



## Gregory Alonzo McCrary

April 9, 2013

A Celebration of Life For Mr. Gregory McCrary will be held TUESDAY April 16, 2013 11:00AM at Greenforest Community Baptist Church 3250 Rainbow Drive Decatur, Georgia 30034. Visitation MONDAY April 15, 2013 from 12-8:00PM at Greater Traveler Rest Baptist Church 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, Georgia 30034. Gregory Alonzo McCrary, Sr. started life on March 24, 1952, to John McCrary, Sr. (deceased), and Lillian McCrary. Gregory's life ended on April 9, 2013. He was the father of four remarkable children: Monica Appling, Gregory McCrary, Jr., Leah McCrary, and Johnathon McCrary. Gregory's life was impacted by his late brother (Joe McCrary) and late sister (Sylvia McCrary). Gregory established himself early in life as a competitor in any sport he set his sights. He honed his talents at Fairmont High School, Griffin Georgia. He lettered in four sports and received a scholarship to play football and baseball at Clark College, Atlanta Georgia. He was inducted into the Griffin Hall of Fame and Clark College Hall of Fame. A little known fact, Gregory was drafted to play baseball in the MLB and football in the NFL. He was drafted as a fifth-round pick as a tight end by the Atlanta Falcons in 1975. He also played with the San Diego Chargers and the Washington Redskins, totaling eight years in the NFL. After his NFL career, he earned his Specialist Degree in Education Leadership and began sharing his knowledge by teaching and coaching. He coached at Akron University, Akron Ohio, Clark Atlanta University, and he served as head coach at Druid Hills High School and Tri-Cities High School. He served as assistant coach at Rockdale High

School, Morrow High School, North Clayton High School, and Forest Park High School. His teaching career ended at Harper Elementary School and Tara Elementary School, Georgia. He leaves joyous memories to share and to cherish: children: Monica Appling, Gregory McCrary, Jr., Leah McCrary, and Johnathon McCrary; mother: Lillian McCrary; brothers and sisters: Gloria Robinson (Gary), John McCrary, Jr. (Blanche), Rozalyn Todd (Charles), Phillip McCrary, Sr. (Constance), and Medrith McCrary; special friend: Sheila Artis, three grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Gregory Alonzo McCrary Sr.: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few seek the comfort they search for. The unscriptural doctrines that are taught concerning death do not leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that God works in mysterious ways or that God needed another angel, does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. Nonetheless, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32). To find the Bible's satisfying answers to many other questions, please go to the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).

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**A Friend** - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I offer sincere condolences and Scriptural encouragement to the family and friends of Mr. McCrary. May your faith in God's loving resurrection provision (John 3:16) continue to sustain you all as you look ahead to the time when all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. ~John 5:28,29. God is faithful and always keeps his promises! He promises: I will by no means leave you nor by any means forsake you. ~Hebrews 13:5

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**Beulah Parks** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere condolences for your loss. May God comfort you and bring you peace through the loving promise of the resurrection.

K.Carney-Rev.21:4 - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Gregory Alonzo McCrary

SHERRIE BERRY LAMAR - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family my deepest sympathy goes out to you all. Greg was a change agent and anyone that came across his path were never the same again. Not only was he my friend but it was an honor to call him my brother. I thank you for sharing him and I Pray that God grants you with the Blessings of reaping his harvest. I'll leave you with this scripture of comfort: Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! God Bless each and everyone of you

Kent Davis - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM