



## Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight

January 4, 1956 - February 27, 2021

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MS. - Pastor Joseph Franklin McKnight was born January 4th, 1956 to the late Rev. Richard Franklin McKnight and Flora Hicks McKnight. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jim McKnight. He is survived by his loving wife Roxann Prater McKnight, his brothers Robert, Richard, Ron and Steve McKnight and his sister Glenda Batson. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and other family members.

Being raised in a Pastor's home, Bro. McKnight understood the call of selfless service for the Kingdom. When he was only 6 years old, he was baptized and received the Holy Ghost dedicating his life to the work of the Lord. He grew up in the Nashville, TN, area, graduated from high school and later continued his education in Theology and Psychology.

At the age of 16, he accepted his call to ministry on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972. Although he co-owned a business with his brother and became a Licensed Contractor, his true heartbeat was ministry. Pastor McKnight married his wife, Roxann Prater McKnight, June 10, 1977. He was Ordained as a Licensed Minister with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ in September 1988. Together, Bro. and Sis. McKnight have served their community, family and church family with commitment, passion, and purpose. Throughout his ministry Bro. McKnight served as Pastor at Milledgeville Pentecostal Church, Youth President of the Tennessee District ALJC, and Youth Pastor for The Pentecostal Church of Blue Mountain before becoming Pastor of The Pentecostal Church of Blue Mountain where he served for 27 years.

He served on the Board for Iron Hill Christian Academy, as chairman of the board of Blue Mountain Children's Home, New Beginnings International Children's & Family Services Board, Section 1 Presbyter of the Mississippi District ALJC, as the Assistant Superintendent of the Mississippi District ALJC, along with directing worship, preaching, teaching and counseling nationwide. He served as Pastor of The Pentecostal Church of Blue Mountain and Superintendent of the Mississippi District ALJC until his death.

Pastor McKnight's passion for ministry was evidenced in his genuine love for souls. His compassion has touched the lives of countless families and individuals. He launched a local Christian Intervention Program, offering support, recovery, and rehabilitation to those in need while sharing the love of Jesus and salvation through Him alone. He was a Nationally Certified Facilitator for Crossroads Curriculum. He launched a local ReConnect Program promoting "Effective Paths for Behavior Change". He served on panels for City planning and activities. He pastored his congregation with love, encouraging guidance with the heart of a true shepherd. His vision was for The Pentecostal Church of Blue Mountain to be as a 'city set on a hill'; a sanctuary where the hurting and the weary find solace. Daily living out his motto, "Reaching Upward To God And Outward To Man", Pastor McKnight maintained his fervor for the gospel and his commitment to connecting the called according to His purpose until the afternoon of February 27th, 2021 when he was called to his eternal home with the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Lieu of Flowers the family is requesting donations in honor of Rev.

McKnight to:

The Pentecostal Church

P.O. Box 35

Blue Mountain, MS 38610

Condolences for the McKnight family may be sent [www.mcbridefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Pentecostal Church  
Hwy. 15  
Blue Mountain, MS 38610

## Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

The Pentecostal Church  
Hwy. 15  
Blue Mountain, MS 38610

## Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Pentecostal Church  
Hwy. 15  
Blue Mountain, MS 38610

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Pentecostal Church  
Hwy. 15  
Blue Mountain, MS 38610

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Stella Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight*



**Stella Johnson** - March 06, 2021 at 12:17 PM



*My Condolences to Sister McKnight and Family's.*

**Stella Johnson** - March 06, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Carmen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight*



**carmen hubbard** - March 05, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Wanda Carter lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight*



**Wanda Carter** - March 04, 2021 at 12:06 PM

WC

*Charles and I send our condolences to Sis. McKnight & Family*

**Wanda Carter** - March 04, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ *Prayers for Ms Roxann will miss him so much*

**Johnny and Paulette Childs** - March 03, 2021 at 12:57 PM

TY

“ *So sorry, love and prayers for Sis Mc Knight, all the family and church family. He was a great man of God and will be missed by all.*



**Tiny & Sarah Young** - March 03, 2021 at 10:09 AM

WC

“ *WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight*



**WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** - March 02, 2021 at 07:10 PM

FM

“ *Bro. McKnight was a true man of God. He was an encouragement for all that knew him. Our prayers are with Sis. McKnight and the church family. May God wrap you in his comfort arms and bring you peace throughout the coming days.*

**Frank and Tina McConnell** - March 02, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight.



March 02, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight.



March 02, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of our friend, Rev. McKnight's passing. He was a wonderful man of GOD. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Rev. & Mrs. Patrick Anders*

**Rev.Patrick Anders** - March 02, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *A very much loved man ,he always showed his love and knowed just what to say and when. He cared for everyone,will never forget the many times he called and would just say How are you'll doing ,was just thinking about you'll and if you'll need us anyway just let us know and you could tell He really meant it.He will be very much missed by all.*



**Rev. Eldon McVey Family** - March 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BN

“ Bro. Joey Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight



Bro. Joey Norris - March 02, 2021 at 11:28 AM

TC

“ Thurman Jr and Wendi Covey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight.



Thurman Jr and Wendi Covey - March 02, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TC

“ Praying for you, Sis McKnight. My heart hurts for you.



Teresa Chessor - March 02, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight.



March 01, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight.



March 01, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Judi Garner Fox lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight



Judi Garner Fox - March 01, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ Lois Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight



Lois Watson - March 01, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ Kerry Gross lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight



Kerry Gross - March 01, 2021 at 08:16 AM