



## Rev. Alester Charles McElroy

March 15, 1948 - February 26, 2015

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.  
~ Proverbs 3:5-6

Alester Charles McElroy was born March 15, 1948 to the union of Cordie and Jossie Simmons McElroy in Monroe, Louisiana. He was youngest of eleven children. He received Christ at an early age and united with the Tabernacle Baptist Church under the auspices of Rev. Dr. P.C. Keel. He later united with Dyers Chapel C.M.E Church in West Monroe, Louisiana. His parents along with nine siblings, one daughter and son, preceded him in death.

After graduating from Carroll High School in 1966, he enrolled at Grambling State University, later receiving his degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Upon graduation, he began his career with General Motors later continuing his studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center.

In 1970, Alester married the love of his life, Jeanette Mayfield. During his earthly journey, Alester along with his wife, began many ministries and served in various capacities all to glorify the name of the Lord from Louisiana to Georgia. After accepting his call to the ministry, he pastored Shady Grove, Youngs Chapel, and Burks Temple C.M.E Churches in Louisiana. In Georgia he pastored, Prospect Liberty, Bethel Grove (twice), St. John, Murray

Memorial, and Holsey Chapel C.M.E Churches. His profound love for God was exemplified in every area of his life. His passion for serving God and mankind inspired others to do the same. Alester, like the Psalmist David, truly was a man after God's own heart. He was a singer, songwriter, and produced an album entitled Live For Him.

GOD in his infinite wisdom and love, decided that February 26, 2015 was the day Alester would enter into heavenly rest. He leaves to cherish a rich legacy of faith, beautiful memories, and a devoted and loving wife , Jeanette, one son Gabriyah Yahsharala, three daughters Melodi McElroy Richardson (Terrance), Essence and Ayanda McElroy, two sisters Marguerite Mays (Eddie) Smith Creek, Michigan and Gloria Sweet (Albert) Monroe, Louisiana, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Celebration of life services for Rev. Alester Charles McElroy will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, March 5th, 2015 at Bethel Grove C.M.E. Church 603 Wallace Rd. Griffin, GA, US, 30223. Viewing Wednesday March 4, 2015 from 10AM – 8PM at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy., Decatur, GA. 30034. 404-241-5656. Memorial service 11:00 AM Saturday March 7, 2015 at Miller Funeral Home Inc. 2932 Renwick St Monroe, LA, US, 71201. Interment following at Richwood Memorial Gardens. 2705 Richwood Road 2. Monroe, LA, US, 71202

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Grove C.M.E. Church  
603 Wallace Rd.  
Griffin, GA 30223

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home Inc  
2932 Renwick St  
Monroe, LA 71201

## Interment

MAR 7 (CT)

Richwood Memorial Gardens  
2705 Richwood Road 2  
Monroe, LA 71202



# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *May your faith of believing in eternal life with the Lord Jesus Christ sustain and keep the McElroy family knowing that one day you will meet again forever more with great joy! I knew Rev. McElroy to be a kind and humble christian servant.*

*Prayerfully, Sis. Christine Williams, Monroe, Louisiana*



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**Christine Williams** - March 07, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Alester Charles McElroy.*



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March 05, 2015 at 11:28 AM

MR

“ *Pastor and his devoted wife influenced my life when he served at Young's Chapel CME Church in Calhoun, LA. I song in the choir and because of their spiritual and musical ministries, I went on to get a scholarship in music and wrote and recorded my first song. In my adult life, I was blessed to be able to work closely with his daughter Melodi as she was growing up. We had the same name, but spelled it differently.*

*Though far away my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement. Let your light continue to shine until we all shall rise and meet again.*

*Melanie Cole Rawls and Family*

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**Melanie Cole Rawls** - March 05, 2015 at 02:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Alester Charles McElroy.*



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March 04, 2015 at 01:44 PM



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March 04, 2015 at 12:29 PM

SC

“ I will never forget this kind man! My love goes out to you Rev. Jeanette and family.  
In Christ,  
Sandra G. Carter  
Monticello, GA

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**Sandra G. Carter** - March 04, 2015 at 08:13 AM

FP

“ Glad to meet a great and outstanding man. He truly and deeply loved his family, whom I know will miss him. He is home with God, that I know he loved as well. I send my prayers out to his family.



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**Felipe Patterson** - March 03, 2015 at 03:44 PM

KO

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is blessed to have had a wonderful and spiritual leader in your lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

*The Owens Family (Derrick & Kimberly)*

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**Kimberly Owens** - March 03, 2015 at 03:07 PM

AM

“ Terrance, Melodi and Family,

*Please accept my sincere condolences at the passing of your father. Jesus said he was going to prepare a place for us, his children and there would be many rooms in the mansion. I am sure your father has found his room. Lean on the Lord for comfort during this bereaved time.*

*Theron & Annette Moore  
Lockheed Martin*

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**Annette Moore** - March 03, 2015 at 11:34 AM

MT

“ *We share your sorrow. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with the family.*

*Minnie Turman*

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**Minnie Turman** - March 03, 2015 at 08:30 AM



Kimberly Walker

“ For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.... So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.  
~ 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8

*On behalf of the Village of Hope, we extend our love, prayers and condolences to the McElroy family. May GOD comfort and strengthen you and grant you peace. Reverend Alester C. McElroy was a kind and gentle spirit who is dearly missed. We are saddened by his passing, yet we celebrate a life well-lived and a wonderful minister of the Gospel. Reverend A.C., well done good and faithful servant; take your eternal rest with the Lord.*

*Reverend Kimberly G. Walker, Pastor  
Village of Hope CME Church*

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**Kimberly Walker** - March 02, 2015 at 05:21 PM

AS

“ *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
*Matt 5:4*

*Atlanta Rome Ministers' Spouses , Widows, Widowers, Widoweess,  
and Retires  
North Georgia District CME*

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**Atlanta Rome Ministers' Spouses** - March 02, 2015 at 11:54 AM

RD

“ We believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who have died in Christ. God will raise them to be with the Lord forever. Comfort one another with these words.  
1 Thess. 4:14, 17-18

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*  
*Rev. Willie and Sis. Angela Davis*  
*Sanctuary of Christian Fellowship Church, Covington, Georgia*

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**Rev. Willie and Sis. Angela Davis** - March 02, 2015 at 11:52 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope during this most difficult time. May Jehovah, the God of all comfort, the love of your family and friends give you the strength you need to endure. ( 2 Corinth.1:3,4)

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**janet** - March 01, 2015 at 06:11 PM