

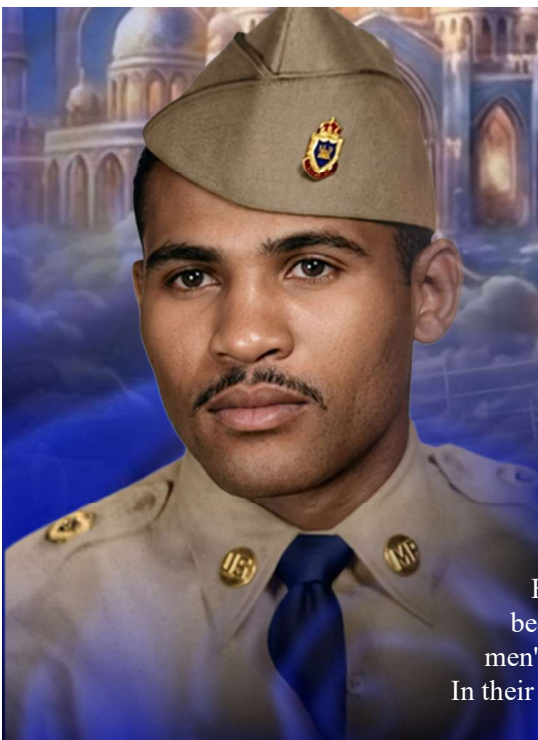
IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Sillie
JOE MCCRARY

APRIL 25, 1937

APRIL 30, 2026



Celebrating

THE LIFE & LEGACY

It all began on April 25, 1937, in Reform, Alabama, to loving parents Curt and Maxine McCrary. He was born Loshelton McCrary and later changed his name to Willie Joe McCrary. He went to school in Reform, AL. While attending Hopewell High School, he loved to sing and won a contest by singing "Mona Lisa."

He left Alabama, moved to Los Angeles, CA, while living with his aunt Shelvie. He became a member of El Bethel Methodist Church, where he served as chaplain of the men's choir. Later, he met Charlene McDade, and they were married on March 3, 1960. In their years together, they had a blended family of six children.

He worked at Harold E. Peterson with his favorite cousin, Winston Groves. They were so close that they each bought motorcycles and rode their scared wives on them!

After living in Los Angeles, they moved to Wichita, KS, for about a year, then returned to Los Angeles to get away from the cold winter. Then his brother Charles wanted him to move to Tulsa, OK, and drive trucks for him.

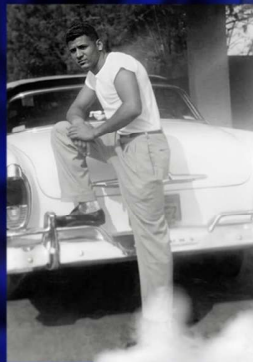
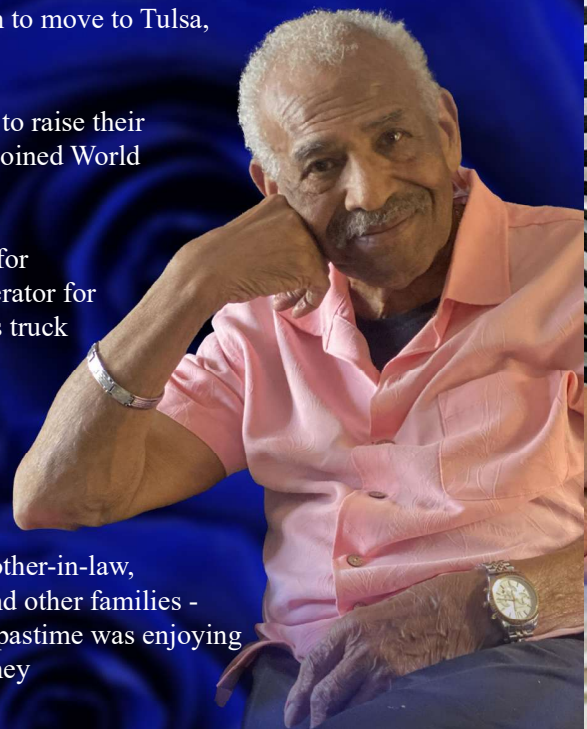
Eventually settled in North Tulsa. This is where Willie and Charlene continued to raise their family and a host of grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids. He joined World Won for Christ Church in his later years.

He drove trucks for his brother, Charles, at Tri-State Express. Then they drove for National Carriers. Then he went to Clarence L. Boyd as a heavy equipment operator for eight years. Then he left CL Boyd and bought his own truck. He then leased his truck to Gold Transit. While Willie was driving a truck, He was making money, and Charlene invested in houses. His company was named B.W. & C. McCrary Trucking Company. After some years, the next company he leased his truck to was Interstate Express. He retired after his knees were tired from Interstate Express.

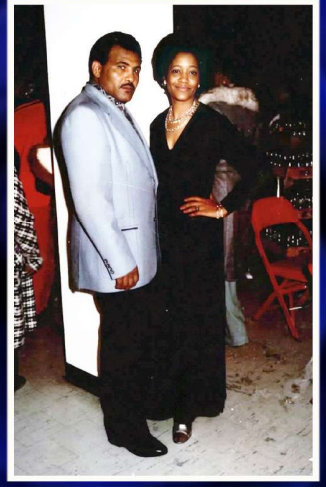
In his pastime, he loved to sing, tell jokes, and play spades with his favorite brother-in-law, Freddie. There was always a weekly call to his nieces and nephews, cousins, and other families - he loved talking to them. If they weren't calling him, he was calling them. His pastime was enjoying westerns from sunup to sundown. When anyone wanted some family history, they called Big Will. He had the memory of an elephant.

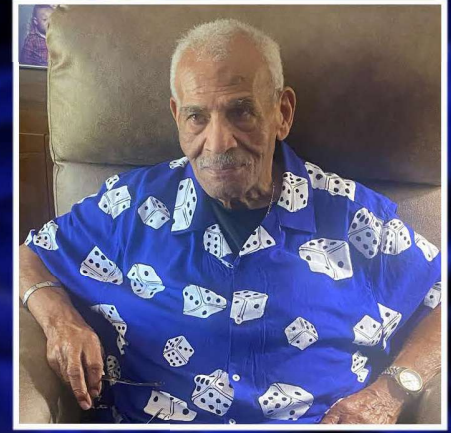
He was preceded in death by: His parents, Curt and Maxine, his siblings, Clara, Charles, Christine, Alvenus, Hattie, Helen, and James (aka Skip).

He leaves to Cherish: his wife Charlene, Tulsa, OK, son Eddie, Los Angeles, CA, daughter Letha, Tulsa, OK, son Shelton, Dallas, TX, son Reginald (Zenisha), Denver, CO, daughter Pebbles, Tulsa, OK, son Denard, Tulsa, OK; sister Juanita, Wichita, KS; nine grandkids: LaGues, TeYana, Jason, Whitney, Blake, Klayton, Kennard, Justin, and Jamee; 27 great grandkids; and eight great great grandkids and a host of nieces and nephews.



Our Love
IS EVERLASTING







Family LOVE



Loving TRIBUTES



Daddy,
Although you are gone from my presence, you will always be in my heart. The day you left me; my heart was torn apart.

You taught me what a Dad should be. You were tall, strong, and solid like the mighty oak tree. It seems like a dream, but I know this is real; this is the hardest thing I have ever had to feel.

God has made a way. If you don't know Jesus, please don't wait past today! I know in the end all things will be revealed, but if you ask me now, it feels like a steal. My Dad is in heaven, and he's clearing the way. This makes me happy. I know I'll see him again one day. I love you, Daddy. There is nothing more I can say.

Reggie



To My Brother Willie (Grey Mole)

Whom I loved very much, you will be missed. I really enjoyed those two years I stayed with you. Especially, I in one recliner and you in the other. You calling me Grey dear, and me calling you Grey Mole, also watching all those cowboy movies with you. I also enjoyed listening to you and Charlie singing those country and western songs. Brother, you will always be in my heart. I love you very much. See you when I get there.

Your Sis,

Juanita Muse



Daddy

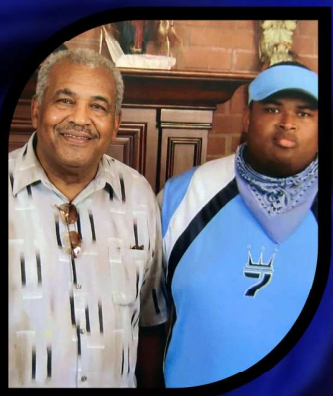
I will always be your baby girl, your greatest joy, your whole wide world. No matter how the years went by, your love stayed with me day and night.

My favorite place was holding you tight, on your motorcycle late at night. That special seat you made for me is now my sweetest memory.

Though my heart is filled with pain, I'd ride with you all over again.
Until we meet in Heaven above, I'll carry your strength and endless love.

Your Baby Girl,

Pebbles



When it really counted, "He was there." He gave me that extra push in life to help me to go on. He will be forever missed and I love him.

Denard

Order of Service

Friday, May 15, 2026 – 11:00 am
36th Street North Event Center (Tulsa)
125 East 36th Street North - Tulsa, OK
Eulogist Bishop Melvin Cooper

Processional Soft Music

Reading of God's Word

Old Testament Kingston K'Nuckles

New Testament Juliard & DaVinci Fuselier

Prayer Shelton McCrary

Selection Frank Murphy

Resolution & Acknowledgments Alanda Fuselier

Obituary Reading Whitney McCrary

Selection Frank Murphy

Poems Reggie McCrary
Blake McCrary and Shelton McCrary

Remarks ..(Out of respect for the Family - 2 Minutes Please)

Selection Domenica Williams

Eulogy Bishop Melvin Cooper

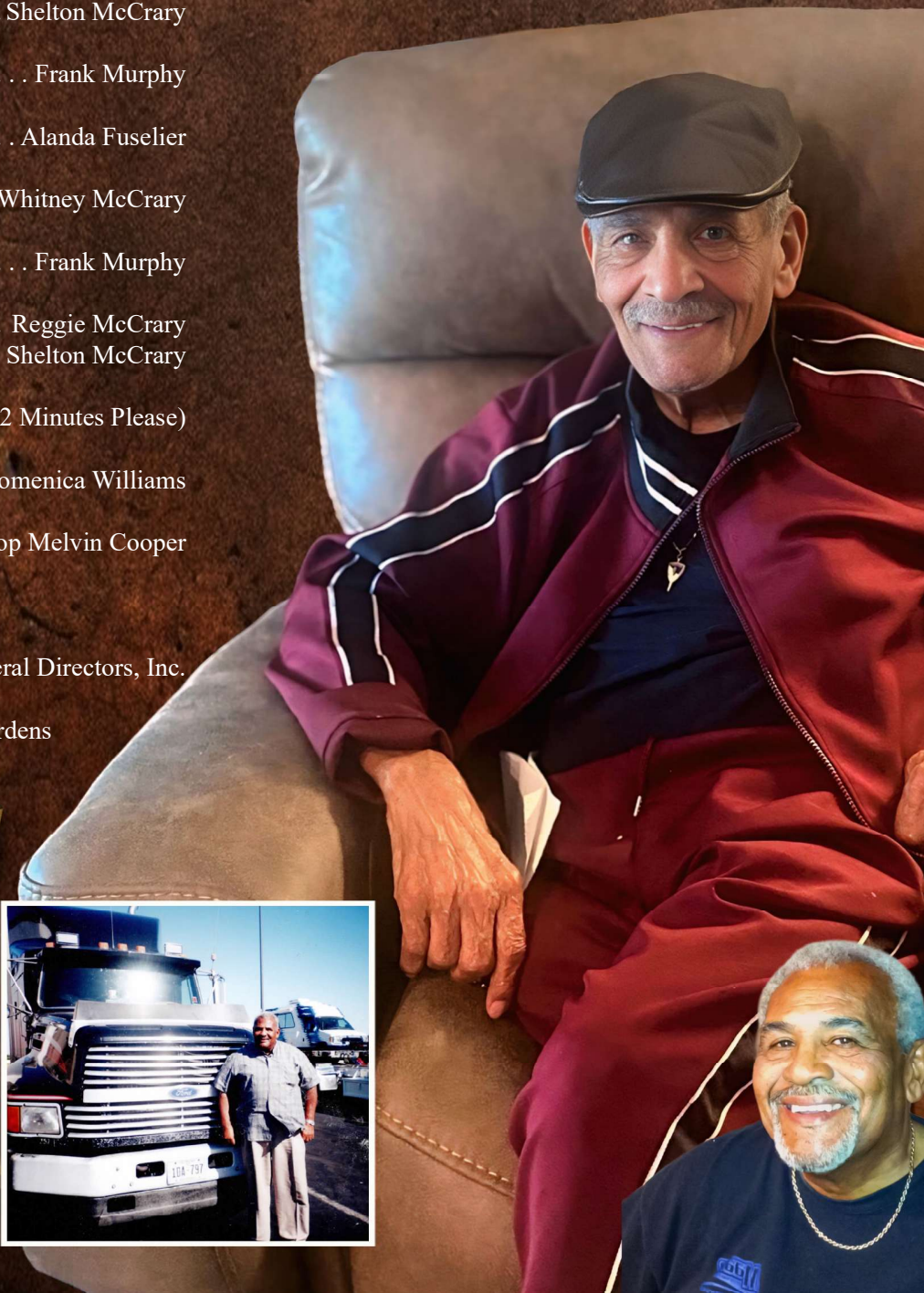
Video Tribute

Recessional Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

INTERMENT - Green Acres Memorial Gardens

DINNER - 36th Street Event Center

Psalms 37: 5
*"God has a reason
for allowing things
to happen.
We may never
understand his wisdom,
but we simply have to
trust his will."*





Honorary Pallbearers

Reggie McCrary, Kingston K'Nuckles, Shelton McCrary, and Denard Counce

Active Pallbearers

LaGues McDade, Justin Fuselier, Jamee' Fuselier, Kennard McCrary III, Kennard Fuselier IV, and Derrick McCullum

Flower Girls Family and Friends



Expressions of Gratitude

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, we looked up and saw that our friends were there. So many times when our loved ones are gone, we need more than just a shoulder to lean on. While our eyes were filled with tears, you were there to hold us near. While our hearts and faces were full of grief, God blessed us with your words of relief. Your words of comfort flowed like rain showers; to you who comforted us even more with your food and flowers. So, we, the Family, truly want to say, thank God for friends like you for your support.

Special thanks to the sisters-in-law Ruthie, BaBa, Frankie Ruth, and Ann. Also, a special thanks to his brothers-in-law, Freddie, Melvin, Perry, and Nathaniel, who created great memories over the years.

A special thanks to all the great trucker friends, Ronnie Barret, Mike Kelly, Paul Goudeau, Frank Murphy. Thanks to neighbors and friends of the family, also to Thomas Smith, who showed kindness and love to Willie.

A special thanks to family members of the McCrary, McDade, Story, Groves, Dixon, Oats, Goff, Mullens, Goudeau, Marzette, and Fuseliers families who loved Willie and took the time to make him feel special. Also, thanks to a host of nieces and nephews, and grands who loved Paw Paw and created many great memories with him. A special thanks to all the bonus grandchildren. You know who you are.



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