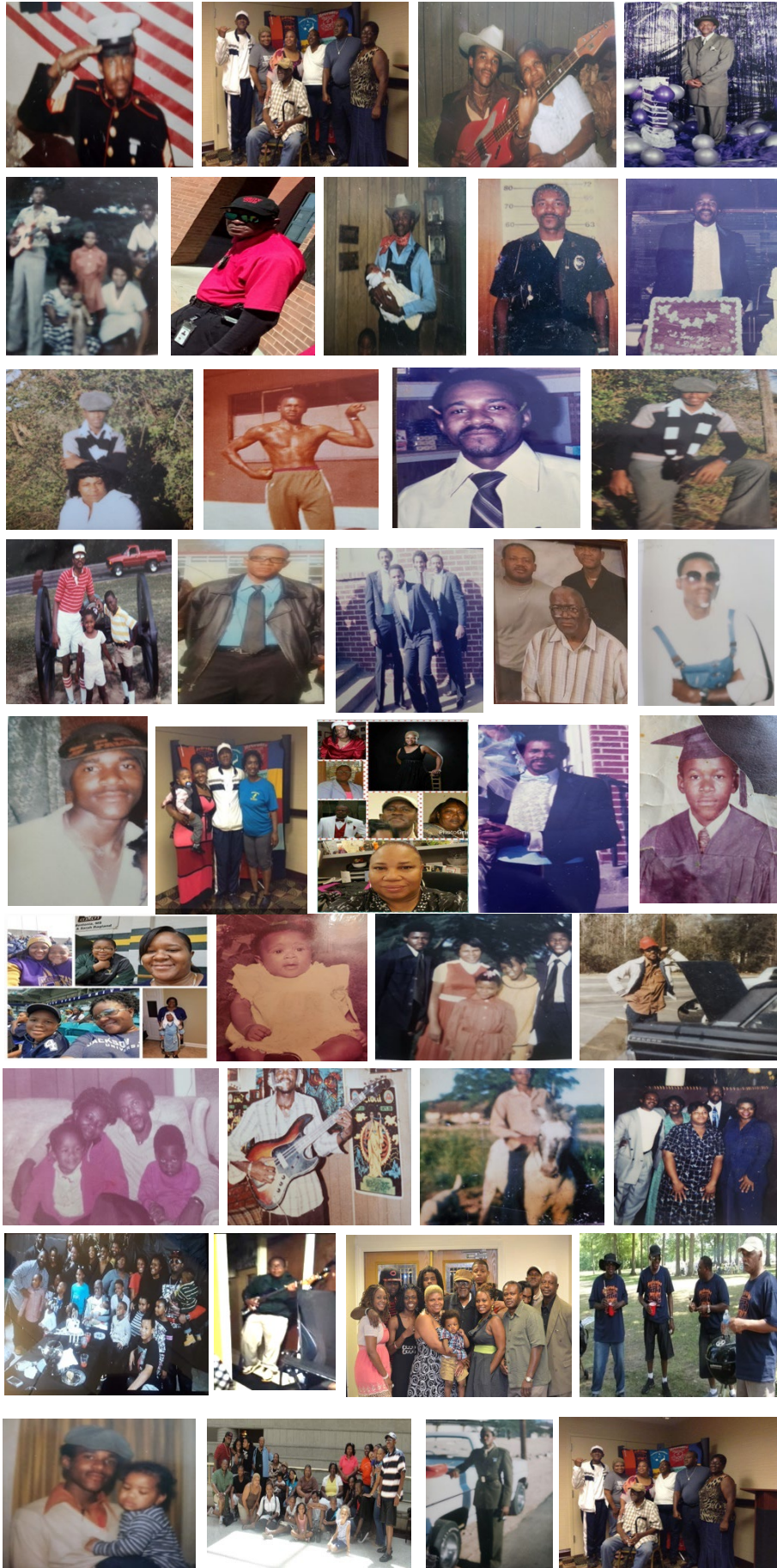


# TREASURED MEMORIES



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The family David Miles "Butch" McGruder would like to express our deepest appreciation for the condolences, words of encouragement, phone calls, and visits since the passing of our loved one. Your responses have been a source of strength during this difficult time, and we are forever grateful. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you.*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*David Green | Louis Gant  
Gregory McGruder | Michael McGruder  
Justin O'Neal | Henry Priest*

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Willie Bailey | Carlos Hall  
Thomas McGruder, Jr. | Marcus Newton, Sr.  
Kenneth McGruder | Walter Smith  
Kaiden White*

## FLOWER BEARERS

*Family and Friends*

## INTERMENT

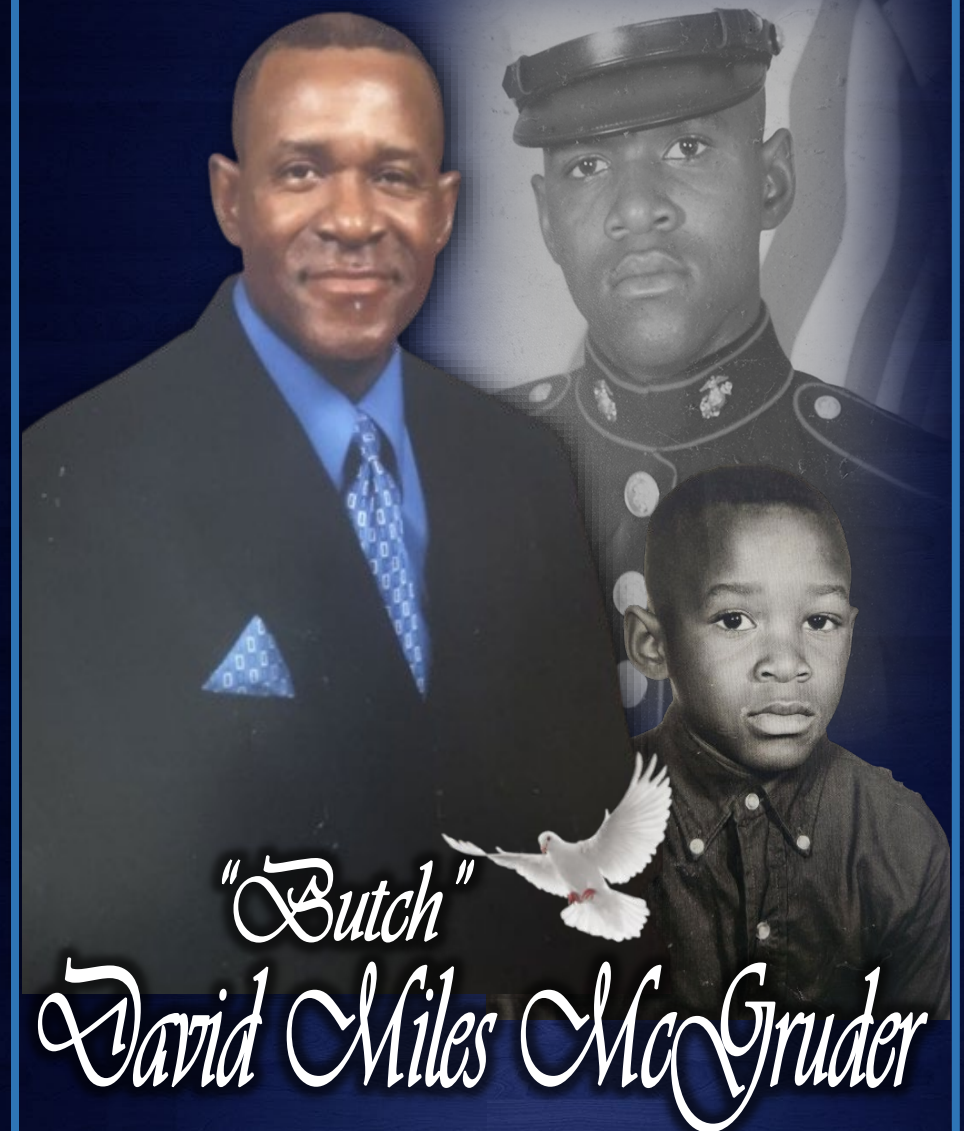
*Cypress Gardens Cemetery  
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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



**SUNRISE: February 20, 1960 ♦ SUNSET: April 15, 2024**



*"The Song has Ended...  
But the Melody Lingers on."*

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.**  
**KING SOLOMON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1409 Calhoun Avenue – Yazoo City, MS 39194**  
*Reverend Curtis L. Strong, Officiating*

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

David Miles "Butch" McGruder

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. ~ John 11: 25-26

David Miles McGruder, affectionately known to family and friends as "Butch," was born on February 20, 1960, in Yazoo City, MS, to Thomas McGruder, Sr. and the late Ruth Lee Jackson McGruder. David always held dear the love shown to him by his great-grandmother, Mary "Polly" Jackson, his late Aunt and Uncle, Anna and Warren Newton, and the extended family who enriched his life.

His parents instilled in his siblings and him at an early age to love and worship God. He began his spiritual journey at St. Matthew Church of God in Christ, where he served as a choir member and musician. As an adult, he continued to play the guitar in the music ministry of several churches. Although he was quiet-natured, David shared his wisdom from his life's experience with all those who sought his counsel or guidance. David cultivated relationships with people of all backgrounds throughout the community.

David attended Yazoo City Public Schools and graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1978. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines. Following the honorable completion of his military service, David was employed with various businesses in the Yazoo City area. His most rewarding work was as a School Resource Officer with the Yazoo Public Schools. David was favored by God to provide encouragement and guidance to many young people during his tenure as School Resource Officer.

David transitioned from this earthly life on April 15, 2024, at his home in Yazoo City, MS. He was preceded in death by many of his family members, including his Beloved Mothers, Ruth Lee Jackson McGruder and Christiana Johnson McGruder, and his sisters, Janet McGruder Rucker and Jacqueline McGruder Green.

David leaves to cherish his memory and honor legacy his daughter, Romeka Mack and grandson Kaiden White of Yazoo City, MS; father, Thomas McGruder, Sr. of Yazoo City, MS; brothers: Thomas (Shirley) McGruder, Jr. of Jackson, MS, and Arthur Patterson of Yazoo City, MS; sisters: Jacqueline Hall and Vickie Hall, both of Yazoo City, MS, and Sara McGruder of Dallas, TX; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends, and church members.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide - Mrs. Marcia Arp

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Scripture & Prayer.....Rev. Kenneth McGruder

Musical Selection.....Family

Obituary..... Read Silently

Reflection.....New King Solomon Choir Representative

Resolutions.....

Musical Selection.....Frank Shelby, Jr.

Eulogy.....Rev. Curtis Strong

Mount Vernon M. B. Church

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends



TRIBUTES

If tears could build a stairway and memories were 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 in sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more, To remember all the happy times because life still has so much in store. Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today. a hollowed place within my heart is where you will always stay. I will always love and miss you. Your Daddy

You'll never be forgotten; on that you can depend. As long as we are living, we'll carry you within. Safely tucked within our hearts, your light will always shine. A glowing ember never stilled throughout the end of time. No matter what the future brings or what may lie ahead, We know that you will walk with us along the path we tread. So, rest our angel, be at peace and let your soul fly free. One day we'll join your glorious flight for all eternity. Always in Our Hearts, Romeka & Kaiden

We little knew the day that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. We Love You Always, Your Siblings