

*"The Lord is close to the broken hearted;  
He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."*

*Psalms 34:18*

### *Acknowledgements*

We are so grateful to God for the blessings of family and friends like you who have expressed your love in so many beautiful ways during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, calls, texts, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration. May God bless you and forever keep you.

**The Family**

### *Active Pallbearers*

Charles "Rag Man" Johnson  
Lemuel "Chuck" Thomas  
Carlton Hubbard

Lawned "Cowboy" Robinson  
Bobby Joe Johnson

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ernest McPhearson  
Golie McPhearson, Jr.  
John Cooper

Jerry Bunley, Sr.  
James McPhearson, Jr.  
Bobby McMullin

### *Flower Bearers*

Sister 2 Sister  
Family and Friends

### *Interment*

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
2577 Bill Downing Road  
Raymond, Mississippi 39154

### *Repast*

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church · Fellowship Hall

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## Celebrating The Life Of *Mr. Roosevelt McPhearson* *"Chief"*



Sunrise: January 19, 1945 – Sunset: February 19, 2023

*Saturday, March 4, 2023 · 11:00 a.m.*

*Galilee Missionary Baptist Church*

*Raymond, Mississippi*

*Pastor Elijah Paige, Officiating*

*Elnora McPhearson, Mistress of Ceremony*

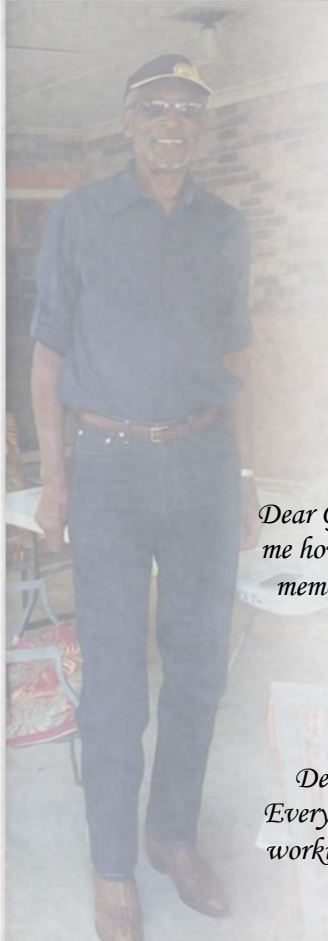
## A full-length portrait of an elderly man with a weathered face and a mustache. He is wearing a wide-brimmed tan cowboy hat, a dark blue button-down shirt, a tan vest, and dark blue jeans. He is standing with his hands at his sides, looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. In the top right corner, there is a quote in a serif font: "But earth a w".

Roosevelt, at an early age, joined Galilee Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend L. W. Jenkins, where he served faithfully until his death.

Roosevelt's parents; one son, James "Jeff" Cooper; son-in-love, Edward McDonald; five sisters, Mary Ann Taylor, Octavia Lewis, Sallie Ann Bunley, Beatrice West and Johnnie Maye Robinson; eleven brothers, William McPhearson, Sr., Sammie McPhearson, Jr., Fred McPhearson, Sr., W. F. McPhearson, Sr., J.B. Mosley, Paul Sims, Jr., A.B. Caston, James McPhearson, Golie McPearson, Sr. and Arthur Bailey all preceded him in death.

Roosevelt leaves to cherish his eternal memories: a devoted and loving wife, Sharon L. McPhearson; four daughters, Bridgette (Edward) McDonald, and Tarsha (Deálo) Farnell, both of Atlanta, Georgia, Brittany Robinson of Plano, Texas and Chinita Gunn of Houston, Texas; one son, Qu'Derius Robinson of Raymond, Mississippi; one sister, Sarah A. Shields of Jackson, Mississippi; five grandsons, Jevon McDonald, JaKyrian Blunt, JaKeadyn Blunt, Kingstyn Blunt and Brycen Gunn; two granddaughters, BaiLeigh Gunn and Leah Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





*"The Broken Chain"*

*Little did we know that day, 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, you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.  
and although 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.  
Love, Your Grandchildren,  
Jevon, JaKyrian, JaKeadyn, Kingstyn, Baileigh, Brycen and Leah*

*"Dear Granddaddy"*

*Dear Granddaddy, thank you for teaching me how to fish, cook, be a better person and not to lie. You taught me how to work hard. Thank you for just being there for me and everyone else. I will miss you and all of the memories we had together. I'm just glad that you are not hurting anymore. I know it hurt everyone to see you leave. I love you and so does everyone else.  
Love, JaKeadyn, "fil Boy"*

*"To My Grandfather"*

*Dear Granddad, I'm glad you were around to teach me how to be a man. You were very hard working. Every day you would be doing something productive and that inspired me a lot. I hope that I can be as hard working as you were. I'm going to miss all the memories all of us had, but I'm glad you can finally rest now and not suffer. We all love and miss you a lot.  
Love, Ja'Kyrian "Big Boy"*





*Order of Celebration*

Elnora McPhearson, Mistress of Ceremony

Processional ~~~~~ Ministers and Family ~~~~~ Soft Music

Reading of the Holy Scripture:  
Old Testament ~~~~~ Joshunda Joiner  
New Testament ~~~~~ Joshunda Joiner

Solo ~~~~~ Pastor Kenneth Griffin

Prayer ~~~~~ Elnora McPhearson

Solo ~~~~~ Elnora McPhearson

Obituary Read Silently ~~~~~ Soft Music

Eulogy ~~~~~ Pastor Elijah Paige

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Recessional

*"These things I have spoken to you,  
that in Me you may have peace,  
in the world you will have tribulations;  
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33*

### "Family Tree"

A limb has fallen  
from the family tree  
I hear a voice that whispers,  
"Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times,  
the laughter, the songs;  
the good I lived  
while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage,  
I'm counting on you.  
Keep on smiling,  
the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease,  
my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all...  
how I was truly blessed.  
Continue traditions,  
no matter how small.  
Go on with your lives,  
don't stare at the wall.  
I miss you all dearly,  
so keep up your chin,  
until that fine day  
we're together again."

### "A Million Times"

A million times I will miss you, a million times I will cry.  
If love alone would have saved you, you never would have died.  
In life I love you dearly, in death I love you still.  
In my heart you will have a place no other can fill.  
The golden gates stood open, hard working hands at rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He always picks the best.  
Love, Your Wife,,  
Sharon McPhearson 

### "The Moment That You Died"

The moment you died daddy, my heart split in two.  
One side filled with memories, the other side died with you.  
I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep,  
And take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek,  
Remembering you is easy, I do it every day;  
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.  
I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain.  
You see life has gone on without you, but it will never be the same.  
Love Bridgette 

### "Letting Go"

The angels gathered near your side, so very close to you  
For they knew the pain and suffering that you were going through  
I thought about so many things as I held tightly to your hand.  
Oh, how I wished that you were strong and happy once again.  
But your eyes were looking homeward to that place beyond the sky  
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms, it was time to say good-bye.  
I struggled with my selfish thought, for I wanted you stay.  
But Jesus knew the answer and I knew you loved Him so,  
I gave to you life's greatest gift, the gift of letting go.  
Love, Trina and Deálo 

### "Gone But Not Forgotten"

We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore  
We did our best to the end, 'til we could do no more.'  
In tears we watched you sinking, we watched you fade away;  
And though our hearts were breaking, we knew you could not stay.  
You left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere;  
We never shall and never will forget you Daddy Dear.  
Love, Brittany, Chinita, Qu' Deruis 

### "In Our Hearts"

We thought of you today. But that was nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.  
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.  
Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake with which we'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping. We have you in our hearts.  
Love, Bridgette, Jevon and Trina 