



Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr.

November 9, 1953 - June 29, 2021

Obituary

Politician and retired healthcare executive Nathaniel W. McLaughlin, Jr. born on November 9, 1953 in Laurinburg, North Carolina was called home on June 29, 2021. After graduating from high school, Nathaniel received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He did undergraduate and graduate studies at Wake Forest University.

He joined Marriott Management Services in 1980 and rose through the ranks to District Executive for what is now Sodexo Healthcare Services. He was responsible for overseeing the company's healthcare operations in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Northeast Oklahoma, South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa. This outstanding opportunity is what brought him to the midwest in 1983. His connections brought him to masonry.

Nathaniel was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 25, 1992 as a member of Prudence Lodge No. 6, Jurisdiction of Kansas. He served as a Junior Warden and Senior Warden in Prudence Lodge #6 after being raised. He was elected and served as Worshipful Master of Prudence Lodge #6 during annual elections on December 11, 1997 thru December 10,

1998. In June 2013, Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin 33° was elected and installed as the 39th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was established in 1875. The highest honor that can be achieved by a Master Mason.

In addition to his Masonic career, Nathaniel is a dedicated leader in the community. He served the community of Kansas City, Kansas as Chairman of the Wyandotte County Black Democratic Caucus. He represented the 8th district of Wyandotte County as Commissioner on the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority from 2005-2011. He served as president of the state and local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapters.

In 2016, Nathaniel ran for Congress, finishing second in a three-person Democratic primary in the 3rd District in the Kansas City area.

Recognition and Awards: Black Man of Distinction Award from Friends of Yates, Inc (2006); Community Involvement Honoree Award from Metropolitan Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas (2008); Community Hero Award from Bethel SDA Church, Kansas City, Kansas (2009) Notable

Accomplishments: Establishment of the Masonic Information and Technology Department; Establishment of the N.W. McLaughlin Scholarship Educational Assistance Fund.

Nathaniel leaves to cherish his memories; his wife Renee Ponder McLaughlin; one daughter; Natalie Krugjohn of Leawood, KS (Daniel Krugjohn, husband); two sons Nathaniel McLaughlin III of Dallas, TX (Akilah McLaughlin, wife),

Marcus McLaughlin esquire of Mission, KS; step-children Rytina Kerns of Kansas City, MO (Wayne Kerns, husband); Seneca Brown of Kansas City, MO; Nezester Ponder of Kansas City, MO; three sisters Joyce Ann McLeod, Shirley McLeod and Gloria McLaughlin; Sisters-in-Law, Shelia Ponder Hemphill (William Hemphill) and Pamela McGee (Rodger McGee) numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

“Life is a gift, love is a gift, and when both are bestowed, you have a life well-lived.”

Funeral service will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021, 12:00pm at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10am-12pm at the chapel. Masonic ceremonial 11:00am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. This facility requires social distancing and face coverings indoors.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr., please visit our floral store.

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“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr.. *Send Flowers*

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Indoor garden basket* was purchased for the family of Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr.. *Send Flowers*

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“ *Tropical dish garden with fresh flowers* was purchased for the family of Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr.. *Send Flowers*

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LF

“ Mountain meadow pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Bro. Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr. by Love Stan and Wanda Pate Jones & Louise Pate & Family. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy and loving memories of Nathaniel. Love Stan and Wanda Pate Jones & Louise Pate & Family

Love Stan and Wanda Pate Jones & Louise Pate & Family - May 25, 2023 at 01:09 PM

JR

“ We are saddened to have received word of Commissioner McLaughlin's passing. He distinguished himself as an outstanding servant on the Kansas City, Kansas Authority Board of Commissioners. I like would to offer sincere condolences on behalf of our Board and staff.

Jackie Randle - July 14, 2021 at 04:04 PM

BC

“ Mac was my boss for about 10 years. He was one of the most amazing people I knew and I will ever meet! I learned so much from him professionally but mostly I grew as a person with all he taught me about life!! I am saddened by his passing and am so glad he called not so long ago to catch up! I am sending thoughts and prayers to you all. I know his loss will fill you with grief as it has for me, but I know he is up in Heaven and watching over you all!! Peace and prayers!! 🙏🙏🙏 Beth Carlson

Beth Carlson - July 14, 2021 at 09:20 AM

CA

“ Sending heartfelt prayers and sympathy. Farewell Bro. Nate Carolyn Alford and Family Laurinburg, NC

Carolyn Alford - July 10, 2021 at 01:17 PM

PV

“ *New Vision Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 9101 Blue Ridge Boulevard Kansas City, MO 64138 July 10, 2021 To the family of Brother Nathaniel McLaughlin, Jr. John 14:1-6 New King James Version 14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many [a]mansions; if it were not so, [b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. The Men of Character of New Vision Christian Church (D.O.C.) wish to extend our deepest sympathy on the Homegoing of Nathaniel. Brother McLaughlin was a faithful member of The Men of Character. He participated in many of our activities. He helped with the planning of our annual Mother’s Day activity, even though he was not always available for the event itself. He was faithful in financial support whenever needed. Brother McLaughlin was a hard worker. He participated in our service project when we provided yard cleanup for some of our older members. We will miss his supportive spirit, wisdom, expertise and comradery. May God bless, comfort, and keep you as only He can. Our prayers are with you. Rev. Dr. Kevin L. Harris, Sr. Senior Pastor Pastor James L. Vertreese, Facilitator, Men of Character*

Pastor James L. Vertreese - July 09, 2021 at 10:54 PM

DK

“ *Watch the LiveStream starting at 11am on 360 LiveMinistry Funeral & Homegoing channel* 👍

Dr. David Knox - July 09, 2021 at 03:41 PM

GM

“ I want to send a Rest Easy to my Uncle. Going to miss you Uncle. God got you now. Thanks for the Kansas City Chiefs shirt even though I'm a Giants fan. Appreciate the thought Unc.

Gifford Mcleod - July 08, 2021 at 05:29 PM

LP

“ It was always a pleasure to meet with MW and discuss Masonry and life. He will be sorely missed.

Lyn Beyer, PGM - July 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM

BM

“ A 'Heart' gesture was posted

Barbara W McLeod - July 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM

BM

“ TO: The Missouri / And N.C Families we were saddened when GOD called Bro. Nathaniel Home Too Glory, We mourn with you, We Love you, we're Praying for you, GOD HOLY WORD, ST. JOHN 5: 25: 29 , The Louisburg N C McLeod'S

Barbara W McLeod - July 08, 2021 at 10:43 AM

SF

“ On behalf of myself and the Louise Pate Family, Farewell to our beloved Nathaniel. Nate was my friend and classmate at Scotland High School, and he was always the smartest person in the room. We celebrate Nate's life, his leadership, his many accomplishments, his service to the community and honor him for every single life he touched while he was with us on this earth. It was a privilege to have known Nate, and he will always be in our hearts.

Stan & Wanda Pate Jones, Louise Pate & Family - July 07, 2021 at 10:26 PM

JO

“ *Joyce McLaughlinMcLeod*

Joyce - July 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM

SM

“ *Good night my love, We will see each other again. You are my little brother and I will love you always. From my mouth to Gods' ears I love you from the moon and back. Sleep my love and know that your North Carolina family have you in their prayers. We love you, we love, we love you.*

Shirley McLaughlin McLeod - July 06, 2021 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ *Nathaniel McLaughlin was my Brother. I will miss his smiling face and his jokes. I loved my Brother and we had great fun and good time together. When he visit home in North Carolina he would always stay a night with me. I will stop typing before I get too emotional! Love you Bro Always!!!❤️❤️❤️ Joyce McLeod*

Joyce McLeod - July 03, 2021 at 08:39 PM