



## Mr. William Jefferson McNeal

September 29, 1939 - August 30, 2022

### Obituary

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF

William Jefferson McNeal passed away on August 30, 2022, in his home surrounded by his children and grandchildren. He engaged life on September 29, 1939 (LIBRA) at the family home on 1301 Armstrong, Kansas City, Kansas to the union of Jeff & Marie A. McNeal. He was delivered by Dr. William M. Blount, the last of four boys born to Marie.

William was educated in the now famous segregated Kansas City, Kansas School District. He attended Douglass School, First A.M.E. Church School on Wednesdays, Northeast Junior High School, and Sumner High School.

After his graduation in 1957, William joined the United States Air Force, and was honorably discharged in 1962. After discharge he took a number of self-help courses at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

In 1963 William went to work for General Motors Corporation and joined the United Auto Workers Union. He worked for General Motors and served as an officer for the United Auto Workers for 31.2 years and retired in 1995.

William is preceded in death by his grandparents, Lena B. Watson and Albert

W. Watson, father Jeff McNeal, Mother Marie A. McNeal, brother Lloyd C. Tolliver, brother Albert W. Tolliver, adopted son Edward W. McNeal and grandson Davyon Coates.

He leaves to enjoy his memory, his brother Ernest R. Riley (Iola), daughter DaMetra A. Fields (William), of Kansas City, MO, daughter, Shanna L. Coates of Kansas City, KS, son Diron L. Melton (Doretha) of St. Augustine, FL, son Arthur W. Marks, of Columbus, OH, daughter Megan R. Pickens of Arlington, TX, bonus son James Bailey and a special friend Laura Watson. His memory will live on through his twelve grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and special friends.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022, 3:00pm at Linwood Chapel. Private Disposition. Visitation will be from 2pm-3pm at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Mr. William Jefferson McNeal, please visit our floral store.

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. William Jefferson McNeal  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons  
Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. William Jefferson McNeal** - May 25, 2023 at 11:31 AM

ES

“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mr. William Jefferson  
McNeal. Plant a Tree*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - May 25, 2023 at 11:31 AM

EF

“ *William is one of my oldest friends and I will miss him. Life  
intervenes and relationships change but we have always been  
friends. I appreciate his support of my parents as they aged and he  
helped with their transition from closing the old house and  
eventually going into custodial care . Fun things like rodeos,  
vacations with Jack and GM friends dinners and other functions  
were an added bonus. He was always willing to give help and to  
advise others. To the family I am sorry for your loss of this good  
hearted member. God bless you.*

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**Edna Pickens and Judie Family** - September 10, 2022 at 07:32 PM

LW

“ Mr. McNeal played in important part in my growing up as a teenager. He was the weekend, house party, neighborhood “uber” driver for the Silkettes (neighborhood girl click). No one could not tell us we were not cute when Mr. McNeal (our personal driver) would pull up in front of houses with loud music, his cowboy hat, and a horn that sounded like it belonged on a diesel. He was one-of-a-kind! With a strong work ethic, love for people, and his family’s biggest advocate, he showed a genuine interest in your well-being. Mr. McNeal, may your soul Rest In Peace and when we meet again, I expect to hear that all famous horn. With grace and Mercy.....Lori

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**Lori A. Watson** - September 09, 2022 at 10:01 PM

TH

“ I have so much I could say about Mr. McNeal also affectionately referred to as Daddy. Daddy Mc was a father to me and many of us on Georgia. He was so loving, funny, classy, smart, wise beyond his years and a debonair man! He loved so unconditionally and with no judgment. He always had words of wisdom, a big hat, cowboy boots and a high rolling truck with horns. Daddy Mcneal you will be greatly missed! I have many memories to hold me until we meet again. My sincere love and condolences to my sister friend Shanna, the entire family, loved ones and friends.

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**Tracy Michele Huey** - September 06, 2022 at 02:53 PM

PH

“ McNeal was one of a kind, when he cared about you, you felt it yet, he never had to say a word. We spent hours in conversations about all topics and still left pondering if I won my point of view. You'll be missed and I believe you're at rest in a better place. Blessings upon Shannon and rest of your family

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**Patricia Hunter** - September 03, 2022 at 11:46 AM

GW

“ *Great friend he will be missed by many people*

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**Greg walter** - September 02, 2022 at 05:48 PM

MS

“ *WJ is what we called him, I was on the Retiree E-Board with him. Always so knowledgeable about anything I would ask him. I will miss his humor too. Thank you WJ for being such a great Union role model.*

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**Mary Jo Stumpf** - September 01, 2022 at 09:43 AM