

IN LOVING

Memory



Johnny McCoy, Jr.

February 6, 1948- October 3, 2025

Belmont AME Zion Church

55 Illinois Street, Worcester

October 16, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Johnny

Johnny McCoy, Jr., 77, of Worcester, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025, in the comfort of his home while surrounded by loving family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Katherine (Brown) McCoy in 1982.

Johnny is survived by a son, Johnny McCoy, III and his wife Dawn of Oxford; two daughters, Angela McCoy of Auburn and Anna Leto of Worcester; a step daughter, Sally Swift of Worcester; a brother, Kenneth White of Tuscaloosa, AL; four sisters, Elizabeth Smith of Tuscaloosa, AL, Patricia Myers and her husband Will of Tuscaloosa, AL, Alfreda Murphy of Boca Raton, FL, and Dorothy Jones and her husband George of Hulls, AL; two aunts, Mary Elizabeth Yarbrough of Colorado Springs, CO, and Mary McCoy of Mansfield, OH; sixteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Derrick Leto; a grandson, Donnell Richardson; a great grandson, Jermaine McCoy; a brother, John Curtis and by a sister Theresa White-Barnes. Johnny was born in Duncanville, Alabama, son of the late, Johnny and Bessie (Yarbrough) McCoy and calls Tuscaloosa his hometown.

Johnny moved to Worcester and started working at PresMet as a machinist. He also worked at Clark University, and Wyman Gordon Company. For many years Johnny worked at Mercadante Funeral Home and was in integral part of the family and the daily life of his coworkers who he considered friends.

Johnny was a member of Belmont AME Zion Church, where he served on the Usher Board. He was a member, treasurer and Past Grand Exalted Ruler with the Worcester Quinsigamond Lodge of Elks IPBOE of W and was currently a member of the Otha Boone Lodge #931. He served the Elks with pride and dedication. Through the Elk's he served as Chairman of the New England States and Eastern Canada Association and was a General with the National Antler Guard and Assistant Grand Drill Master. He was a longtime volunteer with the Worcester Housing Information Center. Johnny will be remembered for his positive outlook, gentle smile, and gracious hospitality.

Johnny's family would like to thank Linda Jones for her kindness, compassion, and the companionship she shared with Johnny; and to the caring staff at UMass-Lake Ave for their guidance and care.

Friends and Family are encouraged, at Johnny's request, to wear something purple at his visitation and funeral.

Calling Hours for Johnny will be on Wednesday, October 15, from 4 pm until 7 pm in MERCADANTE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 370 Plantation Street, Worcester. His Funeral Service will be on Thursday, October 16, at 11 am at Belmont AME Zion Church, 55 Illinois Street, Worcester. Interment will follow at Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Members of the Otha Boone Lodge of Elks #931 will gather to perform an Elks Ritual at 5 pm during Calling Hours.

Johnny has always asked that live plants be sent instead of flowers or donations may be made to the building fund at Belmont AME Zion Church, 55 Illinois Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN

ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSION

The Ministry

INVOCATION

Bro. Andrew Callender

HYMN SELECTION

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#282)

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: 23rd Psalm - Edward Hargrove

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Fredrick Bishop

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Johnny Yelverton

MUSICAL SELECTION

Chancel Choir

REFLECTIONS

Speaker 1: Patricia Myers, Alfreda Murphy, Elizabeth Smith, Dorothy Jones

Speaker 2: Kevin Mercadante

Speaker 3: Kristopher Mercadante, Michelle Elworthy, Melissa Pierson

Speaker 4: Stephen F. Gemelli

SPECIAL SELECTION

READING OF THE OBITUARY

Angela McCoy, Johnny McCoy III, Anna Leto

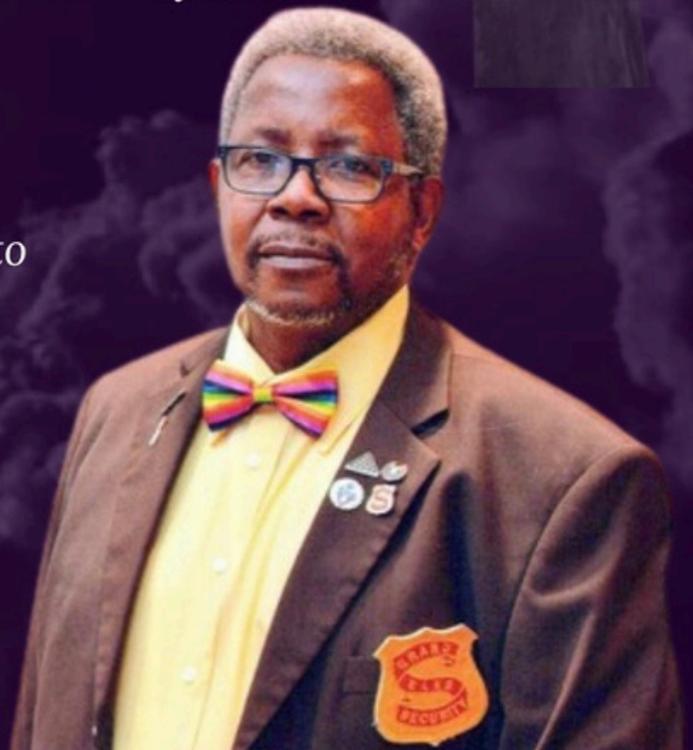
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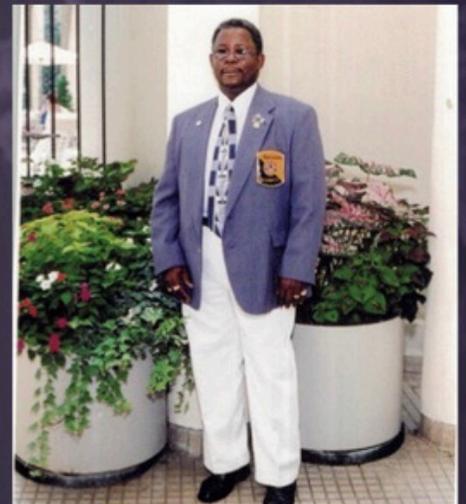
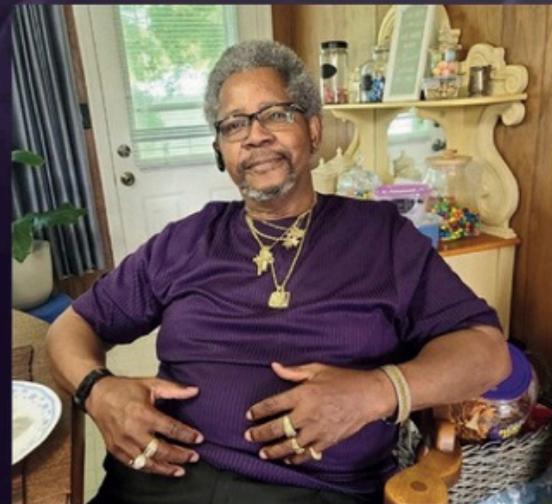
EULOGY

Rev. Clyde D. Talley

RECESSIONAL







How He Was Remembered

Words that family and friends used to describe Johnny McCoy

"A genuine smile that lit up the room."

"He was the star when he walked in."

"Kindest person."

"Thoughtful and compassionate."

"A genuine gentleman, always supportive and helpful to everyone."

"That radiant smile and constant energy."

"Polite, respectful, and kind-hearted."

"A smile, a hug, a good word... that was Johnny."

"A calm, kind presence and a good sense of humor."

"Someone you always looked forward to seeing."

"Easy-going spirit."

"A beautiful man."

"Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another."

— Ernest Hemingway

Final Resting Place

Worcester County Memorial Park

Paxton, Massachusetts

Sec: Heritage I Lot: 299 C Grave : 1

Reception to Follow

The family invites everyone to join them for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the burial service in the church hall. Please come share your memories, your stories, and your love for Johnny as we continue to celebrate his life together.

Pallbearers

Christopher Brown - Anthony McCoy

Johnny McCoy IV - Brandon McCoy

Corey Brown - Bryan Cherry

D'Andre McLeod - Dailyn Richardson

"In God's care you rest above, In our hearts you rest with love, Memories of you are ours to keep. Our words are few but our love is deep."



ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Acknowledgement



A most heartfelt thank you and appreciation for your expression of love and support during our time of bereavement. Your comforting words, kind gestures, and presence have been a great source of strength for us.

To all who sent flowers, cards and messages of condolence, or who attended the service, we are profoundly grateful. Your thoughtfulness and compassion have brought us much comfort and peace.

Thank you so much for being there for us, and for honoring the memory of Johnny. Your support means more to us than words can express.

With heartfelt appreciation & love,
The Family of Johnny McCoy

Arrangements



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