



Emanuel Samil McKinnon

December 23, 1988 - March 19, 2025

Emanuel Samil McKinnon was born at University Hospital in Newark, Nj on December 23, 1988 to Howard McKinnon and Tracy McKinnon. Emanuel departed his life on March 19, 2025 at the age of 36 years old. He was baptized at a young age at Unity Freedom Baptist Church in Newark, Nj. Later he joined Unity Freedom Baptist Church. He was educated through the Newark school system and started his education at St. Roccas. Emanuel relocated to Stone Mountain Georgia in May of 1998 with his two loving parents.

As a child Mil loved to play football, write poems, take rides in his jeep and he loved to play kickball. Mil wrote his first poem at 8 years old and his poem was published in the Weekly Reader. The Weekly Reader was a school competition for the state of New Jersey. His poetry touched many lives and he later became Emanuel Dapoet.

Mil was musically inclined and always had a zest for people and music. At a young age Mil started playing string instruments, then moved on to brass instruments and ended with playing percussion. Mil also wrote music. He learned to play the piano and the trumpet but enjoyed playing drums more than anything. Mil got his first job at 16 years old at American Deli where he worked throughout High School. His next job was working at Dunbar security working at the Atlanta world congress center. After high school Mil went back to Stone Mountain High School to help give back to the band. He was the assistant for the Stone Mountain High School band. He was responsible for

helping students perfect their craft in percussion. Mil also was a summer camp instructor for Morris Brown College's band. At the end of the summer they would do a big performance called "Cream Drumline."

Emanuel also had an all women's kickball team. His team was called the "Raging Rubies". Mil loved to bowl and was in a bowling league. He would go to Stars and Stripes bowling alley to bowl with friends.

Emanuel worked for Brinks for many years until. He started there as a hopper, then moved on to dispatch. He also was working in the vault as his last job. He traveled from state to state to train and help other branches. Emanuel was very hard working and was dedicated to his work at Brinks. He loved working at Brinks with friends.

Emanuel leaves to cherish his memories to his parents Howard McKinnon(GA) and Tracy McKinnon(GA). His Grandmother Bessie McGrady(NJ). His two siblings Dontay McKinnon(MI) and Jackie Lumford(MA). His Aunts and Uncles: Cathy Mcgrady Johnson (Eric, NJ), Bernice Martin (NJ), Margaret McKinnon(VA), Bloneva McKinnon(GA) and Henry Thomas (Jean, NJ). A host of nieces and nephews. A host of cousins. He is preceded in death by Grandfather Onie McGrady, Grandfather Ben Brown Grandmother Aaran McKinnon, Great Grandmother Nettie Thomas, Aunt Sharone McGrady, Aunt Lois Hawkins, Aunt Patricia McKinnon, Uncle William McKinnon, Uncle Nathaniel McKinnon, Uncle Harold McKinnon and Uncle Freddie McKinnon.

Emanuel means God is with us and we know he is now resting with him. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and prayers at this time of bereavement.

The celebration of life service for Emanuel Samil McKinnon will be live streamed on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5026168>

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

MAR **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *It is with much sadness and regret that we offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of this wonderful young man. My sister taught Emanuel in junior high school long before I met him. We met through my nephew and thus began many fun and memorable occasions of get togethers and dinners and just plain fun. I last saw him two weeks ago as we celebrated a happy event of two shared friends. He was as funny as ever and we had a great time. He was very special and has left a lasting impression on my family. He was just a great guy and I have no doubt that he is resting in heaven on a cloud looking down on us all. Peace be with his surviving family and friends. We are all the better for having known this wonderful young man. Rest in peace my friend.*

Dorethea Bradley, Delbra Crenshaw and family

Dorethea Bradley - March 28, 2025 at 09:17 PM

PW

“ *We extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Deacon McKinnon and his family. Please know that you are in our prayers. The Lord will strengthen you in your time of bereavement! Pastor Patricia Wilkins & the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Family of Pelham, Ga.*

Patricia Wilkins - March 26, 2025 at 12:19 PM

VN

I pray strength and blessings to your family. May God bless each of you at this time.
Valerie Neal

Valerie Neal - March 26, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SS

With Deepest Sympathy. At this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Keep holding on to God's unchanging hand. 🙏

Sandra shelton - March 26, 2025 at 10:46 PM

AK

The Father in Heaven will see you and your family through these difficult days. This is were He shows His power to comfort. Praying for you and your family.

Apostle Jacqueline Kennerly - March 26, 2025 at 11:02 PM

BY

“ *Rest In Peace my guy! You have always been great to me & your legacy will live on! From your Home Team family.*

Byran - March 22, 2025 at 11:28 PM

JA

“ *As a former band mom, and current teacher at Stone Mountain High school my sincere condolences to the McKinnon entire family.*



Janelle - March 22, 2025 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ *Didn't expect last week to be the last time we laughed together. We miss you already! Rest peacefully, brother. ...Charles & Shan*



Charles - March 22, 2025 at 09:24 PM

GB

Tracy and Howard, I am praying with and for the entire family. ❤️🙏

Georgie Baskerville - March 26, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TM

Tracy, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I met you at your sister Cathy's house in NJ. I will pray for you and yours during this time of bereavement.

Thelma McCloud - March 26, 2025 at 01:11 PM

BM

Deacon Howard Mckinnon we are praying for you and your family. We pray God strengthen you all. Deacon Melvin Mitchell and Family.

Belinda Mitchell - March 26, 2025 at 03:25 PM