

Active pallbearers

ERIC MCDOWELL

ANDREW MCDOWELL

KEN BIRDSONG

SYLVESTER VEAL

HARVEY ROBERTSON

JERMEL PENNYWELL

Honorary pallbearers

GARY GIBBS

LYN GIBBS

ELVIS GIBBS

DESMOND HANDLEY

JOSHUA REDD

FRANKIE MCDOWELL

Acknowledgments

To our family and friends thank you for all your love, kindness, support, and prayers during this difficult time. We appreciate you so much. God bless you all.

THE MCDOWELL FAMILY

Arrangements Entrusted to:

GREEN HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
27501 SOUTH WESTERN AVE
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



JERRY MCDOWELL JR.

AUGUST 15, 1958 - AUGUST 20, 2025

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
11:30 A.M.

27501 SOUTH WESTERN AVE
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275



in loving memory

Jerry McDowell Jr., born on August 15, 1958, to Jerry McDowell Sr. & Idella McDowell, in Los Angeles, CA transitioned to his eternal home on August 20, 2025.

Jerry was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him (and knew no stranger, he spoke to everyone). His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the profound impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his loving wife Loretta of 47 years, his sons Eric and Andrew, his daughters (in-law) Antionette & Nicole, his grandchildren Desmond, Erica, Joshua, and Lauren, his brothers Wesley, Frankie, Jesse, and Rickey, his sisters Nora, Nina, and NaTanya, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jerry spent 43 years at SCE as a lineman and outside of working he loved cars and music. He was a part of many gospel groups and bands across Southern California. He will be truly missed.



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I wish I had more time and was able to say goodbye. I'm glad I had the privilege to call you my Grandpa. If you knew Papa Jerry you know there was never a dull moment. He loved to make everyone laugh until they cried. Thank you for helping to raise me to become the person I am today. I will cherish all the moments we had, dearly. Until we meet again.
-DJ



Papa...I'll miss you dearly. My heart aches to know that I won't get to see you again or hear your big belly laugh, one last time. Your presence is truly missed. I will hold all of the memories I have of you closely. Your big belly laugh being my favorite. It would light up any room. Your storytelling is where my funniest memories of you lie. Even if embarrassing or about you, you'd still tell everyone around, even a stranger. Forever in my heart. Until we meet again.

Love, forever and always
"Grandpa Grandbaby". - Erica



R.I.P Papa you brought me many smiles and lots of laughter. I will forever be grateful for your unwavering love and support, until we meet again.
-Joshua



I will miss you Papa. I will miss you picking me up and taking me to Starbucks and McDonalds. I will love you forever.
-Lauren

Don't Grieve For Me, For Now I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch

Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Anon

Order of Service

PRELUDE BEGINS

PALLBEARERS SEATED

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTIONS- VIOLA PEARSON

EXPRESSIONS- FAMILY & CLOSE FRIENDS (2 MINS)

OBITUARY

EULOGY

MUSIC SELECTION- VINCENT PIERSON

BENEDICTION

PROCESSION

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only
son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life.

John 3:16

