

*Celebrating The Life
Of*

Sunrise
December 3, 1954



Sunrise
July 16, 2023

*Ralph E.
McKinley*

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
11:00 AM

St. Paul Baptist Church
329 SW 41st
San Antonio, Texas

Pastor Kenny Rogers
Pastor Joni Russ, Officiating / Eulogist



Life's Journey

Ralph Edward McKinley was born December 3, 1954 in San Antonio, Texas. Ralph was the fourth child to the late Juanita Ellison and William Clifford McKinley. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Sherman Chapel AME Church.

Ralph received his formal education in the Edgewood Independent School District attending Memorial High School. He entered the workforce working for Southern Pacific Railroad for seventeen years until he medically retired. Following retirement Ralph became an avid cook doing what he loves the most. He loved being in the kitchen, always trying new recipes and passing them on to his brothers, sisters, daughter and friends. Ralph's favorite pass time was spending time with grandchildren, Niya, Zoey and Mckinley (Hayden). He would describe their presence as "bringing him so much joy". He enjoyed watching sports, CNN, cowboy movies and he loved to shop. Ralph was known to be very stylish and loved dressing up in his hats, suits and shoes.

Ralph married the love of his life, Leticia Thorns June 18, 1977 at St. Paul Baptist Church where he later became a member. To this union two children were born, Brandon and Kimberly. He was known to be a loving and caring father who was always there for his children no matter what they needed.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Juanita Ellison and William Clifford McKinley, two brothers, Michael Ellison and William C. McKinley (Billy Boy). He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Brandon (Maria); daughter, Kimberly (Tadswell); three grandchildren, Niya, Zoey and Mckinley (Hayden); four sisters, Kathy Jackson, Sherry Moore, Patricia Brown and Nita K. McKinley; three, brothers, Patrick McKinley, Clifford McKinley and William McKinley (Jeff); four special friends, JoAnn Ross, Kim McDonald, Kelly Burton and Oran Perryman and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

On July 16, 2023 Ralph answered the Lords call at 2:08 AM at Christus Santa Rosa Westover Hills surrounded by his family. He made the transition from life here on earth, to be in the presence of the Lord.



His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

-Matthew 25:21

Order Of Service

Processional



Selection

Prayer

*Rev. Les Bramelett
Cleft Of The Rock Church*

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament - Rev. Eric Ruggs
St. Paul Baptist Church
New Testament - Rev. Fred Harper
Cleft Of The Rock Church*

Resolution

*Family Tribute
JoAnn Ross*

Remarks

*(Limit Two Minutes Please)
Family And Friends*

Selection

*Words Of Comfort
Pastor Joni Russ
Sherman AME Church*

Recessional

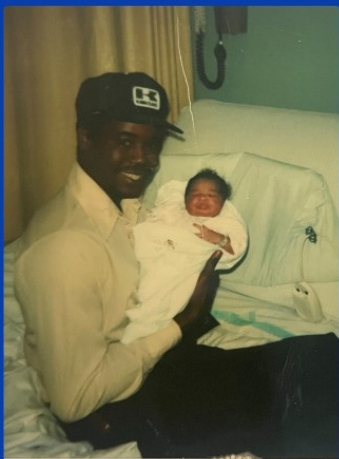


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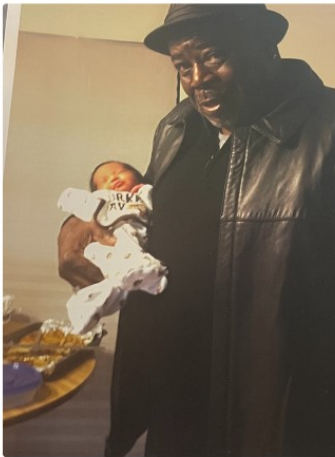
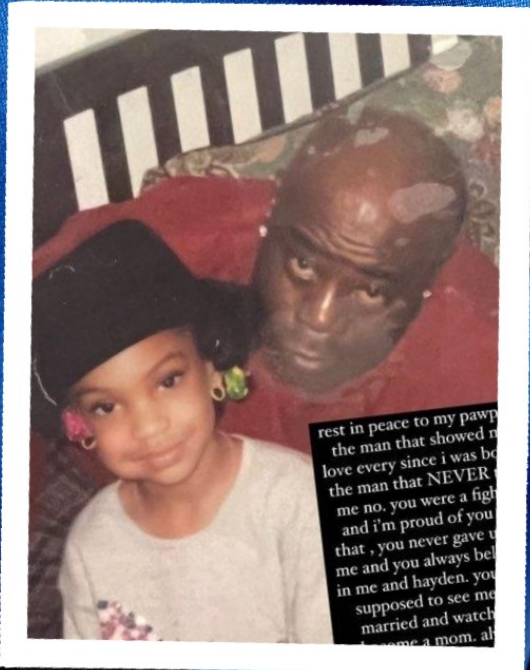
*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

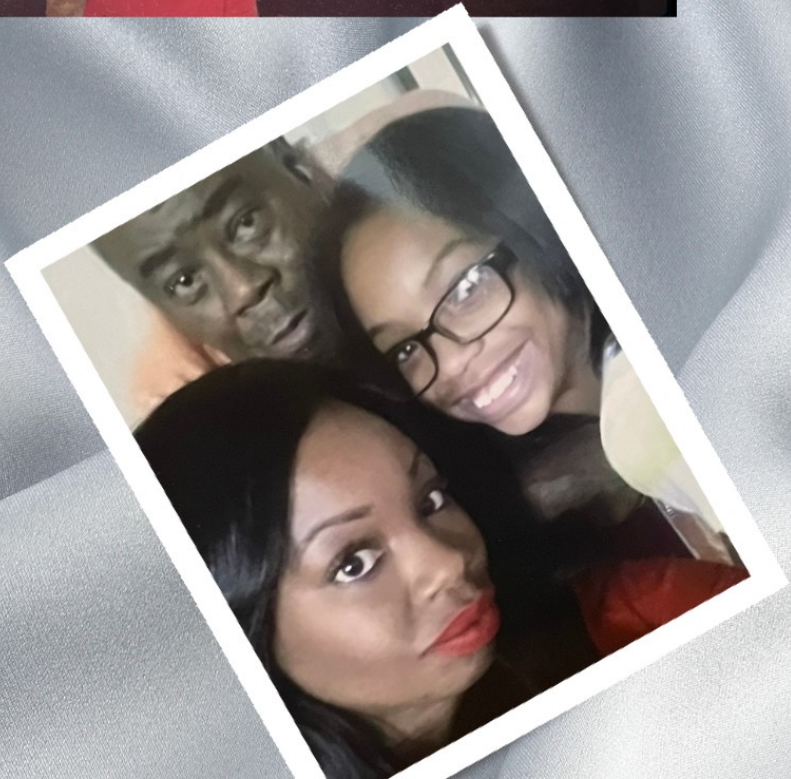
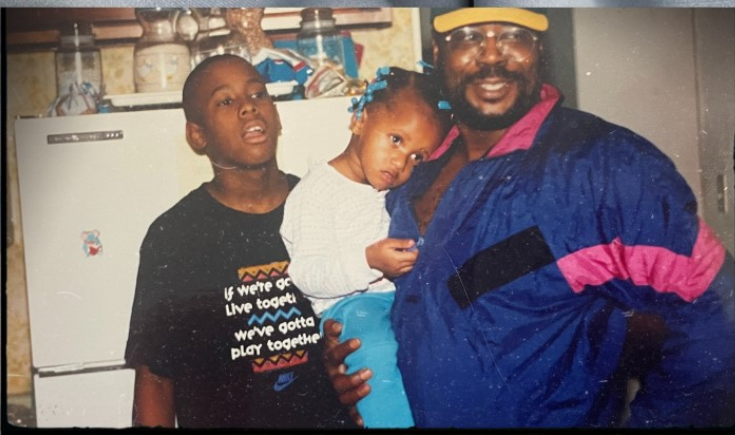


Precious



Memories





Active Palbearers

Steve Ellison

Clifford McKinley

Wade Ellison

Darkaree Moore

Quenton Sanders

Oran Perryman



Honorary Palbearers

Richard Walker

Michael Burton

Roy Leggett

David Robinson

Ed Sanders

Harold Noble

Rudy Wright

Mondo DeLuna

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:1-4

Family Acknowledgments

The family of Ralph Edward McKinley expresses their heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and support extended during this time of bereavement. Your kind deeds will shine in our hearts as a tribute to his memory. May God richly bless of you in our prayer.



Interment

*Eastview Cemetery
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San Antonio, Texas*



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*St. Paul Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas*

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"Never place a question mark where God has placed a period."

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