

PALLBEARERS

Active:

Paul Bland
James Earl Jackson
Danny Richardson

Tysin Baker
Artis Coleman
Garrison Scott

Honorary:

Clarence McVan Jr.
Dr. Joseph Profit
Shelton Johnson
Kirk Banks
Marrage Facen
Gregory Baker, Jr.
Dustin Jones

Sam Durant
Gosby Robinson, Jr.
Gene Robinson
Israel Charles Robinson
Joe Larry Robinson
Jessie Baker
Vidal Jones

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The McVan Family expresses sincere appreciation for your kindness, many comforting messages, words of encouragement, and expressions of love. We are particularly grateful to Lakeside Baptist Church, The Honorable Jack Kemp, Congressman, James (Shack) Harris, Vice President of Jacksonville Jaguars (National Football League), NFL Alumni, Dr. Joseph Profit, President, and The Honorable Joe Redder, Under Secretary of the Army, Brannum Funeral Home, Inc. the Jong's Family, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Smyrna, Georgia, and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Lake Providence, Louisiana. All of you in Lake Providence and throughout the country have surpassed our greatest expectations. Your acts of benevolence will forever be etched in our memories.

Interment

Gaither Memorial Cemetery
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Repast

Lakeside Baptist Church
101 Schneider Lane ~ Lake Providence, Louisiana

Homegoing Services for Mr. Clarence McVan



*Saturday, December 22, 2007
1:00 P.M.*

*Mt. Zion M. B. Church
Hwy. 65 South ~ Lake Providence, Louisiana*

*Bishop C. Hamilton Murray, Pastor
Reverend Raymond Gill, Officiating*

Mistress of Ceremony: Sister Lucinda Bland

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
Brannum Funeral Home, Inc.
Lake Providence, Louisiana*

OBITUARY

It is not death to die, to leave this weary road,
"And 'mid the brotherhood on high, to be at home with God.
It is not death to close the eye long dimmed by tears
And wake in glorious repose, to spend eternal years.
It is not death to fling aside this sinful dust,
And rise on strong, exulting wings, to live among the just.
Jesus, Thou Prince of life, Thy chosen cannot die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife, to reign with Thee on high."

Clarence McVan, Sr. was received into his eternal home, Sunday, December 16, 2007 at East Carroll Parish Hospital in Lake Providence, Louisiana.

Clarence blessed the union of the late Mr. Jessie McVan & Julia Ferguson McVan on April 19, 1940 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was the youngest of two sons. Due to his mother's lengthy illness, he was blessed with two great adopted parents, the late Mr. O. D. and Lucille Baker of Lake Providence, Louisiana. Clarence received his education in the schools of East Carroll Parish and was a member of the class of 1960. For over 40 years he was employed by Jong's SuperValu as a butcher.

Clarence was a lover of family and adored and cherished all of his children and grandchildren. Their comfort, happiness, and personal needs were first and foremost in his life. He helped four of his daughters through college.

This man was truly an outdoors man and a lover of sports. He loved to hunt and fish, and graciously shared his game. He helped to feed many families. He was a great hunter and prided himself at being able to get at least one deer every season. He also had a great love for baseball. He and a group of friends organized a baseball team for the community, which brought families together and gave the kids a positive outlook on the community.

On November 26, 1960 Clarence married the "Love of his Life" the late Lena Pearl Robinson. To this union five beautiful children were born: Patricia A. McVan, Lake Providence, LA; Clarence (Yvette) McVan, Jr., Buffalo, NY; Linda McVan, Lake Providence, LA; Sherry (Shelton) Johnson, Smyrna, GA and Wanda (Dr. Joseph) Profit, Atlanta, GA. Notably, Clarence was blessed to find a second love when he met Cedonia Bland in January, 1993.

His face was weary, his hair almost white as snow,
His body was tired of this world here below.

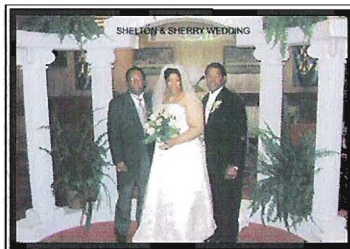
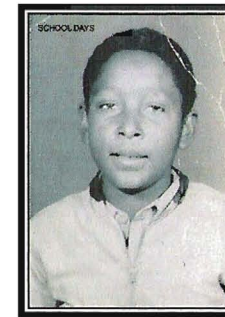
He waited patiently to hear God's call.
When it came, he was ready, and surrendered all -
To be with our Savior, in His loving care -
To join friends and family and with them share
The Lord's boundless love and endless grace;
He is with Jesus now in His warm embrace;
He waits again patiently - for you and me,
Till we leave this Earth, finally free,
To meet him again and share his delight,
As we enter the city that has no night.



We haven't been there yet - but we're leaving someday,
To join our loved one - they're not far away.
Can you feel their presence? their warmth? their love?
They're with us right now - looking down from above,
Watching and waiting - as we grieve and cry,
Reaching out in comfort - with a gentle sigh.
Please don't weep for him - he's with the Lord,
Protected from Satan - with just one word:
Mine!



A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH DADDY!!



Together Again



March 1, 1989

Dec. 16, 2007

He leaves to cherish and morn his memories, one brother, Joseph T. Robinson, Flint, New Jersey; four aunts, Rachel Colbert, Atlanta, Georgia; Ruby Hawkins, Perris, CA; Mary Rice and Johnnie Thomas, Lake Providence, LA; seven adorable grandchildren who were the joy of his life: Gregory Baker, Jr., Houston, TX; Rockquell Baker, Buffalo, NY; Terrance Butler, Oak Grove, LA; Dustin and Vidal Jones, Smyrna, GA; Laila Johnson, Smyrna, GA & Devin Baker, Lake Providence, LA. One great grand, Gabriel Baker, Buffalo, NY. Six sisters-in-law: Annie Pearl Robinson, Mary Lafayette, Milwaukee, WI; Gertrude Threats, Bettye Thompson, Erma Kennedy, Lake Providence, LA; Sandra Robinson, Gary, Ind.; four brothers-in-law: Gosby Robinson, Boston, MA; Gene Robinson, Newburgh, NY; Israel Charles Robinson, Gary, Ind., and Joe Larry Robinson, Milwaukee, WI. A very special family friend Barbara Fowler, Ruston, LA; Charity and Lucinda Bland, Sam and Gladys Durant, Artis Coleman, Virginia Penleton, Buffalo, NY, Mr. Abe Williams, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Song Choir

Scripture:

Old Testament Reverend Charles Robinson

New Testament Bishop C. Hamilton Murray

Prayer Reverend Roland Kennedy

Song Choir

As I Knew Him Brother Robbie Bland

Duet Evon Johnson & Velvet Redden

Solo Deacon Percy Threats

Words of Comfort Pastor Mark Brown

Song Choir

Expressions: Dr. Joseph Profit

Solo Sister Nona C. Gardfrey

Obituary Soft Music *Read Silently*

Acknowledgment of Condolences Mr. General Trass

Solo Sister Candyce Franklin

Eulogy Reverend Raymond Gill

Viewing of Remains Recessional