

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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the 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 one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express profound and heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the many expressions of love through prayers, visits, words of comfort, telephone calls, food, flowers, cards, letters, and other acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God's blessings be upon you

The Family

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*In Loving Memory
of*



Raymond "Mookie" McDuffie, Jr.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Sanders Funeral Home Chapel

806 E Market St

Smithfield, NC 27577

The Obituary

Raymond Royce McDuffie, Jr, the son of the late Raymond McDuffie, Sr and Geneva Williams McDuffie, was born on May 2, 1958 in Johnston County, NC. He departed this life on March 25, 2021.

Raymond was raised by his grandmother, Pearl McDuffie Smith. He attended North Johnston High School in Kenly, NC. Raymond worked most of his life at Carolina Packers and recently retired after a long career there and a reputation of outstanding service.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memories: three daughters, Geneva (Jamar) Melvin of Dunn, NC, Crystal McDuffie of Benson, NC, Shikarah McDuffie of Charlotte, NC; eight grandchildren, Micaiah of Dunn, NC, Emmanuel of Georgia, Malachi of Charlotte, NC, Sarai, Janada and Anna all of Dunn, NC, Kintajazae and Noah of Benson, NC; one sister, Gloria Austin of Smithfield, NC; one uncle, Leroy "Red" (Lila) Williams of Princeton, NC and one aunt, Ruth (Maurice) Atkinson of Smithfield, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Raymond "Macchie" McDuffie, Sr.

"May I Go Now?"

May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.
I want to go
I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
I'll not be far,
I promise that, and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go.
Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too,
that's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.