



James "Jim" McNeil

June 20, 2020

On June 20, 2020, James "Jim" McNeil (Poojay) passed away peacefully at his home in Indian Trail, NC, with his wife, Ernestine and family by his side.

James was born in Laurinburg, NC, and moved to PA for future education. Those left to cherish the memories of his life include his wife, Ernestine, his children, Khadijah and Donald Smith, Alana Allia, Janina McNeil and Terrance Forde, James and Brenda McNeil, Ashley Lewis and 15 grandchildren along with family, friends, students and fellow educators.

James McNeil will be forever missed and not forgotten. The memories of him will last forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend James' Celebration of Life Gathering at The Groff Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Friday, July 3, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. The immediate family will remain from 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Previous Events

Family Receiving Friends

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" McNeil

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Please accept our most sincere condolences on the passing of such a wonderful man. We both worked with Jim at Hand Middle School. He was a fantastic teacher, an effective facilitator and just a great all around human being. He related to the kids on their level and was a strong member of our faculty, always thinking about ways to improve our practice with the kids and with each other. Although we had not been in touch with Jim for some time, he is always remembered fondly. Our thoughts are with your family and with everyone who feels his loss.

Take Care,

David and Karen (Stuff) Stallings

David and Karen Stallings - July 03, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ Yesterday was the day I found out about the passing of my one time mentor, father figure, and just a positive male figure in my life when I needed it the most. I send my condolences to Mr. McNeils family. It has taken a lot for me to get myself together to write something and acknowledge the role this powerful black man played in my life. I came to Mr. McNeil in the 5th grade at Burrowes Elementary School as a disrupted, disturbed, and broken young black boy. But that's not how Mr. McNeil seen me. He seen me as a young boy who had so much potential but didn't know it or believe it. Mr. McNeil was so instrumental in my life and shaping me into the man I am today. I regret not reaching out to him more but this man meant so much to me and my family. He steered me in the right direction and gave me the strong positive male figure that I truly needed at that point in my life. I'm forever grateful for the man, teacher and father figure Mr. McNeil was.

Derek Butler

Derek Butler - July 02, 2020 at 10:05 AM

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“ To Mr. McNeil's Family: my sincere condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, and entire family. Mr. McNeil was my son's 5th Grade teacher at Burrowes in Lancaster. My son turned 40 on Sunday!! Mr. McNeil was phenomenal and a great influence for my son. He truly helped to shape and define the wonderful black man that my son is today. I really wish we had connected earlier just so I could tell him THANK YOU. He was truly an inspiration and I am so grateful that he was my son's teacher. God Bless You All.
Arlene Butler-Traore

Arlene Traore - July 02, 2020 at 06:15 AM