

Robert Clarence McNeil

March 20, 1954 - October 24, 2025

Robert Clarence McNeil, affectionately known as “Pearl,” was born on March 20, 1954, in Alexandria, Virginia, to the late Pearl Dinkens Rahming and the late Herbert McNeil. He was the eldest of seven children, and though he proudly carried his family name, everyone simply knew him as “Pearl’s son.” Robert received his education in the Alexandria public school system and graduated from T.C. Williams High School—home of the Titans. Following graduation, he began his career with C&P Telephone Company, where he worked for several years as a storekeeper. True to his energetic and ambitious nature, Robert later joined the Safeway grocery chain as a manager and eventually went on to serve the City of Alexandria until his retirement due to injury. A devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Robert was also known as a talented bartender and a natural handyman who could fix just about anything. He had the gift of conversation—people were drawn to his warmth, humor, and easygoing personality. To know him was truly to love him.

Robert peacefully departed this life on October 24, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents, Pearl Dinkens Rahming and Herbert McNeil, and by his brothers, Herbert McNeil and Jeffrey McNeil. He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved son, Tovaun McNeil of Baltimore, Maryland; his sisters, Betty Palmer of Alexandria, Virginia; Joyce McNeil of Temple Hills, Maryland; and Denise Easley of Dumfries, Virginia; his brother, Dennis McNeil of Alexandria, Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends who

will forever hold him in their hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
909 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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909 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Live Streaming Service Link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25115938902411>

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
909 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Interment

NOV 12 (ET)

Bethel Cemetery
Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Robert Clarence McNeil*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 06, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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“ To the Family Members of Brother Robert McNeil,



We, the Ebenezer Baptist Church Family and Rev. Dr. Albert P. Jackson, Sr. Pastor, are saddened to hear about Brother McNeil's passing. Brother McNeil was a kind, generous, and faithful supporter of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

We extend our condolences and sincere prayers to the McNeil Family. We pray you will never forget the laughter and joy of your loved one.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Church Family at any time.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Albert P. Jackson
Sr. Pastor
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA - November 11, 2025 at 01:41 PM

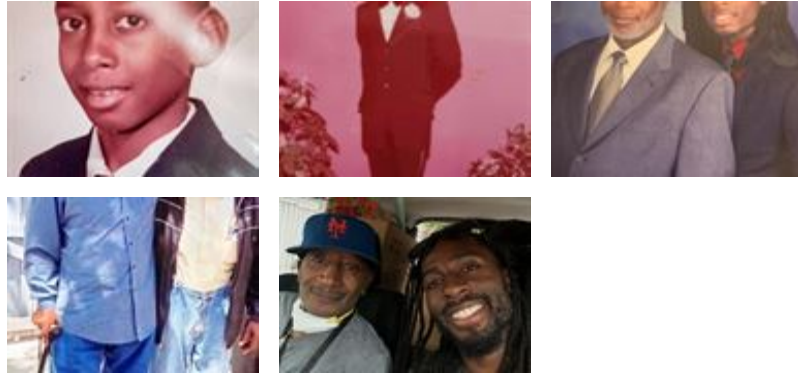
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Pearl and I had a lot of history. Classmates at T.C. Williams, co workers at Safeway. He even utilizes his skills, and bartender my husband's birthday party. I'll never ever forget him. RIP My Friend 4 Life 🙏

Diann Quander-Walton - November 23, 2025 at 02:31 PM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 10, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Condolences to The Family, RIP Pearl

Bernice Carter - November 05, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Rest In Peace Pearl

Thomas Hollis - November 05, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ I remember Mr ,McNeil from Ebenezer Baptist Church and his sister Miss Pearl, always very respectful. My Condolences to this family.



Sandra Penn - November 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

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I recall taking Robert to preschool each morning on my way to school "back in the day when we all lived on the southside". Such a happy fella. Rest in peace Robert. Shirley Miles Napper

Shirley Napper - November 05, 2025 at 09:33 AM