

Order of Service

Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Celebration Leader

Opening Hymn.....Choir and Congregation
#513 Time Is Filled With Swift Transition

Prayer.....Reverend Addison Burgess
Bethel A.M.E. Church

Old Testament.....Reverend Veronica M. Brown-Mars
Psalm 1 Pastor, Michelle's Mobile Ministry

New Testament.....Reverend Betty Wannamaker
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Bethel A.M.E. Church

Instrumental.....Mr. David Glymph

Precious Memories.....Mr. Frank E. McBride, *Friend*
Mr. Warnell Rhett, *Booker T. Washington Class of 1960*
Ms. Kara Rivers, *Trustee, Greenview First Baptist Church*
Ms. Queen Palmer, *Usher, Greenview First Baptist Church*

Video Presentation

Special Recognitions.....Mrs. Amelia McKie, *Daughter-In-Law*

Musical Selection.....Reverend Flavian Coleman
Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Ridgeway, SC

Family Expressions/Acknowledgements
Mrs. Deshawna McKie-McCray, *Granddaughter*
Ms. Faith McKie, *Granddaughter*
Mrs. Donna McKie, *Daughter-In-Law*
Mr. Daryl McKie, *Son*

Musical Selection.....Bishop Emanuel Spearman
Pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Hodges, SC

Closing Prayer.....Reverend Schrendria F. Robinson
Pastor, Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church

Benediction.....Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr.

Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. ALBERT MCKIE



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
12:00 NOON

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
819 WOODROW STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND BOBBY B. COX, JR.
-PASTOR-

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Albert McKie, would like to thank each of you for your sincere expressions of love, support and kindness. May God continue to bless each of you.

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Obituary of Mr. Albert McKie

Mr. Albert McKie was born on December 15, 1941, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the late Eddie and Anna Lee Freeman McKie. He entered eternal rest on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Mr. McKie was educated in the public schools of Richland County and graduated from the historic Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1960. He remained a devoted alumnus throughout his life.

Albert was married to his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Violet Martin. They were blessed with three children, Daryl, Tamiko and Stacy. Their union of nearly 64 years was a testament to love and devotion.

Mr. McKie devoted more than 35 years to a successful career in the manufacturing industry, where he was recognized for his exceptional work ethic and leadership. Upon retirement from W. S. Tyler, Inc., it was no surprise that he and Violet started a business that fed his culinary passions, "McKies Fish & Chick'n." Albert lived by the principle of diligence, perseverance, and hard work, always encouraging others to take pride in their work.

Mr. McKie was a dedicated member of Greenview First Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as both Trustee and Usher. He found great fulfillment in welcoming others, lending a helping hand, and ensuring the church remained a place of warmth and service.

Albert also had a deep, lifelong commitment to civic engagement and community service. Beginning in the 1970s, his love of politics was evident as he became an active voice in local and statewide politics, volunteering countless hours in support of voter registration, community organizing, and political campaigns. Known for what many called "the Albert McKie factor," his efforts contributed to the success of numerous leaders and elected officials.

Mr. McKie will be remembered for his outgoing personality, his infectious smile that lit up a room, his hearty laugh and his ability to connect with people from all walks of life. He was the textbook definition of a "people person." He never met a stranger and had an endless curiosity that made him both a great conversationalist and a lifelong learner - he was a committed news buff and loved to read. He always knew something about everything. He was a walking encyclopedia of information, history and fun facts. He enjoyed sharing stories, life lessons, and fun facts, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. His energy was unstoppable - he was

always on the go. From working in the community, church, supporting/spending time with his family, lending advice to any willing ear, or taking a brisk daily walk around the neighborhood. The neighborhood was a source of pride for him - he loved his neighborhood and his neighbors; he was always looking out for both.

One of his unique hobbies was collecting, among other things, Hess trucks. In more than thirty years, he amassed an enviable collection, adding a beautiful new truck to his collection each year at Christmastime. Albert found fascination with ordinary things - oftentimes adding a valuable history lesson to things most people would take for granted. His friendships, family and roots were deeply embedded in Columbia as well as historically black components of Columbia. He took great pride in sharing those "I remember when," "did you know," "let me tell you what used to be here," "you need to know this because," moments.

Above all, Albert cherished his family. He and Violet rarely missed an event for their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members. He was the self-proclaimed "best cook in the family" - a friendly, competitive title shared among several of his siblings - Albert delighted in preparing meals and creating memories around the table. His food was infused with love. He also loved history and preserving family photographs, believing strongly in the importance of keeping stories and legacies alive for future generations.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Anna Lee Freeman McKie; his brothers, Heyward McKie, Eddie Roy McKie, Morris McKie, and Lindell (Dianne) McKie; and his sister, Vivian (Robert) Bonnette.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Violet Martin McKie; two sons, Daryl (Donna) McKie and Stacy (Amelia) McKie; one daughter, Tamiko McKie, all of Columbia, SC; four grandchildren, Dionne McKie of Columbia, SC, DeShawna (Aaron) McKie-McCray of Columbia, SC, Christian B. McKie of Washington, DC, and Faith McKie of Harlem, NY; six great-grandchildren, Smaria Carter, Jmir Carter, Andre McKie-Young, Dvion Carter, Dior McCray, and Eman Muldrow, all of Columbia, SC; two brothers, Melvin (Jerald) McKie and Bernard (Beverly) McKie, both of Columbia, SC; an uncle, Bishop Emanuel Spearman of Hodges, SC; sisters-in-law, Carolyn McKie of Chesapeake, VA; Sandra Mickens McKie of Irmo, SC; Julie (Edward) Bouknight of Columbia, SC; brothers-in-law, John H. Martin of Cibolo, TX, and Aubrey (Andra) Martin of Atlanta, GA, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, neighbors and dear friends.

Albert McKie's legacy is one of service, unwavering love, and commitment to all he endeavored. His memory will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him. He has left an indelible mark in the community and in our hearts.

Memories

