

Obituary

Mr. Lemen “Buddy” Stanley McCray was born February 26, 1949, in Finklea, SC. He was the seventh child of the late Odell McCray and Jessie Gore McCray. He departed life on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

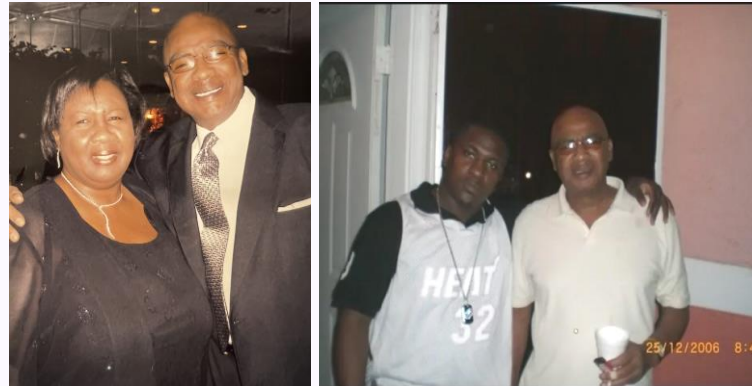
Mr. McCray was educated in the public school of Dade County, FL. He also attended Miami Dade Community College. He joined the United States Marine Corp on April 20, 1967. He served in the Vietnam War. After his tour of service ended, he made Miami, FL his home. Mr. McCray worked as a Park Ranger and Security Officer at Jackson Memorial Hospital, in Miami, FL.

Mr. McCray was baptized at Silent Grove Baptist Church, at an early age. He enjoyed watching sports, western movies, playing cards, horse racing, dog racing, and doing DIY projects around the house.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Odell and Jessie Gore-McCray; brothers, Johnny and Marvin McCray; and sisters, Eva Mae and Yvonne McCray.

Mr. Lemen “Buddy” Stanley McCray leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Belinda Mincey-McCray; sons, Lemen Stanley McCray, Jr., of West Palm Beach, FL, Branden McCray, of Charlotte, NC, and Don Berry, of Miami, FL; daughters, Samantha McCray, of West Palm Beach, FL and Lakesha Mincey, of Orlando, FL; brother, Odell McCray (Boone), of Miami, FL; brothers-in-law, Gregory, Bruce, AL, and Rodney Law, all of Jacksonville, FL, Ricky (Floria) and Randy Tillman, both of Swainsboro, GA; sisters, Minnie McCray, of Miami, FL, Pearl (Thomas) Murphy, of Buena Vista, GA, and Evon Covington, of Miami, FL; sisters-in-law, Renee and Wanda Law, both of Jacksonville, FL, Carolyn (Roy Lee) Habersham, of Swainsboro, GA, and Helen (Emerson) Monroe; grandchildren, Shaniya, Jamari, Angel, Jade, and Omari Carter, and Amiya McCray, all of Miami, FL, Trellanee Dock, Dwight Gordon, and Raven Dock, all of Orlando, FL; two great-grandchildren, Dwight Gordon III and Ayden Gordon, both of North Carolina; a host of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....“Peace”
Instrumental by: Juanita Bynum

Processional

Viewing..... Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....“Wind Beneath My Wings”
Recording by: Gerald Levert

Old Testament...Ecclesiastes 3:1-8...Mrs. Brenda Sumlar

New Testament...Revelation.21:1-5...Mr. Vincent McCray

Prayer.....Ms. Minnie McCray

Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”
Recording by: Tramaine Hawkins

Tribute.....Moment of Silence
Please Read Silently

Selection.....“Jesus Is Love”
Recording by: Lionel Richie

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Hattie Graham

Recessional.....“Take Me To The King”
Recording by: Tamela Mann

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

1:00 p.m.

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery
 4170 Percival Road
 Columbia, South Carolina**

A Tribute To My Husband

He served his country with pride and honor. He was proud of his accomplishments. When he returned home, he had to fight demons from seeing casualties, the loss of life of other soldiers, and from being in a combat zone. With God's grace he pushed through a lot of bad choices he made in his life. He always thanked God for having a praying family for helping him through Vietnam. You can say Psalm 23 was his story. I thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls. He had a hard-long journey. He fought hard until the end, even with pain radiating through his body. He loved his family, children, grandchildren, and great-grands dearly. Even though he may not have shown his love, in his heart, he loved everyone. He loved his brother, sisters, nieces, nephews, and cousins on both sides of the family, especially Aunt Katie and Aunt Lee Agnes and friends. Lemen even though you're gone, you will always live in our hearts. Every time we think of you and your smile, we will be reminded of you. Everyone that knew you, knew you spoke your truths. That's just who you were, outspoken. On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 10:55 a.m., God removed you from your suffering and pain. He let his spirit be free, giving him his wings. We had 35 years of true love, that was priceless. It's not every day you find your true love. I love you Lemen, but God loves you more. You are free in spirit now. Rest in peace. Your chapter has closed. Your earthly journey is over.



Pallbearers

Vincent Kevin Nathaniel
Jaiden Lemen Rodney

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Lemen "Buddy" Stanley McCray, would like to thank each of you for your love and support shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray a special blessing upon each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME

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-President & Managing Director-

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Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

In Honor of your Memory

Mr. Lemen Stanley McCray



Friday, March 3, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

*1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Hattie Graham

- Officiating -