

*Pallbearers*  
Friends of the Family

*Flower Attendants*  
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*In Appreciation*

On behalf of the entire McGraw family, we wish to express our deep appreciation to all brothers and sisters in Christ who have stood with us during these sad moments. We indeed appreciate your personal visits, prayers, assistance and valuable advice, and more especially to all those who took out their precious time to visit Billy during his sick time. May the Almighty God reward your kindness with greater measure.

And to all our guest, may the Good Lord bless you and grant your journey mercies back to your respective homes in Jesus Name. Amen.

Thank you all so much,  
Waynetta McGraw



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# A CELEBRATION *Of Life*



*Billy Ray McGraw*

*June 26, 1946 - December 6, 2016*

*Service*

10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 13, 2016

*Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church*

9550 Ribault Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32208

*Rev. Anthony L. Willis, Sr., Pastor*



# My Billy



*I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth...  
and now only those who loved her  
know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.*

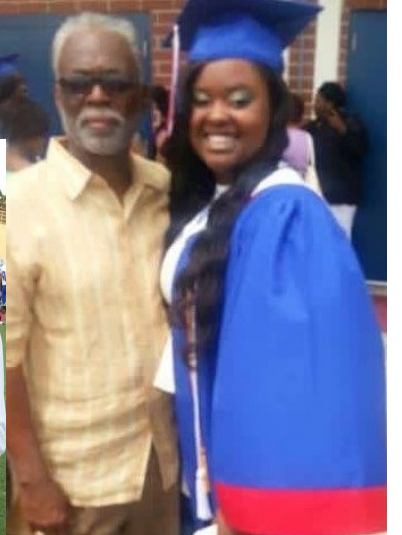
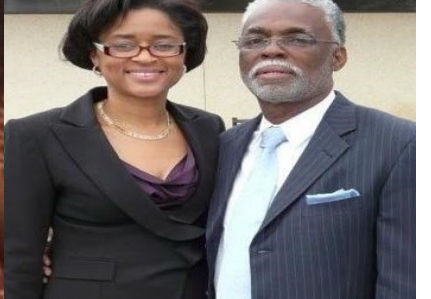
*So think about this long and hard...  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left.  
(You could be at flash midrange.)'*

*If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger,  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect,  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy's being read  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they  
say about how you spend your dash?*





# *"It's All Good"*

When we were growing up as children what fun did we have. When we got older and went our separate ways, what good memories did we share. During your good days and your bad days. Your well days, your sick days, even in your last days you still trusted and had faith in God. How well do I remember you saying "GOD IS SO GOOD!" you also had a famous motto "IT'S ALL GOOD". I really didn't understand what you meant, but Billy, now I know and understand, "TRULY, IT IS ALL GOOD"

You're in my heart forever,  
Your Cousin Sister,  
Lynda McGraw



## *Order of Service*

Rev. Walter Ellis, Presiding  
Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama

Musical Prelude.....Minister Marlowe Smith

Processional and Musical Selection.....Sharon Bowen

Invocation.....Rev. Walter Ellis

Scripture.....Rev. Walter Ellis

Selection.....Deborah Rasheed

Presentation.....International Longshoremen's Association

Special Tribute.....Logan Jefferson

Selection.....Rev. Walter Ellis

Reflection.....Tyrone Merchant

Selection.....Katrell Hughes

Eulogy.....Rev. Willie Joe Posey  
Coosa Valley Baptist Church  
Vincent, Alabama

Recessional

### *Interment*

Jacksonville National Cemetery  
Jacksonville, Florida



## *Life Story*



Mr. Billy Ray McGraw was born June 26, 1946 in Vincent, AL to Clyde McGraw and Gracie Lee Hardy. He was raised by his grandparents Nash and Annie Mae Hardy. Billy confessed Christ at an early age joining Coosa Valley Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. P.E Kidd in Vincent, AL. Billy graduated from Shelby County Training School, class of 1964, moved to Chicago in 1965 and later was drafted into the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War.

Billy moved to Jacksonville, FL in 1968, later joined the International Longshoremen's Association, where he worked until retirement. Billy was a devoted member of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, Dr. Rev. Landon L. Williams, Pastor, for over 36 years. Billy enjoyed teaching Sunday School, served with "Men of Purpose" Ministry and Male Ushers Ministry.

In 1980, Billy Ray met Waynetta Moses on a blind date, and on February 14, 1981 the two became one.

Cherishing his memories, "The Love of His Life", best friend, confidant, his loving and devoted wife of 35 years Waynetta McGraw; his baby, Sarabi; children, Renee, Wayshawn; and most dedicated Michelle and Brandon; grandchildren, Natasha, Kaniecia, Brandon, Shauna, and "His Pride and Joy", Logan; siblings, Terry (Cherry Ann), John, Ronnie, Jimmie, Jackie (Erica), Janice, Ernest; aunt, Joann; uncles, Jay and Clayvell; a host of cousins and Lynda (Joseph) who was raised with him like a sister; countless nieces and nephews; loving God-children James (LaTangala) Williams, James Williams, II, Yolanda (Odell) Myles, Ta'Carra McClendon, and Deonta' King; supportive friends, Rev. Willie Joe Posey, Rev. Walter Ellis, Tyrone Merchant, Reginald Williams, Minister Clayton Kinson, Samuel L. Jackson, Niles Q. Bland, Sr., Tyrone S. Warden, Ralph Robinson and many sorrowing friends.