

*~ I Am At Peace ~*

*I am at peace, for the Lord has called me home. My journey is complete, and my spirit rests safely in His hands. Do not let your hearts be troubled, God has given me perfect peace.*

*I walked with faith on this earth, and now I walk in His glory. The broken heart I carried has been healed. Remember me with love, for God has kept every promise.*

*Though you cannot see me, I am never far. I live in your memories, in your stories, and in the love and laughter we shared. Stand strong in the Lord, and let His comfort fill your hearts, so you may truly know that I am at peace.*

*~ Pallbearers and Floral Bearers ~*

Family and Friends

*~ In Appreciation ~*

*On behalf of our entire family, we extend our deepest and most sincere gratitude to each of you for the unwavering love, support, prayers, and compassion you offered during our time of bereavement. Your presence, whether through comforting words, phone calls, or visits, brought solace and helped ease the weight of our sorrow.*

*We are especially thankful for the clergy, both near and far, who participated in the service. Your spiritual support and willingness to stand with us in spirit provided strength and peace that we will never forget.*

*To our beloved family members who lifted our hearts with songs of joy and comfort, we offer our sincere, heartfelt appreciation. Your love was felt in every note.*

*A special thanks to Elder Cleive Adams and the members of Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church, Dr. Bishop Maurice Carter, Bishop Michael Walker, Elder LeRoy Garrison, Elder Richard Clements, Deacon James Lawton, Shawn Spencer, and the doctors and nursing staff of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, and Stanfield Mortuary Service.*

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Stanfield Mortuary Service  
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*Programs by Gayle Dianne Fralin*

*Homegoing Celebration for*  
*Deacon*  
*Clarence E. McGhee, Sr.*

SUNRISE  
December 6, 1938

SUNSET  
March 3, 2026



TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026  
Visitation: 1:30 PM      Service: 2:00 PM

JERUSALEM WAY OF THE CROSS CHURCH  
2594 South Main Street • Rocky Mount, Virginia

BISHOP MICHAEL L. WALKER, OFFICIANT  
DR. BISHOP MAURICE CARTER, EULOGIST

# Obituary

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

*John 14:27 (NIV)*

Today we celebrate the life of a faithful servant of God, **DEACON CLARENCE E. MCGHEE, SR.**, who dedicated his life to the Lord, his family, and his community. A true man of faith, he served God with all his heart.

For over 37 years, he served faithfully at Refuge Temple Church in Roanoke, Virginia and Joyful Light Ministries in Rocky Mount. In 2025, Deacon McGhee was recognized as the oldest-serving deacon in the Virginia Western Diocese COOLJC. He carried the title of “Deacon” with grace and dignity. Desiring to see the churches grow, he was always willing to serve wherever needed. Even as age and the heartache of losing his beloved wife of 68 years weighed upon him, he continued to serve the Lord with steadfast devotion.

Deacon McGhee was born to the late George Washington and Gracie Pearl McGhee on December 6, 1938, in Rocky Mount, Virginia. He attended Franklin County Public Schools in Rocky Mount, and in his younger days, he was known as “Stick McGhee.” Before retiring, Deacon McGhee gave 14 years of dedicated service to the Town of Rocky Mount.

He never met a stranger. He loved to talk and could make you laugh even during difficult times. Giving love in his own special way, he was a man who meant what he said and said what he meant. Even during his failing health, he made sure his children knew he was still “the boss.” His life was a testimony of love, service, and unwavering faith. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on in all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, Deacon McGhee was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Beulah McGhee; one daughter, Sherry R. McGhee; two sisters, Christine M. Brown and Allena Williams; and his brothers Wallace, McArthur, and Curtis McGhee.

He leaves to cherish his memory three loving daughters: Debbie Kasey, Cynthia (Kenny) Tanks, and Anita Ellerbe; one son, Clarence Edward McGhee Jr.; one sister, Margaret Loretta (William) Board; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his church family; and a host of other relatives and friends.

FOREVER IN OUR  
*Hearts*

# Order of Service

- Officiating..... Bishop Michael L. Walker  
*Pastor, New Hope Apostolic Church • Danville, Virginia*
- Processional..... Clergy and Family
- Musical Selection ..... Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church
- Scripture Readings
  - Old Testament ..... Elder Leroy Garrison, Jr.  
*Pastor, Refuge Temple Church • Roanoke, Virginia*
  - New Testament ..... Elder Richard Clements  
*Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia*
- Prayer of Comfort..... Bishop Michael L. Walker
- Musical Selection ..... Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church
- Reflection of Life..... Deacon James Lawton  
*Refuge Temple Church • Roanoke, Virginia*  
Elder Kenny A. Tanks  
*Pastor, Joyful Light Ministries • Rocky Mount, Virginia*
- Words of Comfort..... Bishop Cleive Adams, Jr.  
*Pastor, Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia*
- Musical Selection ..... The Preacher’s Kids (David, John, and Jeff Mitchell)
- Acknowledgments and “Words Spoken from a Father’s Heart” ..... Shawn Spencer
- Silent Reading of the Obituary
- Ministers’ Acknowledgement ..... Bishop Michael L. Walker
- Musical Selection ..... Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church
- Eulogy ..... Dr. Bishop Maurice Carter  
*Senior Pastor, Crystal Cathedral Ministry • Dillwyn, Virginia*
- Recessional Musical Selection ..... Jerusalem Way of the Cross Church
- Recessional ..... Clergy and Family



*~ Interment ~*

*Byrdview Cemetery  
Byrd Lane • Rocky Mount, Virginia*

*~ There Will Be No Repast ~*