

## Order of Service

The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II, Presiding

The Processional .....Choir and Congregation  
*"I've Got A New Home"*

The Hymn of Praise ..... Choir and Congregation  
*"My Hope Is Built"*

The Prayer .....The Rev. Estella Cooper

The Scripture .....  
Old Testament ..... The Rev. Kennetta C. Carter  
Psalm 121  
New Testament ..... Pastor Melissa Wade  
I Peter 1:3-9

The Selection ..... St. Paul AMEC Choir

The Expressions (*2 Minutes Please*)  
As a Class Leader .....Sister Hattie Trent  
As a Church Member .....Brother Richard Christie, Jr.

### *The Family Tribute:*

Brother Jimmy Plowden  
Sister Annie McDowell

### *The Video Presentation*

The Resolutions .....Sister Betty Burney

The Acknowledgements.....Sister Betty Burney

The Selection .....St. Paul AMEC Choir

The Words of Comfort .....Pastor Marvin C. Zanders, II

The Recessional .....Choir and Congregation  
*"Till Fly Away"*

### *Repast*

Immediately following the service  
in the James M. Proctor Fellowship Hall

## Pallbearers

Bro. Gregory McDowell      Bro. Tony McDowell  
Bro. Christopher Capers      Bro. Ernest McDowell  
Bro. Christian Capers      Bro. David Wilson  
Bro. Jermaine Dendy      Bro. Christopher Evans

## Flower Attendants

The St. Paul Media Ministry  
The St. Paul Stewardess Board

**24** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

*Matthew 16:24-25*

## Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our family members and friends for the many kind words, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness that have been extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you".

~The family of the late *Gerald Jerome McDowell, Jr.*

## Interment

Restlawn Cemeteries

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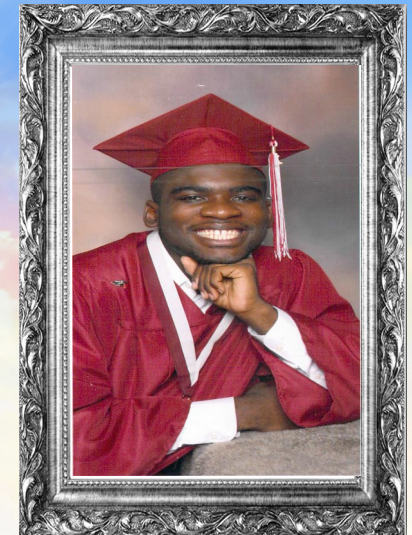


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**Gerald Jerome McDowell, Jr.**

June 2, 1993 - July 22, 2016

### *Service*

12:00 PM, Wednesday, July 27, 2016

**St. Paul AME Church**

6910 New Kings Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32219

*The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II, Officiating*

## Obituary

### *I Am Always With You*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,  
you must not tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
but be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
how much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
but now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust,  
that it is only for a while that we must part,  
so treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
all my love around you soft and clear,  
and then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

**Gerald Jerome McDowell, Jr.** was born on June 2, 1993 at Baptist Medical Center. He was the oldest son of Gerald and Pamela McDowell. He passed away on July 22, 2016 at home. Gerald was educated in the Duval County Public School System, where he graduated from William M. Raines High School, Class of 2012. He had a love for video games, watching television, listening to music, and traveling with his family. He enjoyed playing basketball and baseball; like that of his father, who wore the number 12 on many occasions.

**Gerald** had a smile that would light up a room. He was an independent young man who loved the Lord and faithfully went to St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church where he served in the media ministry, the choir, church school, and the youth usher board. He was baptized and raised up in the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the State of Florida, "Mother" Midway AME Church, where he was a member of those same organizations along with the YPD (Young People's Department) of the Women's Missionary Society. Gerald had a heart for pleasing others and helping wherever there was a need.

**Gerald** leaves to God's loving care: his loving parents, Gerald and Pamela McDowell; his brother, Gregory McDowell; grandparents, Earnest and Annie McDowell and Christian and Annie Capers; uncles, Tony (Denese) McDowell, Ernest (Carla) McDowell, and Christian (Gina) Capers Jr.; aunt, April Capers; and a host of cousins and many loyal caring relatives and friends.

