



## Johnnie A. McKee

July 26, 1925 - April 10, 2014

JOHNNIE ARCHIE McKEE was born July 26, 1925 to the late Archie McKee and Hattie Thompson McKee, of Lumberton, NC. His father farmed the land and also owned a neighborhood convenience store. His early experiences in working the land, working with his hands and working with customers in his father's store prepared him for a life of service to his family, his community and his church.

Johnnie received the Lord at an early age, while attending Hilly Branch Baptist Church in Lumberton. He attended Ridgestone High School, where he played on the school baseball team.

He entered military service in 1943, where he served with distinction as a guard patrolman in the US Army Air Force until 1946. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and the WWII Victory Ribbon.

In 1950, he moved to Greensboro, NC to attend A&T College. He graduated with a Certificate in Industrial Arts in 1952. While at A&T he met his future wife, Ann Steele, whom he married in 1953. From this union a daughter, Hattie Christine, was born.

The couple later relocated to Baltimore, Maryland, where he found employment with Bethlehem Steel, eventually rising to become a supervisor in

the shipbuilding side. He was chosen for this position because he demanded perfection from himself and his 15-man crew. He retired from the Point in 1980, and spent his next 34 years working on his home, his church and his garden.

Johnnie joined Heritage United Church of Christ in 1965. During his 49 year membership, he served on the Usher Board, Finance Committee, Trustee Board, Deacon Board, Men's Fellowship, and Facilities Staff.

“I know Deacon Johnnie is up in heaven fixing something.”

Daddy loved to work with his hands. In our home, he put up wallpaper, painted, refurbished floors, put in two bathrooms, redid the plumbing and wiring, and built the den, single-handedly, except for the brick wall, fireplace and hearth his cousin designed and built.

At Heritage, he built the kitchen and bathrooms, and re-tiled the floors. He knew every nook of Heritage and he loved this house of worship.

He also loved gardening. His harvests of tomatoes (a vegetable he rarely ate), green peppers, squash, cucumbers and collard greens were regularly given away to church members for their meals. He also loved sweets, especially cakes, pies, ice cream, cookies and candy. He was fond of making apple “hudgers” and squash pies, which he greatly enjoyed.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his wife of 61 years, Ann; his daughter, Christine of Baltimore; nephew, Dr. J. David Ashford of Huntington Beach, California; brother-in-law, Billy R. Steele and sister-in-law, Susan Campbell of Harmony, North Carolina; cousins, Ruth House and Rosalie Mason of Baltimore; godsons, Reverend George Swift of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Mr. Kevin Waters, Sr. of Baltimore; and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Wake

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Heritage United Church Of Christ  
3106 Liberty Heights  
Balto, MD 21215

## Memorial Service

MAY 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie A. McKee*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 5yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

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**Ms Springer** - April 22, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 17, 2014 at 02:44 PM