of North Carolina and across the nation.

This brave stand taken by McCain and his three fellow classmates prompted the Woolworth store to integrate the lunch counter five months later. Additionally, the Greensboro episode, as proclaimed by most, had the greatest impact, inviting national publicity and inspiring a heightened level of activism among college students and other youths. In the same year, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, one of the most effective civil rights groups, was born in Southern Black Colleges.

To commemorate the action of these young men, a portion of the lunch counter from the Woolworth store is now on exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC and the site of the store in Greensboro, N. C. is occupied by the International Civil Rights Museum. This is truly an honor for Franklin McCain to have his legacy remembered in the city where he grew up and the one where he attended school and dared to make a difference.

A year after graduating from A & T, he married his Bennett College Sweetheart, Bettye Davis, who shared his desire to correct a wrong and who also participated in the civil rights demonstration. Franklin and Bettye moved to Charlotte and had three sons-Franklin Jr., Wendell and W. Bertrand. Franklin was employed at Hoechst-Celanese Corporation in Charlotte as a chemist. His analytical skills were recognized and he was tapped to become a section leader in its home furnishings fibers division. He ultimately was promoted to Senior Executive at the same company.

McCain became a member of Memorial United Presbyterian Church where he gave freely of his talents and resources. He was an inspiration to everyone whom he met. He never boasted of his accomplishments, but always remained humble and forever encouraging others to rise to their fullest potential. Although McCain never ran for public office, he was a mentor for those who aspired to serve. He instilled in them a zest for always believing in who they were and what they could do and to never settle for anything less. He was a role model, not only for his children, but for their friends who would often visit his home to sit and talk with him and to learn about the real meaning of being true to yourself and your convictions.

McCain used his experiences to inspire others as he traveled extensively speaking to groups and organizations about the movement. Before he became ill, he had been invited to speak at the University of North Carolina at Asheville on March 30th of this year. The theme for his talk was "Finding your own inner inspiration to do what you believe is right, instead of waiting for others." He lived this theme when he and his classmates of the Greensboro Four fueled the sit-in movement forcing the desegregation of many public facilities.

McCain and his wife Bettye continued their plight for justice in Charlotte and worked tirelessly with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Incorporated. Franklin served as Chairman of the North Carolina Regional Committee which sponsored statewide events to raise funds for the NAACP LDF Fund, Incorporated.

McCain's work did not go unnoticed. He has been recognized and honored by numerous organizations across this state and nation. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, North Carolina A & T State University in 1994 for his contribution to the civil rights movement.

His awards and recognitions are too numerous to list, but to mention a few, he was the proud recipient of The Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Advocacy, Humanitarian of the Year Award from North Carolina NAACP, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor James Martin, Pioneer for Freedom Award from Memorial Presbyterian Church, Drum Major for Justice Award for Civil Rights from the SCLC Women, Legend Award of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and Citizenship Education Fund from Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King, and the Nabisco Brands, Incorporated listing of Famous Black American Leaders.

His academic excellence was manifested as he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina A & T State University, and on the boards of Bennett College, North Carolina Central University and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. The Board of Governors penned a resolution on June 14, 2013 honoring him for his long standing and loyal services to the University and to the State of North Carolina.

McCain made time to volunteer with many groups. Two of those as a valued member, serving as Sire Archon and Chairman of the Membership Council of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and as Chairman of the Black Political Caucus. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Bettye D. McCain; his mother and father, Mrs. Mattie and Mr. Warner McCain; three brothers, Herman Threatt, G. Lee McCain and Artestia T. McCain.

McCain leaves to cherish his memory and to honor his legacy his three sons: Franklin Jr. (Vicki), Wendell (Lori) and W. Bertrand (Keisha); Six Grandchildren-Taylor Davis, Franklin "Mac" III, Davis Alan, Charles Alan, Alayna Martha Jean and Amanda Rose McCain; his three sisters, Ishtor Green (James), Warner M Copeland (Tom), and Pecolia Davis. Additionally, eight sisters-in-law, Rachel Threatt, Gwendolyn D. Kettles (Sylvester); W. Dorothy Davis, Joan D. Washington, Joyce D. Bennett (Hyland), Pamela D. Daniels (Sylvester), Shirley D. Peek (Robert) and Daisy D. Porter (Rusty); eleven nieces and nine nephews; three cousins – Abigail M. Reaves, Clara M. Mitchell and Glenda M. LeFlore; Goddaughter, Hadelyn Richmond Massenburg; "Special Daughters"- Teila Hand Broadnax, Tammy Roseborough, Pamela Hunter and Sharon Hunter and a host of extended family and friends.

Mother to Son

Langston Hughes

*Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor --
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now --
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.*

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Thomas E. Asbury
The Honorable Ralph Gingles, Jr.
Joseph A. McNeil, Major General (Ret. USAF)
Mr. Steve Crump

Dr. Jibreel Khazan
Dr. William Green
Mr. Roosevelt Maske, Sr.

Mr. Harry Jones
Dr. Jerry Jones
The Honorable Calvin Murphy
Dr. Herman Thomas

Mr. Reginald Bynum
Mr. George Dickinson
Eric Montgomery, Esq.
Mr. David Richmond, Jr.

Active Pallbearers

Mr. Derrick Chambers
Mr. Karl Hampton
Mr. Joseph McNeil, Jr.
Mr. Lakel Smith
Mr. Ronald Wade

Mr. Javier Clawson
Mr. Hozannah Khazan
Mr. Bryan Pittman
Mr. Robert Vaughan, Jr.

Floral Bearers

The Charlotte Girl Friends, Incorporated
The Links, Incorporated
Archousai of Beta Delta Boule'

Ushers

The Links, Incorporated

Hostesses for Repast

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



In Memoriam

*The family requests that you consider donations to the
McCain Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
c/o North Carolina A & T State University Foundation,
200 North Benbow Road, Greensboro, NC 27411.*

Arrangements

Alexander Funeral Home, Inc.
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May I Go Now?

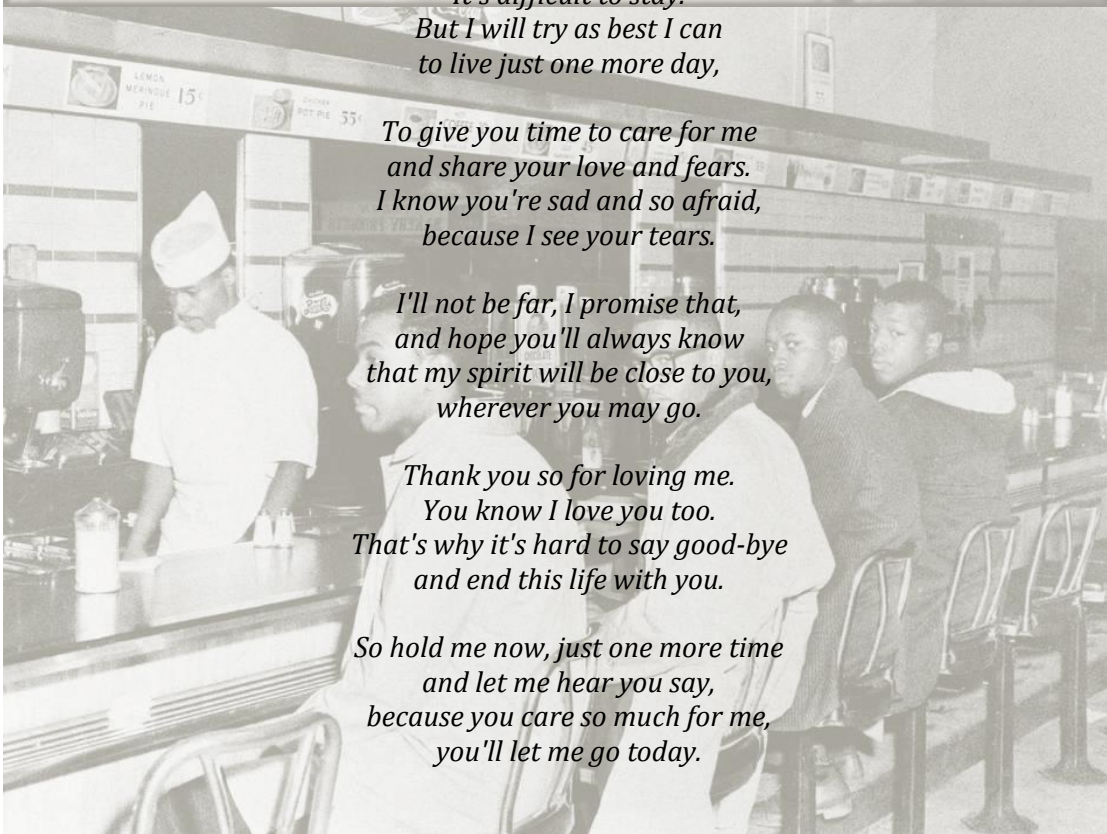
by Susan A. Jackson

*May I Go? May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain-filled days
and endless lonely nights?*

*I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.*

*I want to go. I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day,*



*To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and so afraid,
because I see your tears.*

*I'll not be far, I promise that,
and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you,
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too.
That's why it's hard to say good-bye
and end this life with you.*

*So hold me now, just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*



