

Obituary

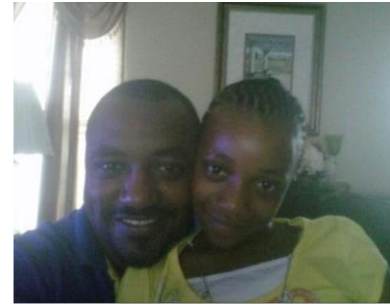
Mr. Abraham John McGill, Jr., affectionately known as *Lil John*, was born on November 18, 1971. He was the youngest son of the late Abraham John McGill, Sr. and Geraldine Taylor McGill. **John** made his peaceful transition on October 30, 2022.

He was baptized at an early age at Gill Creek Baptist Church. **John** was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and was a 1991 graduate of Spring Valley High School. After high school, he joined the United States Navy, and served four years active duty in Norfolk, Virginia and four years reserves. After his tour of duty ended, **John** attended Benedict College, where he graduated with a degree in Political Science in 2000. At Benedict, he pledged Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., Beta Mu Chapter. After graduation, he relocated to Georgia and began his teaching career, with his most recent position in the Rockdale County School District at D.L. Sims Elementary School.

While in Georgia, he met the love of his life, Symanda McGill, who preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, he is also preceded in death by his father, Abraham John McGill, Sr.; brother, Samuel McGill, and one nephew.

Mr. Abraham John McGill, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Nadiyah McGill; two stepsons, Jacob E. Leonard and Joshua White; mother, Geraldine T. McGill; siblings, Queen McClam, Mary Ann Romey, Jettie Mae Niles (Thomas), Rebecca Squire, Isaac McGill, Marty Worthy (Kenneth), Geneva Squire, Vera Parker, Danette Seals (Shawn), Lisa McGill, Catrice Hichman, and Crystal Roach (Brian); two aunts, Evelyn Kershaw (Willie) and Edith Caesar; one uncle, Charles McGill (Shirley); 16 nephews, 12 nieces, a host of other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir
- Old Testament.....Isaiah 41:10
- New Testament.....John 14:27
- Prayer.....Mrs. Jettie Mae Niles
- Solo.....Ms. Valisha Adams
- Poem.....Ms. Catrice Hickman
- Remarks.....Mr. Brian Roach
Mr. Derrick L. Grant
Mr. Isaac Hammond
Mrs. Kartitika Turner Beasley
- Tribute.....Mrs. Crystal Roach
- Selection.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend James C. Woodley
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Tribute

May I share a story of a man so loved and cherished? Those of us at Sims thought such a gem like this had perished. He brought laughter and joy to everyone he knew. And if he could help in any way that's just what he would do.

"Good morning," Mr. McGill. Are the words we'd often hear. And he would reply with that radiant smile- A gift that we hold so dear. "Good morning," Mr. McGill. Can you talk with me for a while?

I didn't sleep well last night. You always found time for a child.

"Good morning, Mr. McGill. "Will you mentor me?" You are the type of man, I one day hope to be."

Good afternoon, Mr. McGill. You are like the father I never had. After we had our talk yesterday, life doesn't seem so bad."

Good afternoon, Mr. McGill. Will you sit with me at lunch? I think I need to let you know; we all love you a bunch!!

"Good evening, Mr. McGill. Thank you for waiting with me. I'm the last kid in after-school care, where can my parents be?"

Farewell Mr. McGill, There is a hole within our hearts. At this moment, it feels that our lives have been torn apart. You have shown great compassion as a colleague and a friend. That is why our love for you will never, ever end.

-From Your Sims Family

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Abraham John McGill, Jr., are most grateful for our family and friends. We thank each of you for all your prayers and words of encouragement



Services Entrusted To:

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Home Going Service
Celebrating the Life
of
MR. ABRAHAM JOHN MCGILL, JR.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
11:00 A.M.

GILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
2116 CUSHMAN DRIVE
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND JAMES C. WOODLEY
-PASTOR-