



## Mr. Johnny D. McFarland

June 13, 1951 - February 2, 2023

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. - Psalms 116:15

### A Time to be Born

John was born June 13, 1951 in Conehatta, MS. He was the seventh of nine children born to the union of the late Joseph and Annie Mae Kidd McFarland.

### A Time to Live

He attended school in the Newton County School System and graduated in 1970. John was an outstanding basketball player and truly loved the game. He acquired his education through a basketball scholarship, graduating from East Central Community College and continuing on to receive his Bachelor's degree from Livingston University in Alabama.

### A Time to Serve and Work

John started his career with the Department of Human Services (DHS) as an eligibility worker. He worked for a brief period of time in Brookhaven, MS and later moved to Pearl, MS. Throughout his career he fulfilled various positions, retiring as a Systems Manager in April, 2013 after 36 years of loyal and dedicated service.

He met his soul mate, "found his good thing", the love of his life and best friend, Carrie, while working at the Fayette DHS office on temporary assignment. God joined them together and abundantly blessed their lives together, including the blessing of rearing their two sons, Vernon & Joseph, in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

John accepted Christ in January, 1991 and was baptized at Pleasant Grove. He was a faithful member, supporting the ministry until his health failed. He served the ministry in various leadership roles, including Church Secretary, Financial Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Church Board Chairman and Trustee Board Chairman. He didn't need a title to do whatever needed to be done to help carry out the kingdom mission.

He loved the Lord first with all his heart, soul and mind, he studied and endeavored to live the Christian life by precepts and examples that he could lead others to Christ. The light of Christ shown in his life as he exemplified the true spirit of servanthood in his church and community, lending a helping hand as needed.

John loved and enjoyed being with his family. A favorite pastime was fellowshiping at home during Sunday dinners, as well as birthdays, basketball and football games..Roll Tide! He was a godly man, full of wisdom, exemplifying integrity in its purest humanly form. He was a man of peace. He had a gentle spirit and the patience of Job. His children are blessed because of his righteous living. John made a positive impact and touched so many lives. He also enjoyed walking, hunting, gardening and working on the farm with the cows. In his earlier years, he enjoyed running and cycling, competing in long distance races and bialthlons.

A Time to Transition

John departed this earthly life and went to glory with his heavenly Father on February 2, 2023 with his wife by his side and his sons close by. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alphonso and Gus McFarland; and sister Shirley McFarland Smith.

### A Time to Grieve and Cherish

Not grieving as those who have no hope, he leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife Carrie of Pearl, Mississippi; two sons, Vernon (Wani) McFarland, Brandon, Mississippi and Joseph McFarland of Pearl, Mississippi, three grandsons, Ian Daniel, Vernon Joseph and Colin Asher McFarland; one granddaughter, his little princess Lauryn Rei McFarland; Two sisters: Lola (Leo) Hushes, Conehatta, Mississippi, Carol (Randy) White, Slidell, Louisiana; Three brother: Tommy McFarland, Conchatta, Mississippi, Major McFarland, Chicago, Illinois and Larry (Melanie) McFarland, Dallas, Texas; One brother in love: Jerry Porter; Sisters-in-law: Helen Blanton, Kansas City, Missouri, Addie Briggs, Pearl, Mississippi; Pearlye Crawford, Chicago, Illinois and Catherine Daniels, Saginaw, Michigan. Sisters in love: Gloria Armstrong, Shirley Davis, Teletha Johnson, Faye McCall, and Geraldine Montgomery. One God-daughter: Jasmine McIntyre of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as a plethora of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

We are confident I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

5512 Old Brandon Road  
Pearl, MS 39208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnny D. McFarland*



**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 10, 2023 at 03:08 PM

BN

*My Prays are With You and Your Family, “ Just Take One Day At a Time “.*

**Belinda Nickels** - February 10, 2023 at 10:44 PM

EC

*We are sending prayers of comfort & words of encouragement. You have our deepest condolences.  
Ray Coleman & Family*

**Eddie Coleman** - February 11, 2023 at 09:49 AM

RW

*Sincere condolences to the McFarland family. John D was from my hometown and a basketball great person and a great basketball player. Praying for your family.*

*Reginald Welch*

**Reginald Welch** - February 15, 2023 at 10:55 PM

JB

*John was a great man, we were double cousins. And I always admire how he was close to his family.He will be missed but not forgotten.*

**Joe Brown** - February 17, 2023 at 12:35 AM

MP

*As County Director I recommended John D. when he came to work with the Department of Human Services in the County Office and talked to him on a regular basis when he moved to the State Office. I have never met a greater person. Praying for the family.*

**Mildred Pace** - February 17, 2023 at 08:44 PM

CJ

“ *Constance Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland*



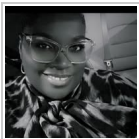
**Constance Jones** - February 27, 2023 at 10:02 AM

DJ

“ *Daisy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland*



**Daisy Johnson** - February 12, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Terri Williams** - February 12, 2023 at 09:10 AM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny McFarland*



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**Barbara Magee** - February 10, 2023 at 07:01 PM

TD

“ *Vernon and Family, We are praying for you all's strength to get through this time with the peace that comes from the knowledge that God loves you and that He will take care of you day by day. With love, Terry and Tiphany Dickerson*

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**Tip Dickerson** - February 10, 2023 at 05:34 PM

CD

“ *Celia Duck lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland*



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**Celia Duck** - February 10, 2023 at 11:16 AM

CM

“ *Sending prayers and condolences. Love, Charles & Dorothy McMullan-Williams*



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**Charles and Dorothy McMullan-Williams** - February 09, 2023 at 10:42 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Mangum lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland*



Pamela S. Mangum - February 08, 2023 at 03:34 PM

PM

*Dear Brother Johnny, You are now in God's loving care, who created you and loves you the best. Your suffering has ended. David and I will miss you greatly, but I know that we will see you again someday. You were loved deeply by your Brother and Sister Mangum. To the rest of your immediate family, may God sustain all of you during this difficult time, and we love all of you.*

Pamela S. Mangum - February 09, 2023 at 04:49 PM

CG

“ *Love you and miss you already my dear friend! I will call Carrie on June 13th now to make sure she is okay. I won't worry about you because I know you have your wings now. 💕💕*

Carolyn George - February 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM

QH

*We are going to miss you John D. The people from Union Mississippi RIP*

Quasonnette Harmon-Jackson - February 10, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny D. McFarland.*



February 07, 2023 at 07:37 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Anderson - February 06, 2023 at 04:36 PM

CC

“ Blessings and sincere condolences to Karen and family. Mr. Johnny was the best and a beautiful person. We will miss you, love ❤️ Claudia, Phyllis, Regina and Shannon Seaton loving neighbors.



Claudia Collins - February 05, 2023 at 06:34 PM

BR

“ Johnny was the best. We had many adventures and good times together running, biking, and racing. May you rest in peace old friend. Blessings and sincere condolences to Karen and family. Glad his pain is gone. We will miss you. Bill Richardson



Bill Richardson - February 05, 2023 at 02:13 PM

CC

Blessings and sincere condolences to Karen and family. Mr. Johnny was the best and a beautiful soul. We will miss you, love ❤️ Claudia, Regina, Phyllis and Shannon Seaton your loving neighbors.

Claudia Collins - February 05, 2023 at 06:24 PM

MG

*John and I worked together many many years ago at DHS. He was very nice and always professional. I haven't seen or heard from him in many years. Condolences to the family. When I first met him I was shocked to find out that he was from my neck of the woods. I can hear him laughing.*

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**Milinda Gray** - February 14, 2023 at 03:34 PM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland



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**Evelyn Young** - February 05, 2023 at 01:16 AM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland



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**Evelyn Young** - February 05, 2023 at 12:57 AM

RB

“ May God comfort Carrie and the McFarland family during time. Rest in peace Bro. John McFarland.

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**Ronald Bingham** - February 04, 2023 at 08:34 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland



Eddie Ainsworth - February 04, 2023 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ Condolences and prayers to the family of Bro. Johnny D. McFarland. May the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide with you today and always. In Jesus name. Amen Mother Georgia Stapleton & Family



Mary Stapleton-Carr - February 04, 2023 at 11:11 AM

NL

“ Nancy Loney-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Johnny McFarland



Nancy Loney-Taylor - February 04, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MS

“ Condolences and prayers to the family of Bro. Johnny D. McFarland. My the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide with you. Mother Georgia Stapleton & Family



Mary Stapleton-Carr - February 04, 2023 at 08:31 AM

MB

“ *Myra Boone sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny McFarland*



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**Myra Boone** - February 04, 2023 at 06:05 AM

LT

“ *Praying for the Family.*

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**Laron, Arleshia & Laiden Trigg** - February 03, 2023 at 10:43 PM