



## Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell

March 28, 1936 - November 6, 2023

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way."

Psalm 37:23

Billy Nathaniel McDowell was born on March 28, 1936\* to the late Charlie and Emmaline McDowell in McComb, Mississippi.

Billy received his formal education in the Pike County School System.

Ultimately, he relocated from McComb to Milwaukee, WI.

At an early age, Billy professed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Sweet Home Baptist Church in McComb, MS. After moving to Milwaukee, he joined Zion Hill Missionary Baptist

Church where he remained a member for over 25 years.

On January 25, 1976, Billy united in holy matrimony to Barbara J. (Hudson) Givens. Together they created a beautiful blended family with their five children - Lavib, Alnora, Antoinette, Melvin Jr. and Steven.

Billy had a career in road construction for much of his livelihood until his retirement. He was skilled and clever, especially when building or repairing things.

Billy, along with Barbara, enjoyed new adventures. They explored the U.S. as well as Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean for numerous years with their travel club, FUN, Inc. and Roz's

Fun Tours. Family vacations were all too common and spending time at the campsite in Rock River Leisure Estates (Edgerton, WI) was the family

sanctuary.

Billy loved his music. .. especially the Blues, grilling/cooking and just being outdoors. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan/season ticket holder and enjoyed being at Lambeau Field or watching games in the comfort of his recliner at home.

Billy was a member of the Walnut Street Club for over 20 years and actively participated in all their annual events and activities. In addition, he volunteered at the Bradley Center to help support the Masonic Temple.

Billy Nathaniel McDowell, also lovingly known as "Flash" departed this life and was called to his heavenly home at the handsome age of 87 on Monday, November 6, 2023, while at home surrounded by family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Emmaline McDowell; children-Lavib Isaac,

Melvin D. Givens Jr., and Steven C. Givens; siblings - Carl McDowell, Floyd McDowell, Willie James "Jack" (Hynetia) McDowell Sr., Leroy McDowell, Ernest (Shirley) McDowell, Clara Davis,

Charles (Ovuida) McDowell Sr., Anna L. Brumfield, Ruth Helen Todd, and Eddy LaVern (isiah) Gutter-Ruth; and sisters- in-law Cynthia McDowell and Draper Louise McDowell.

He leaves to cherish his devoted wife of 47 years, Barbara J. McDowell; loving daughters - Alnora (Marton) Shumpert and Antionette McDowell of Milwaukee, WI, daughter-in-law Susa Givens of

Milwaukee, WI; brothers - Willie "Mac" McDowell of Tracy, CA, Jimmie Lee McDowell of Detroit, M I, and Robert Earl "Sonny" McDowell; brother-in-law David (Victoria) Blakely of Caledonia,

WI; and sister-in-law Zelma Hudson of Detroit, MI; along with a flock of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and

loving friends. Special friends - Willie and Annie Alexander.



# Cemetery Details

## Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Brookfield, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Hill Baptist Church  
1825 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Hill Baptist Church  
1825 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Uncle Billy as I knew him, because that's what Clifton called him. He was my Gentle Giant who provided multiple life insights, wisdom and memories. Much Love to Barbara and the McDowell Family.*

*Carol (Turner) Louis-Jean - Memphis, TN*

carol - November 15, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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“ *Carol Lynn Louis-Jean (Turner) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.*

**Carol Lynn Louis-Jean (Turner)** - November 15, 2023 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Carol Lynn Louis-Jean (Turner) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.*



**Carol Lynn Louis-Jean (Turner)** - November 15, 2023 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.*



November 14, 2023 at 08:05 PM

PW

“ *Pamela Watson-Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell*



Pamela Watson-Terrell - November 14, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.*



November 14, 2023 at 01:19 AM

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“ *Our prayers are with family at this time*



Daniel and Henrietta Smith - November 13, 2023 at 08:26 PM

AD

“ *Albert & Dora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.*

Albert & Dora - November 13, 2023 at 06:10 PM

AD

“ Albert & Dora purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell.



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**Albert & Dora** - November 13, 2023 at 06:10 PM

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“ Dear Barbara, I have so many fond memories of our times together on the many Roz Fun Tours. May your many memories comfort you and may the good Lord help you through this trying time. 🙏  
Love always.  
Saundra Orr 😊💕

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**Saundra Orr** - November 10, 2023 at 11:05 PM

JR

“ Jetaunne Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell



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**Jetaunne Richardson** - November 10, 2023 at 03:39 PM

RM

“ Risalyn McCray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell



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**Risalyn McCray** - November 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM

HR

“ Henry Robinbson lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell



Henry robinbson - November 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

RM

“ To Mrs. Barbara McDowell:  
As long as there are memories, love lives on.  
May your heart find comfort  
In knowing that everything you shared  
With you loved one, will forever be a part of  
your life.



Rose McMillian - November 09, 2023 at 06:44 PM

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“ MONICA RENEE MCDOWELL lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Billy Nathaniel McDowell



MONICA RENEE MCDOWELL - November 08, 2023 at 02:48 PM