



Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.

November 10, 1934 - June 30, 2021

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHNNY LEONARDO MCCRAY, SR

1934 – 2019

Johnny McCray was born November 10, 1934, in Madison, Florida, to the late Freddie “Walter” McCray and the late Dorena “Dora” McCray. At a young age, he and his family moved to the city of Pompano Beach. He is a proud graduate of Blanche Ely High School, Bethune-Cookman College (now University) with a B.S. degree in Education, and Howard University School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctorate Degree. He was honored to be a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served for eight years in the U.S. and abroad.

In the early 1956, Johnny married his high school sweetheart, Hattie Crockett. To this union three children were born: Johnny Jr., Cassandra, and Lawal Sr. Johnny was active in the Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church in Pompano Beach serving as a Sunday School teacher for many years until his illness in 2004. He accepted Christ Jesus as his Savior at a young age while attending Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pompano Beach. He was a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons (Lodge 409), and the Pompano NAACP as treasurer.

Johnny wore many hats: Grandfather, Father, professor (affectionately known as Dr. McCray), entrepreneur, and community activist. Along with being a

strong loving father and grandfather, he was a longtime college professor at Florida Memorial College (now university). Johnny and Hattie opened a community store, bail bond business and he also became a licensed real estate agent. He proudly served civically having sat for several years on the City of Pompano Employee Review Board and Community Development Board.

Johnny's favorite hobbies were reading, watching the news, working, and educating others. Additionally, his greatest joy was playing with his five grandchildren whom he adored.

Siblings preceding him in death: Charlie "Tugg" McCray, Willie C. McCray Sr., Dorothy McCray.

Left to cherish the beautiful memories of Johnny are: Son-Johnny McCray, Jr (Karen); Daughter Cassandra McCray and Son-Lawal McCray, Sr (Maralice); Grandchildren- Lauren McCray-Echefu (Uche), Johnny McCray III (Stacia); Arlen McCray; Lamiah McCray and Lawal McCray Jr.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

L.C. Poitier Funeral Home
317 NW 6th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
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<https://www.lcpoitierfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUL **17**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Word of Living God Ministry
149 NW 26th Ave
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Burial

AUG **9**. 8:30 AM (ET)

South Florida National Cemetery
6501 State Rd 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ My deepest condolences. I remember many North Broward NAACP meetings with my daddy (Lawson) & Mr. McCray. They seemed to last forever but are etched into my heart 🌹🌹🌹

Kimberley Washington - July 25, 2021 at 01:42 AM



“ Kimberley Washington lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Kimberley Washington - July 25, 2021 at 01:40 AM



“ The Nathaniel E. Green Family sends heart-felt condolences and prayers to The McCray Family. Yet, he be a Giant of Man in his own right, the world has been made better by his journey among us. RIP!



Nathaniel Green - July 16, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Troy and Cheryl Ward and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr..



Troy and Cheryl Ward and Family - July 16, 2021 at 10:05 AM



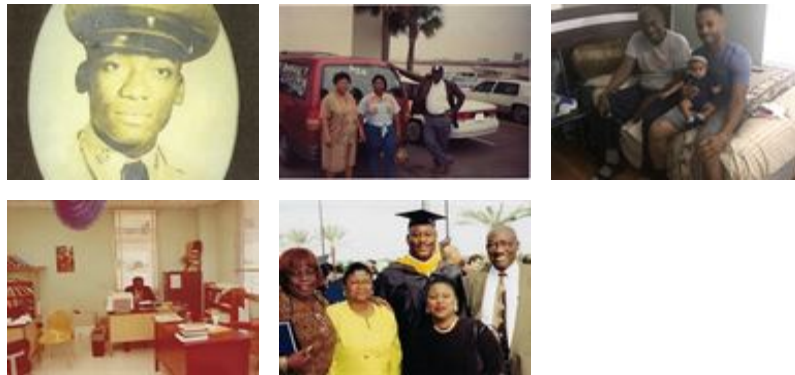
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr..



July 15, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - July 15, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - July 15, 2021 at 04:01 AM

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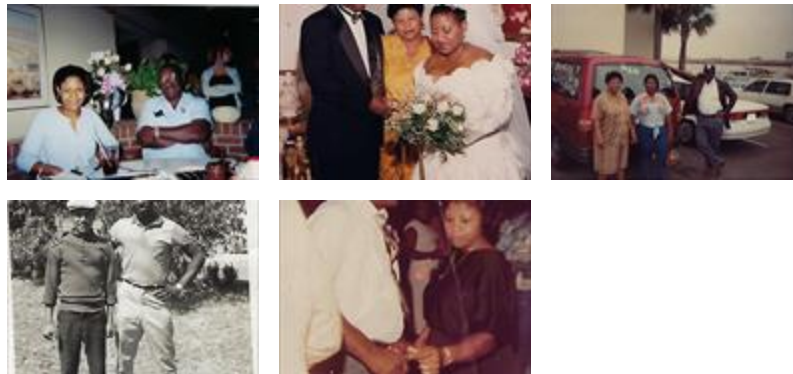
“ Brother George McCray, Joann and Niece Debbie. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr..



Brother George McCray, Joann and Niece Debbie. - July 14, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Memories Album



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - July 14, 2021 at 08:35 PM

CA

“ A friend and mentor from Charles Anderson-Williams.

Charles Anderson-Williams - July 14, 2021 at 07:29 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Family pics/Memories



JM Trey - July 13, 2021 at 09:50 PM

EH

“ Love 💕 condolences and heart-felt prayers and sympathy on the loss of a Pompano pioneer and one of this community's legends. Love from the Ruise, Hunter and Hardens.

Elder Larry and Sister Sandra Harden - July 09, 2021 at 02:42 PM

LF

“ Linda Green My Condolences To The Family lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Linda green my condolences to the family - July 09, 2021 at 11:02 AM

CM

“ Cathryn Martin lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Cathryn Martin - July 09, 2021 at 04:04 AM

TR

“ Tamika Riggs lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Tamika Riggs - July 08, 2021 at 11:07 PM

VR

“ RIH Mr. McCray, Heartfelt sympathy to the family. God's continued blessings and strength during this time and beyond 🙏❤️
Valeria McAllister Reid & Family



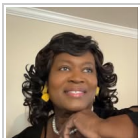
Valeria M. Reid - July 08, 2021 at 06:56 AM

CJ

“ Carlton Jackson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Carlton Jackson - July 06, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Linda Paige lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.



Linda Paige - July 04, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DL

“ *Extending sincere condolences to the beloved family of Mr. Johnny McCray, Sr. May he Rest In Peace.*

Debra LeSane and the Irving Family



Debra LeSane - July 04, 2021 at 08:01 PM

RA

“ *Raina sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.*



Raina - July 04, 2021 at 04:13 PM

RA

Thank you for your service, may you rest in the arms of our Lord, and savior Jesus Christ. SIP

Raina - July 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DN

“ *Dianne Nelson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.*



Dianne Nelson - July 03, 2021 at 07:01 AM

JB

“ 🙏🙏 *Condolences to the family during this storm*



Janette Bullard-Paisley - July 02, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Prayers are with the McCray family during this time of bereavement. SIH Mr Johnny McCray Sr.* 🙏



Wilbert Jones - July 02, 2021 at 08:34 AM

LG

“ *Linda Green lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.*



Linda green - July 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM

LG

“ *Linda Green lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leonardo McCray, Sr.*



Linda green - July 01, 2021 at 06:24 PM