

Obituary

Mr. Bennie Thomas McClain, affectionately known as “Butch,” by his family went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at his home in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of the late T.C. and Belzora McClain on June 3, 1950, in Rosenberg, Texas.

Bennie was cherished and respected by many throughout his 74 years. Known for being opinionated, candid, and impatient, but more so for his generous spirit, his captivating smile, sense of humor, love of sports (especially basketball), and his passion for food. He was always seeking out the next best restaurant to sample (and then critique), but at the top of his list was barbecue (Texas Style).

Bennie’s early years were spent in the company of his siblings and friends that forged a bond that lasted a lifetime. After graduating high school, Bennie joined the Army and served his country honorably. After his tour of service ended, he entered the civilian sector, becoming an entrepreneur, and retired as a successful businessman.

Bennie’s commitment to his community his generosity to Northstar Christian Center (the church he attended), to his friends, and others was unwavering.

In 1974, he married the love of his life, Jennifer Lawson. Together they nurtured a family that would grow to include their children, Jonathan McClain (his three children and three grandchildren and Christopher McClain (his wife Sarah and children). Bennie’s legacy will be carried on through his family whom he loved beyond measure.

In addition to his parents, Bennie was preceded in death by two brothers, James McClain and Melvin McClain; and one sister, Shaynesita Davenport.

Bennie leaves to cherish his memory in addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren his three sisters, Shirley Lynch, Clara Scales, and Vivienne McClain; two brothers, Johnny McClain (Beryl) and Billy McClain (Carrie); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....Mr. Anthony Outen
 Processional
 Opening Selection.....“The Battle Is Not Yours”
 Old Testament.....Ms. Tiffany Lawson
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 New Testament.....Ms. Aryannah McGee
 I Thessalonians 4:13-15
 Prayer.....Pastor Brian Thomas
 Selection.....“Goodness of God”
 Remarks.....A Family Member
 A Friend
 Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”
 Words of Comfort.....Pastor Brian Thomas
 Committal and Benediction
 Recessional
 Postlude



Inurnment

11:00 a.m.

Friday, June 21, 2024

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

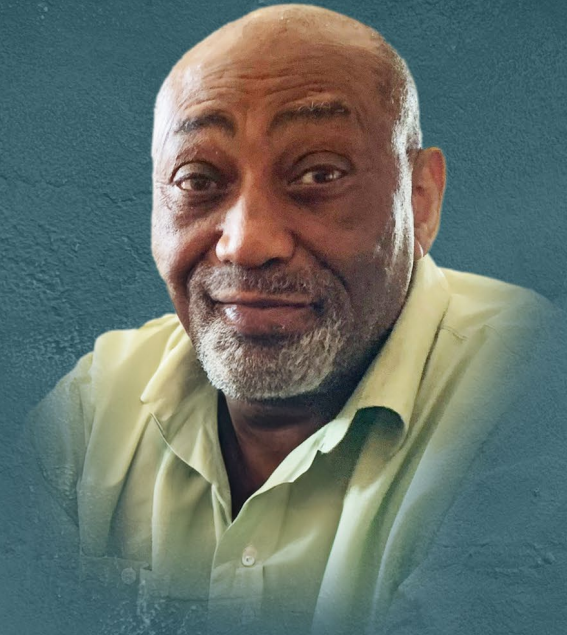
My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. BENNIE THOMAS MCCLAIN



MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024
11:00 A.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PASTOR BRIAN THOMAS
-OFFICIATING-

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly on a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
That anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We, Thank You
So much whatever the part.

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