

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

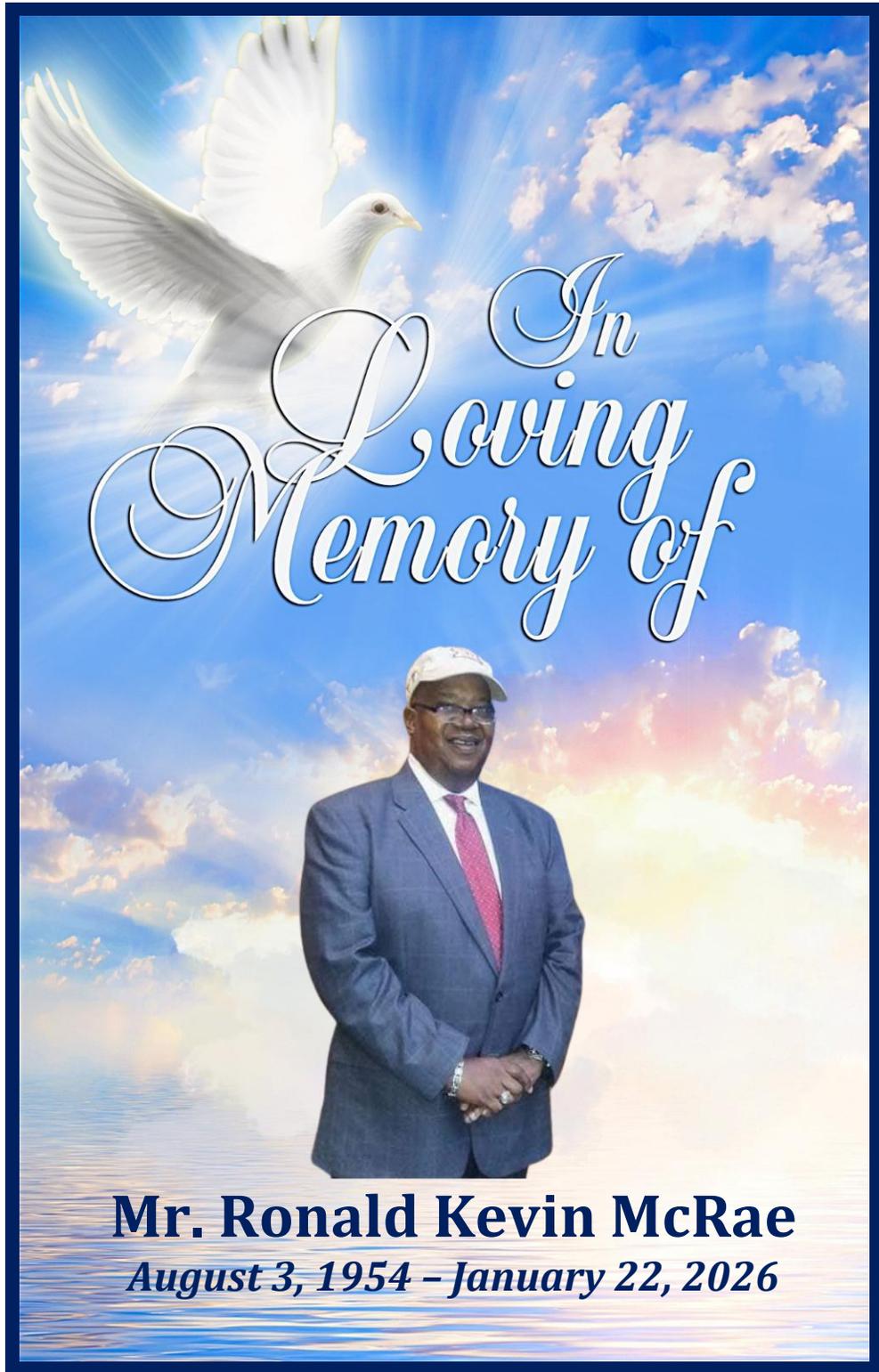
*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden
throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*



Mr. Ronald Kevin McRae
August 3, 1954 - January 22, 2026

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**Obituary
of
Mr. Ronald Kevin McRae**

Mr. Ronald Kevin McRae was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He was a lifelong scholar, athlete, and servant to his community. From an early age, Ron was a high achiever, often found with his head in a book or reading The New York Times by the age of ten. He grew up in Brooklyn, New York, in the Albany Projects, alongside his siblings David, Daryl, Sean, and Cheryl.

Ron graduated from Sheepshead Bay High School in 1972, where he thrived both academically and athletically. He was a member of the cross-country track team, served as Athletic Commissioner, and was a Leader of Peer Group, demonstrating leadership and commitment to others from a young age.

He continued his education at Virginia Union University on a four-year track scholarship, where he earned his bachelor's degree. After taking a year to reflect and prepare for the next chapter, Ron pursued his passion for justice at Howard University School of Law, where he earned his law degree. Upon graduating with his law degree, He moved to West Palm Beach Florida where he was married for 21 years.

He began his legal career as a Public Defender and later retired from the Department of Transportation. Eventually, Ron moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he continued to serve others as a substitute teacher with the Clark County School District. He also served as Vice President of Nevada USA Track and Field and volunteered his legal ability at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

A true sports enthusiast, Ron inherited his love for athletics from his father, Irving McRae. He was a devoted fan of the Baltimore Colts, New York Yankees, and New York Knicks, and admired tennis legends Venus and Serena Williams.

In Las Vegas, Ron and Gwendolyn Bartee-Williams, raised her two beautiful grandchildren, Saniyah Wesley and Nyzir Wright, affectionately known as "Buddy," a nickname Ron proudly gave him. Ron adored them as his grandchildren, celebrating their accomplishments and showing unwavering pride in their lives. He joyfully escorted Saniyah to her father-daughter dances and never missed an opportunity to share their successes.

Later in life, Ron and his companion, Deborah Faust Ballard, moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where they embraced retirement and enjoyed life together. "Ron was a loving partner known for his loyalty, warmth, and quiet strength."

Ron was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Viola Wright; his father, Irving Edmond McRae; his brothers, Sean and Daryl McRae and George Glover; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his loving sister, Cheryllynn McRae (Alton) White; his brother, David Edmond (Carolyn Parker) McRae; his nieces, Ariana White, Audriana White, and Natasha McRae; his nephews, Aaron McRae and Curtis Glover; his aunt, Lenora Gates; his uncle, Eddie Gates; and a host of cousins, extended family, and dear friends. Among them was his childhood best friend, Ricky Richardson, who remained close to Ron throughout his life.

**Funeral Service
Monday, February 2, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina**



Prelude

Musical Selection..... "Jesus Is Love"
Recording by: Lionel Richie

Scripture Readings.....Ms. Ayanna Ballard

Musical Selection

Poem.....Ms. Ariana White

ObituaryMs. Audriana White

Musical Selection....."Total Praise"
Recording by: Richard Smallwood

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson

Musical Selection..... "Stand"
Recording by: Donnie McClurkin

Committal

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ronald Kevin McRae, are grateful to everyone who came to honor and celebrate his life. Your support and compassion mean more to us than words can express.