

John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.



A Letter From La'Keya

Daddy, I miss you everyday, without your voice, your laughter and your advice, life will be very different. The world is a little less bright without you in it. The day you left, you took a part of my heart with you. Your love will forever live in me. Love You Forever and Always, Your Little Girl

Pallbearers

Alfred Pernell Swoke
James Ward
Gerald Foster
Keenan Winfree

Tony McNary
Marcus Cannon
Parrysh Harrison
Yosiah Johnson

Flower Bearers

Kalyce Ivery
Miquela Johnson
Jera Ward
Royalty Hearn

Deyani Wright
Erica Fitzgerald
Maria Hooten
Sabrina Beckton

Shetrina Bransford

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Lavern McNary

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THE LIFE OF

Lavern
"Pete"
MCNARY

SUNRISE
MAY 16, 1961

SUNSET
JUNE 27, 2026

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

Visitation 1:00 pm - 2:00pm | Funeral Service 2:00 pm

Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills Chapel
2625 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati (45206)

Obituary

Lavern "Pete" McNary, 65, of Cincinnati, Ohio, peacefully departed this life on June 27, 2026.

Pete was born on May 16, 1961, in Memphis, Tennessee, to the late Lee Mitchell and Victoria McNary. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Freddie May Millan and Ernest McNary, whose legacy and love helped shape the man he became.

Pete shared his childhood and many memories with his siblings, Willie Earl McNary Jr. and Netlora Mitchell, and carried with him a deep appreciation for family throughout his life.

After high school at Roosevelt High School, Pete answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army in 1979. His service reflected the strength, determination, and resilience that would continue to define his life for years to come.

Pete was formerly married to Jana Harrison Cruse, and together they welcomed their beautiful daughter, LaKeya McNary, who remained one of the greatest joys of his life. He later welcomed Marcus Cannon as a beloved son-in-law and treasured the family they built together. He also had a bonus daughter Miquela Johnson whom he loved as his very own, embracing her with the same care, pride, and devotion that defined his role as a father.

Known affectionately as "Pete" to family and friends, he enjoyed staying busy and doing the things he loved most. He had a special talent for rehabbing houses and took great pride in fixing things up and giving them new life. As a home renovator, he had an eye for potential and a passion for transformation. He loved caring for dogs and had a soft spot for animals. He loved bowling. Music brought him joy, and he never passed up the chance to enjoy a good song or hit the dance floor.

More than anything, Pete loved his family. He was a loving father and a proud grandfather who cherished his daughter LaKeya and granddaughters, Kalyce and Deyani, and treasured the time they shared together.

Pete was baptized at the age of 13 at Calvary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He loved the Lord and carried his faith with him throughout his life, finding strength and comfort in his relationship with God.

Anyone who knew Pete likely heard one of his favorite sayings: "Say no more, say no less." It was simple, direct, and perfectly reflected the straightforward spirit and authenticity that made him so memorable to those who loved him.

Pete leaves to cherish his memory his devoted daughter, LaKeya McNary; granddaughters, Kalyce Ivery and Deyani Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members who will forever remember his amazing personality, his love, his laughter, and the joy he brought into the lives of those around him.

Though Pete's presence will be deeply missed, his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.



Cherished Memories



Order of Service

Musical Prelude Marvin Sapp
"Never Would of Made It"

Parting View Immediate Family

Prayer Janeasia Newman

Scripture Dr. Rhansyl Harris
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Recorded Selection Yolanda Adams
"I'm Gonna Be Ready"

Acknowledgements Ashlee Cook

Remarks LaKeya McNary
Kalyce Ivery
Deyani Wright

Obituary Read Silently
*A time to reflect and thank God for the life of
Lavern McNary*

Recorded Selection Donnie McClurkin
"Stand"

Eulogy Dr. Rhansyl Harris

Benediction Dr. Rhansyl Harris

Recessional Clergy, Family, & Friends



Final Resting Place
Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street - Cincinnati, Ohio 45220