



## Mack McKay

January 20, 2022

Mack C. McKay, Jr. was born January 26, 1949, in Magnolia, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma L. J. McKay and his Father, M. C. McKay, Sr. Also preceded by his sister, Bertile Bradley (Howard), Lavern McKay Williams (Gerald), brother-in-law Fred Ruffin. He leaves to fight the good fight of faith, Angelene McKay Ruffin, Lawrence McKay (Alma) and Mildred McKay. Married for 43 years to his loving wife, Joann McKay. Four children, Tajalena S. McKay Sholes (David), Joell Lee, Michelle M. McKay and Timothy P. McKay (Melanie). Grandchildren Jarrad (Sierra), Jaron, Jayden, Lawrence and Ivory, great-grandchildren, Jayse, Vincent, and Nau' Jour. Sister-in-law and brothers-in-law. A host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends (best friend- Joseph Preyan and adopted as a son, Talmedge Dixon). Mack is a member of Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church and was a regular participant in his Sunday School class - Class "A". He loved attending his Sunday School class.

Mack was a proud alumnus of St. Augustine Senior High School and often talked about Father Grant and others who helped him as a young man to become part of an Afro-American school for young men that changed his life. He was an all-American athlete and played professional baseball for a short period of time. He did not get a chance to complete his latest desire, but his plan was to be a part of opening a school where young black men could enroll in classes to become AC/Heating Technicians, Electrical engineers, plumbers, etc.

Mack started working for Shell Oil Company in the 70's, moving on to Louisiana Land and Exploration as an Oil and Gas Accountant, where he retired. He attended Southern University of New Orleans. He received his license to become an AC/Heating Technician and worked diligently for many years, recently retiring. Loved by so many, full of wisdom and a wealth of knowledge.

Rest in peace Brother Mack.

Due to the rising number of Omicron Variant cases our funeral services capacity and gathering had to be modified for the safety of our volunteers, family and friends. Here is GSS order of service. The gathering amount should NOT exceed 125 people.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to a Funeral Service at Greater St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church, 5600 Read Blvd. on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)


Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church  
5600 Read Blvd  
New Orleans, LA

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church  
5600 Read Blvd  
New Orleans, LA

# Tribute Wall

 Tiffany  
Collins

“ *Praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. McKay will definitely be missed in the physical but his spirit and memories will never leave.*  
*Tiffany, Bianca and Keara.*

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**Tiffany Collins** - February 05, 2022 at 01:54 AM

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“ *We had not known each other personally for very long. As I look back on it though, it feels like I've known you from the beginning. You were, you are a great role model! I learned so much from you and your wife in Sunday School. Watching and listening to you and your wife made me a better man. We are all better people because we crossed each other's path. I thank GOD for allowing our paths to cross.*

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**Terrell E. Sanders, Sr.** - February 04, 2022 at 06:34 PM

RM

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I will miss my classmate and Friend.*  
  
*Rest in peace Mack.*

*Rudy Major*

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**Rudy Major** - February 03, 2022 at 07:51 PM

BS

*I will miss my old teammate. God bless the family. Rest in peace #15.*

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**Bruce Braden, Sr.** - February 04, 2022 at 06:30 PM

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*Our deepest condolences to Joann and family, Praying for God's peace, strength and comfort during this difficult time.  
Continue to trust in God who will wipe all your tears away.  
Proverbs 3: 5-6*

*Nolan & Dorothy Alexis Sr.  
Gonzales La.*

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**Nolan Dorothy Alexis Sr.** - February 06, 2022 at 02:34 PM