



## Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.

November 30, 1949 - June 3, 2020

Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin, Sr. was born to the late Rob Watts and Vicie Lee (Rankin) McLaurin on November 30, 1949 in Brandon, MS. Billy Ray was the youngest of 4 children and is preceded in death by brothers; J. W. McCollum and Rob McLaurin and sister Margie Jolley.

Billy Ray joined Rock Star Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He graduated from Carter High School in 1968. While at Carter High School, he played basketball and according to him, every time he was at the goal to shoot his Dad would yell 1 -2 which is how he got his nickname. His nickname has lasted him a lifetime from the basketball courts to the softball fields with the legendary Royals.

Billy Ray continued his education at Jackson State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While at JSU, he became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was employed by the Mississippi State Hospital for over 30 years as a social worker. During his tenure, he trained and assisted numerous fellow social workers. He helped to form and coach the Mississippi State Hospital female softball team. When Billy Ray wasn't playing softball, he was refereeing softball and basketball games. He was an active member of Rock Star Missionary Baptist Church where he served in different capacities: Sunday School Superintendent, Member of the Male Choir, Treasurer and Vacation Bible School Assistant.

Billy Ray leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 15 years, Linda McLaurin; three sons: Alonzo Dale (Josette) of Houston, TX, Billy Ray McLaurin, Jr. and

Nathan McLaurin (Adonya) of Brandon, MS, one step-son, Cedric Lockett, one step-daughter Demetrice (Derek) May, a special niece Lauretha (Thomas) Bellinder, 7 grandchildren (Alanna, Ad dison, Jordan, Nathan, Alonzo, Jamari, and Ladarius), Sister in Laws, Ana McCollum and Carrie Ware; Brother in Law, James Myers; a special cousin, Charles Fletcher, devoted friend, M.J. Myles and host of other relatives and friends that loved him deeply.

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Star M. B. Church Cemetery

West Sunset Drive  
Brandon, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rock Star M. B. Church Cemetery  
West Sunset Drive  
Brandon, MS

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - June 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**Patricia Smith** - June 07, 2020 at 05:01 PM

TW

“ *Teresa And Randy Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**Teresa and Randy Wallace** - June 06, 2020 at 09:22 PM

BE

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



B. J. Easterling - June 06, 2020 at 08:01 PM

FA

*Praying for Billy Ray's family RIP Your Classmate Florece Mangum Atkins*

Florece Mangum Atkins - June 08, 2020 at 12:12 AM

AT

“ Alexander James Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.



Alexander James Taylor - June 06, 2020 at 04:52 PM

M(

“ Mamie Thompson Thorns (Michigan) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.



Mamie Thompson Thorns (Michigan) - June 06, 2020 at 11:25 AM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.



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**Evelyn Tillis** - June 06, 2020 at 10:19 AM

ET

“ God bless you all, during this difficult time. May you find strength and comfort in knowing that friends share your grief. God promised "To never leave or forsake us"!

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**Evelyn Tillis** - June 06, 2020 at 10:17 AM

BP

“ Bill was more than a classmate, he was the greatest of friends. We enjoyed so much time together; dancing, laughing, joking and visiting. One great memory is Bill teaching me to drive!

*As a member of the finance department at church, he was so dependable.*

*I am going to miss you my friend, I loved you dearly.*

*Linda, if I can do anything for you and the family, please let me know.*

*Bobbie Brown Proctor  
Class of '68*

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**Bobbie Proctor** - June 05, 2020 at 11:09 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**Barbara Magee** - June 05, 2020 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ *Linda May you and our family look to the hills from whence all our help comes from. May God continue to lead and guide you all in these difficult times. May you continue to keep God first knowing that he is able to sustain you all in the days ahead.*

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**Barbara Magee** - June 05, 2020 at 08:58 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**Carolyn Anderson** - June 05, 2020 at 06:54 PM

EF

“ *Eletha Walker & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**Eletha Walker & Family** - June 05, 2020 at 06:33 PM

MA

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the family. We will keep you in our prayers. *Mary Randolph Alexander and the Randolph Family.*

mary Randolph Alexander - June 05, 2020 at 06:14 PM

TM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the family. May God provide comfort to you all during this difficult time. My husband, Ken, and I will miss “Mr. One-Two.”

Tammar Melvin - June 05, 2020 at 12:58 PM

RJ

“ Rosevelt Jackson Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.



Rosevelt Jackson Jr - June 05, 2020 at 11:54 AM

RW

“ Richard Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.



richard washington - June 05, 2020 at 09:26 AM

PB

“ *Patricia A Ball lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**patricia A Ball** - June 04, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CO

“ *CONSTANCE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**CONSTANCE** - June 04, 2020 at 09:11 AM

AP

“ *A.j. Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray McLaurin Sr.*



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**A.j. palmer** - June 04, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *R.I.P.*



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**Evelyn Young** - June 04, 2020 at 07:30 AM