

Kelly Bryant Collection

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR

MARCUS DEON McKINNON

October 8, 1970 - August 20, 2001



Saturday, August 25, 2001
12:30 in the afternoon

**Fisher Memorial United Holy Church
of America, Inc.**

*420 East Piedmont Avenue
Durham, North Carolina*

Rev. Allan Smith
Officiating Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Elroy Lewis, Presiding

Musical Prelude	Musician
Processional	
Opening Selection	Male Chorus, Faith Gospel United Holy Church
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Carrie Bolton, Pastor Alston Chapel United Holy Church
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Revelations 21:1-5 Rev. Phyllis Joyner Sims Rev. Charles McCrae
Musical Selection	Male Chorus
Acknowledgements And Obituary	Elder Gloria Aghogah
Remarks	Bishop Elijah Williams General Vice President United Holy Church of America, Inc. Dr. William C. Turner, Pastor Mr. Level Baptist Church Brother Antonio McNair Cousin and Friend
Musical Selection	Male Chorus
Eulogy	Rev. Allan Smith, Pastor Faith Gospel Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc.
Benediction and Recessional	

Interment
Beechwood Cemetery

Drivers in processions are asked to turn on your headlights.

PALLBEARS
Members of
Faith Gospel Tabernacle United Holy Church
And
Hillside Class of 1988

FLORAL BEARERS
Members of
Faith Gospel Tabernacle United Holy Church
And
Hillside Class of 1988

MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road,
When the sun has set for me,
Don't worry, don't be gloom,
For God knows why, you see.

Miss me a little-but not too long,
And please now with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all our friends and church families who gave consolation during the passing of our dear loved one, Marcus Deon McKinnon. Thank you for every act of kindness, your prayers, visits, cards, telephone calls, floral tributes and other varied expressions of sympathy.

The McKinnon, Little and Hayes Families

Professional Services Entrusted to
Holloway Funeral Home
2502 Highway 55
Durham, North Carolina 27707

8/21/01

Man, 30, found fatally stabbed on Cox Avenue

Victim's wife said he praised her a few hours earlier as a good wife and mother

By ERIC OLSON

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A Durham man was fatally stabbed early Monday just a few hours after telling his wife he was going to turn his life around.

Marcus McKinnon, 30, of 618 Troy St., was found dead near the intersection of Grant Street and Cox Avenue at 5:37 a.m.

The cause of death is under investigation, police said. McKinnon's body was sent to the N.C. Medical Examiner's Office in Chapel Hill for an autopsy.

Although Durham Police Lt. Ed Sarvis would not reveal the cause of death, the victim's wife, Wanda McKinnon, said investigators came to her home at about 9 a.m. and said her husband had been stabbed.

"The police told me he was stabbed in the leg, but I don't know if it hit an artery or what," she said. "He was just trying to get help because they said he was crawling somewhere. I just want to stay calm because I feel so sick."

Investigators believe McKinnon was wounded on Colfax Street and ran to Grant Street, where he died, police said.

Wanda McKinnon said her husband came home on Monday at about 1 a.m. but left about an hour later.

"I talked to him last night and he told me how much he loved me," she said.

"He told me I was a good wife and mother of our kids."

The couple, who would have celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on Dec. 21, has two children, Brandon, 8, and Calah, 3.

Wanda McKinnon told Brandon about his father's death after the boy returned home from school on Monday afternoon.

"I told him he can feel however he wants to feel," Wanda McKinnon said, watching her son outside from the front window of their home.

"If he wants to talk to me, I'm here for him," she said.

Marcus McKinnon was an only child who attended church regularly at the Faith Gospel Tabernacle Church on Troy Street throughout his life.

He graduated from Hillside High

School and quit his masonry job about a month ago to attend N.C. Central University for a degree in public administration, his wife said.

"He was a genuine, nice person, and he had a good heart," she said. "He really did love the Lord."

Barbara Williams, Marcus McKinnon's former Sunday school teacher, said he used to flirt playfully with her 89-year-old mother. Just last Sunday as he was helping her mother from her car at church he said he hoped to reach that age, she said.

"I don't care what you said or what you did, he never held a grudge against anyone," Williams said. "That's something you don't ordinarily find in people."

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THE HERALD-SUN/BILL WILLCOX

Durham firefighter Antoine Burton washes away a trail of blood on Cox Avenue on Monday. Marcus McKinnon was found fatally stabbed there early Monday morning.

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Wanda McKinnon said her husband was working on recovering from drug abuse.

"He was in a treatment program and he was doing fine with it," she said.

Police have not arrested anyone or established a motive for Marcus McKinnon's death.

Wanda McKinnon said she doesn't know what her husband was doing out

at that hour or whom he might have been with, if anyone, when he died.

She added that Marcus McKinnon's aunt, who lives on Cox Avenue a short distance from where he was found, said someone was banging on her door in the middle of the night.

"It could've been him or it could've been the people after him, I just don't know," Wanda McKinnon said.

Florence Lewis, who lives two houses from where Marcus McKinnon was found, said nothing like that had occurred in her neighborhood in the nine years she has lived there.

Lewis said a neighbor called her at

about 6 a.m., but she waited until around 8 a.m. to go outside to see what had happened.

"It scared the life out of me," she said. "It's a very nice neighborhood, and it always has been."

Sarvis said the homicide — the 16th in Durham this year and the first since June 21 — was not gang-related.

Anyone with information is asked to call CrimeStoppers at 683-1200 or Investigator V.P. Bynum at 560-4440, ext. 234. CrimeStoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,200 for information leading to an arrest.

chime Ct., Suite 203, Raleigh, N.C. 27615 or to the U.N.C. Educational Foundation, c/o Dr. LaVerne Junkmann Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 245, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515.

Arrangements for the Junkmann family are under the care of Hall-Wynne Funeral Services, of Durham.

E-Mail condolences may be sent to info@hallwynne.com.

MCKINNON

Marcus D. McKinnon, age 30, died early Monday morning on his knees in the Durham community. He is the son of the Rev. John McKinnon and the late



Brenda Hayes McKinnon.

Fond memories of his life will be cherished by his wife, Wanda; one daughter, Calah; stepson, Brandon, of

the home; his father and stepmother, Elder John and Jannie McKinnon; stepsister, Felecia; mother-in-law, Virginia Parish; grandmothers, Rev. Frances McKinnon and Mrs. Jennie (Big Momma) Hayes; uncles, James McKinnon, Roger McKinnon, Eugene Hayes and Frederick Hayes; aunts, Louise (Jessie) McAllister, Edna Lennon, Rebecca (Joe) Washington, Gloria (Adolf) Aghogah, Rossa H. Avery, Valeria H. Sumpter, Genevieve (William) H. Leake and Beryl H. Hampton. He has three sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; three nieces; four nephews; and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Fisher Memorial United Holy Church, with visitation at 11:30 a.m., one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements by Holloway Funeral Home.

Happy Birthday to the sweetest and most loving Brother a sister could have ever had. I miss you dearly, especially your big hugs. I think of you daily. You are missed deeply by all who knew you.



In Loving Memory

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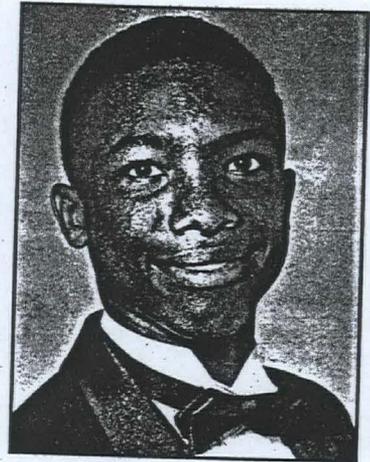
NCCU

**Seventh Annual Service of Remembrance
Friday, November 2, 2001, Noon**

MARCUS DEON MCKINNON

1970 - 2001

Born: Durham, NC (October 8, 1970); Education: Durham (NC) Public Schools, Hillside High School, Durham, NC (1988); North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC (Junior, Political Science-Public Administration major); Employment: Professional brick mason and student; Honors: Thomas Tucker Brick Mason Award for Creativity and Professionalism; Awards for Citizenship; Memberships: Hillside High School Class of 1988; Faith Gospel Tabernacle UH Church--- church attendance, music, Bible study.



HOST

Mr. Tracy McNeil
Ebenezer Baptist Church

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Faith Gospel Tab. UHC

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Guiding Star UHC

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Faith Gospel Tab. UHC

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White Rock UHC

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David Moore, Jr.

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Peggy Tapp, Owner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

REV. SARAH FRANCES JONES
MCKINNON

April 25, 1924, Was a very special day for that was the day the Lord chose to bless all those who would ever come to know you. We, among many more, give thanks for that day! We sure do love you and have a wonderful birthday!

**The 75th ♦ Birthday Celebration for
Rev. Sarah Frances Jones McKinnon**

Sunday, April 25, 1999

3:00 p.m.

The Durham Armory

Presiding, Elder Gloria McCrae Aghogah
Pastor, St. John UHC, Greensboro, N.C.

PROGRAMME

ENTRANCE OF HONOREE

Escorted by James E. McKinnon, Jr., (Son) and
DeAndre Waddell (Grandson)

Music..... "Happy Birthday To You"
Invocation Elder David S. Strickland, Sr.
Pastor, Faith Gospel Tab. UHC
Selection..... Ms. Regina Gilchrist
Introduction of Speaker... Elder John M. McKinnon
Pastor, Guiding Star UHC,
Drewry, NC
Selection..... Male Chorus
Faith Gospel Tab UHC
Speaker Bishop Jesse Jones, Pastor
St. John UHC, Zebulon, NC
Pres., Southern District Convocation UHCA, Inc.
Selection..... Mrs. Zola McMillion
Faith Gospel Tab UHC
The Blessing Bishop Jesse Jones

DINNER
(Hosts in charge)

TRIBUTES & REMARKS
(Please 3 minutes)

Mr. R. Kelly Bryant, Sr.
Durham County Board of Elections

Mrs. Madie Tucker
Former NCCU Co-Worker

Mrs. Bena Mitchell
Ministers Wives & Widows Association Durham &
Vicinity

Selection..... Ms. Regina Gilchrist

Deacon David Moore, Jr.
East Durham Community

Mrs. Magnolia P. McMillian, *President*
Central SubDistrict Usher's Department

Elder Robert Hogue, *Vice-President*
WNCD Usher's Department

Deacon Glenard Williams
Faith Gospel Tabernacle UHC

Selection..... Male Chorus

Poem Miss Tiphani Ceres
Great grand-daughter

Tribute Mrs. Cheryl Woodard
Grand-daughter

Remarks..... Mrs. Pearlne Yarborough
Sister

Tribute Mrs. Edna M. Lennon
Daughter

Other Presentations to Honoree

Remarks..... Honoree

Closing Song "The Storm is Passing Over"

Benediction Bishop Jesse Jones

*The Family of Sarah Frances Jones McKinnon
express their deepest appreciation for your
presence and participation in this her special day.
May God bless each of you.*

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

MUTUAL PLAZA
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701
(919) 682-9201

May 4, 1981

United Holy Church of America, Inc.
312 E. Unstead St.
Durham, NC 27701

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Mrs. Sarah Frances McKinnon
615 Troy St.
Durham, NC 27703

This letter comes in behalf of Mrs. Sarah Frances McKinnon who has applied to the church for assistance.

I have known Sister McKinnon since 1951 (30 years). This acquaintance has included her, her husband, her children, and grandchildren. We have worked closely in the community activities including the community organization once known as The Burton Community City League, The Burton School Voting Precinct #13, and The Burton School PTA. I have on occasions attended her church and served as the Scout Master for her sons and one of her grandchildren. Our families have been friends during these years.

I am pleased to write this letter for her as we know that Sister McKinnon is a Christain woman with a Christain family and they are well-lived in their community. They live modestly and any assistance that you can give them will greatly helped them. She is a mild-mannered person who is matured, thrifty, dependable, and of good character and integrity. I have visited her home on numerous occasions and am of the opinion that she and Brother McKinnon get along very beautifully.

We recommend her as a recipient of your assistance and we find no reason that would caused us not to recommend her to you.

Yours very truly,

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.
R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MRS. SARAH FRANCIS McKINNON**

Master of Ceremonies
Sister McKinnon, Honoree, Your Family and Friends

Good afternoon:

I could be here representing several groups in our East Durham community, but today I have time just for Burton School Precinct No. 13.

Artelia and I moved to 618 Bernice Street in May 1951 and Sister McKinnon was among the first persons that we met. Here are a few others:

The George and Ellar Ceres
The William and Thelma Bullocks
The Doc and Pauline Gaddys
The Oscar and Edith Williams
The Herbert and Miner McCoys
The Leon and Bertha Snipes
The William O. and Annie Moore
The James and Francis McKinnons
Mrs. Bertha Jones and sons
And a few others

Sister McKinnon and her children delivered our Durham Sun.

Before moving there we lived at 501 St. Joseph Street which was behind the old St. Joseph's Church in Hayti and located on the spot which is being graded for Phenix Crossing Shopping Center across from Heritage Square. In 1950 the first two black voting precinct registrars for Durham County were appointed, they were Mrs. Bernice H. Ingram (of Dunbar Realty & Insurance Co.) at Person School Precinct and I was appointed registrar at the Hillside High School Precinct by Lawyer Robinson O. Everett, Sr. chairman of the Durham County Board of Elections.

When we moved to Bernice Street, I called Lawyer Everett to see if a new voting precinct could be set up at Burton School. I was asked if I could find 500 voters in the area from East Pettigrew Street to Riddle Road and from South Alston Avenue to Ellis Road and if so a new precinct could be set up. Voters in that area at that time were voting at the Y. E. Smith School on Driver Avenue. I went to the registrar's home and copied 720 names from that precinct. (This was before McDougald Terrace). This was the beginning of Burton School Precinct No. 13. I was appointed registrar and I still am the registrar (they call them Chief Judges now). Here are some of those who have worked at the precinct as I recall:

Mrs. Sarah Francis McKinnon
Mrs. Lillie B. McIntyre
Mrs Mary E. Alston
Mr. John K. McGranaham
Mrs. Bertha Snipes
Mrs. Doris Rowland NDigwe
Mrs. Jennie Pippins
Mrs. Barbara J. Algood
Mrs. Alice W. Davis
Mrs. Dorothy Criss
Mrs. Wilhelmenia M. Upchurch
Mr. Malcolm Mangum
Miss Stephanie Jones
Mrs. Gladys G. Knox
Mrs. Linnell C. B. Sims
And others

Mrs. Mildred Mangum
Mr. John W. McClinton
Mr. Henry R. Edwards
Mrs. Marina Fischer
Mrs. Olivia C. Weaver
Mrs. Francis Watkins
Mrs. Sara Leathers Cameron
Mrs. Beatrice Cherry
Miss Tracey Criss
Mrs. Fannie Hayes
Mrs Mary H. Perry
Mrs. Magdeline B. Thompson
Mrs. Andrew Bell Cobb
Mrs. Minerva T. Fields
Mrs. Vivian P. McLaughlin

Some of the others associated as precinct workers were:

Mr. Arthur "Jack" Stanley
Mr. Willie "Big Wheel" Mitchell
Mr. John Oliver Harvey
Mrs. Mary H. Perry
Mrs. Alice Anderson
Mr. Ostello Criss

Mr. Elmo Mangum
Mrs. Alma Steele
Mrs. J. O. Harvey
Mrs. Celeste Dalrymple
Mr. Odell Fields
Many, many others

During my 40 odd years at Burton School Precinct #13, it is my estimate that both Sister McKinnon and Mrs. Lillie B. McIntyre have been with us for approximately 40 years, too. We have been together so long we are like family. Sister McKinnon also has a tremendous memory of names and she knows a very large number of people, especially young people. She has been a tremendous asset to the precinct and she served on two occasions as the registrar during my absence and she has picked up the supplies for the registrar and attended the audit meetings on other occasions.

Sister McKinnon all of us at Burton School Precinct #13 join in congratulating you on your 75th Birthday and wish for you many, many more happy birthdays.

Incidentally, Sister McKinnon's sons and a grandson were scouts in Boy Scout Troop 187 at Burton School during one time or other during the 37 years I was scoutmaster there.

I could talk about her community work, her concerns about the chemical factory, the people problems in our neighborhood, PTA at Burton School, church and Christian work and other.

SISTER FRANCIS MCKINNON, HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

L. Kelly Bryant. Dr.

Ms. Sarah Francis McKinnon

4-25-99



January 21, 1999
Mr. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.
618 Bernice Street
Durham, NC 27703

Dear Mr. Bryant:

It's a Celebration!

The children and grandchildren of the ***Rev. Sarah Frances Jones McKinnon*** will be honoring her on the occasion of her ***75th birthday*** on **Sunday, April 25, 1999 at 3:00 in the afternoon at the Durham Civic Center located on Foster Street downtown Durham.**

As a long time co-worker with our mother and grandmother, at the Burton School Precinct, we wanted to invite you to give brief remarks (**3 minutes**) at this momentous occasion.

Please respond by **March 5, 1999** to one of the following persons:

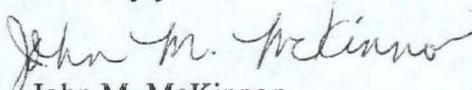
Elder John M. McKinnon
237 Obie Drive
Durham, NC 27713
Telephone: 544-3873

Mrs. Ella L. McAllister
2911 Sprucewood Drive
Durham, NC 27707
Telephone: 686-0013

Mrs. Cheryl Woodard
1324 Bungalow Ave.
Durham, NC 27703
Telephone: 598-4183

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially yours,


John M. McKinnon

P. S. This is not a surprise party, but please do not tell her!

March 26, 1952

Mr. R. O. Everett, Chairman
Durham County Election Board
P. O. Box 586
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Everett:

Re: HILLSIDE PRECINCT

First, I would like to express my thanks to the Durham County Election Board for the opportunity to serve as your registrar at the Hillside Precinct. I have fully enjoyed serving as your registrar.

I have now moved out of the area served by the Hillside Precinct and for that reason, I am submitting my resignation as registrar. I would like to suggest that Mr. W. J. Kennedy, III be considered for the position of registrar since he has worked with me there. He is a well qualified person and I feel confident that he will conduct the precinct in the proper manner. I will be glad to work with whomever you name as registrar in getting started, if I am needed.

Sometimes ago I discussed with you the possibility of dividing the Hillside Precinct for more efficiency and speed. If it were divided, say at Umstead Street and a precinct set up at the Whitted School and the Hillside High School, there would no doubt be more than a thousand registered voters in each precinct. This arrangement should reduce the long lines and speed up the vote counting. At present there are more than 2200 registered voters in the Hillside Precinct.

I now live at 618 Bernice Street (College View Project near Burton School). The McDougald Terrace Project will be constructed two blocks away and will at first house 247 families. There are other housing developments underway in this area. If the Election Board ever decides to set the area south of East Pettigrew Street and east of South Alston Avenue into a separate precinct, I would certainly appreciate your considering me as registrar. I believe that there are more than 500 persons of voting age in that area now.

Again, I thank you, and any consideration of the above suggestions will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

FAMILY UNITS IN BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA

FAMILIES LIVING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS - EAST OF SOUTH ALSTON AVENUE AND SOUTH OF EAST PETTIGREW STREET.

South Alston Avenue (East Side)	68
Amber Place	5
Bacon St.	31
Bernice St.	29
Bowen St.	12
Braswell St.	5
Barbee St.	23 *
Byrd St.	-
Cabot St.	2 *
Cotton St.	-
Eric St.	18
Fleetwood St.	3
Glenn St. (East of Alston Ave)	30
Hackney St.	15 *
Hawk St.	2
Ray St.	6
High St.	5
Lakeland Ave. (Form. Bailey St.)	24
Linwood Ave. (East of Alston Ave.)	7
Middle St.	17
New St.	5 *
Pettigrew St. (East of Alston Ave.)	38
Plum St. (So. of Pettigrew	19
Ridgeway Avenue	30
Rosewood St.	33
Reservoir St.	22 *
Sims St.	1
Scoggins St.	11 *
Smith St.	25
Sowell St.	21
Troy St.	19
McDougald Terrace (Family Units)	247
Total	<u>773</u>

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.
 618 Bernice St.
 Durham, N. C. 9-5397

May 11, 1954