



## Mr. John D. McClellan Jr.

October 28, 1931 - May 6, 2021

John David McClellan, Jr was the only child of the late John David and Helen Virginia McClellan, born October 28, 1931 in Jackson, TN. He was the husband of Louvella (for 52 Years). The Father of five children, Grandfather of five, Great Grandfather of three.

John made his commitment to Christ at an early age right here at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and remained a member for 77 years under the leadership of Rev. Jackson, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Derrick, Rev. Page, Rev. Brock, Rev. Mackey and currently Rev. Reginald Currie.

John attended A&I State University where he was in the Band and ROTC. While in college he was a member of the Curtis Ames Orchestra in Jackson, TN. In 1953 at the end of his Sophomore year, he was drafted into the United States Army and for two years he served as a Special Troops Bandsman TIC at Fort Benning, GA. He received the National Defense Service Medal and The Good Conduct Medal.. Upon his discharge from active military service, he transferred to the Army Reserve to complete an additional eight years.

Upon his return, he continued his education, earning a BA Degree in Music from Lane College. In April 2010 Lane College honored him with a 60-year

college diploma. John received his early education in the Jackson City Public School System. He expressed a passion for music when he was about 12 years of age. As a result of the desire, determination and most of all by the Grace of God, he pursued a career in music.

John served his entire career as Band Director in the Jackson City School System for 33 years and retired in 1990. John performed with many local bands throughout the city for over 50 years.

In 2008, Merry High School Alumni Association recognized him for his dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to Merry High School. He was committed to developing not only showmanship but musical precision and technique in his students. John has been blessed to have the opportunity to touch the lives of many students during his career.

John David McClellan, Jr. was a quiet, kind, caring person who loved God, his Family, his Friends (and of course his Music). His home was always filled with music. Whether he was playing, listening, or simply whistling while performing a task.

John's basic belief was to treat others as you want to be treated. That was the code he lived by. His ultimate trust was in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John was Loved and Respected by his entire Family and those who knew him. He will forever be the missing note from the music of our lives.

He leaves to cherish his memories and continue his legacy of love, and faith, his wife Louvella, his five children---Cynthia Henry (Charles), Sandra McClellan, Felecia Love (Terry), Joseph Manuel (Jessica) and Lawanda

Baker; five grandchildren: Hamish Love, Timothy Love (Anne), Melissa Love, Nigel Manuel and Laila Baker; three great-grandchildren, Jacy Love, Jaxon Love, and Malia Nelson.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
[info@stephenson-shaw.com](mailto:info@stephenson-shaw.com)  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Baptist Church  
106 Glass Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John D. McClellan Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Cheryl Ratliff Hopewell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr.*



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**Cheryl Ratliff Hopewell** - June 11, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr..*



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May 14, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr..*



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May 14, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BW

“ *May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds. We love you and you are in our prayers.*

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church- WP - May 14, 2021 at 08:29 AM

BH

“ *With sympathy in the loss of your loved one. In time may the special memories of all you shared will fill your hear and bring you peace. Praying for the family and may you find Comfort in knowing that God is with you always. With Love Barbara Hartsfield, Winter Springs, Florida*



Barbara Hartsfield - May 13, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr..*



May 13, 2021 at 11:06 AM

WM

“ *with much love and prayers, Janina Hasbun & Mom purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr..*



with much love and prayers, Janina Hasbun & Mom - May 13, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr..*



May 12, 2021 at 11:20 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I hope your fond memories of him will be a blessing and comfort to you.*

**Terri Betts** - May 12, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to your family. May Peace rest, rule and abide throughout.*

**Sterling Powell** - May 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Agnes Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr.*



**Agnes Yarborough** - May 12, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Remembering a great musician and friend.*

**Joseph McKinney** - May 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM

VC

“ *My prayers and condolences to you and your family. God will provide strength and comfort in your time of sorrow! God has called home his Angel of Music to play in his holy band.*

*Ms. Cobb*



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**Vickie L Cobb-Lucien** - May 12, 2021 at 11:36 AM

BS

*My Condolences goes out to you and family...He is with God, his father who has called him home. God will provide strength and comfort in your time of mourning! Gone but Never Forgotten, with memories always eternal.....*

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**betty smith** - May 12, 2021 at 12:24 PM

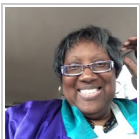
SB

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family in this difficult time. My prayers are with you, God give you comfort and strength. Much love.*

*Sherril Bedesi.*

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**Sherril Bedesi** - May 12, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. He was a fantastic person and provider. May your memories of him keep him alive in your hearts as you share them with the upcoming musicians in the family. Much love to you guys. We're here for you if you need anything.*

*Debra Jones Phelps and Danielle Jones*

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**Debra Phelps** - May 12, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. McClellan Jr.*



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**Phyllis Staten** - May 11, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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“ *Mr McClellan was a very honest man. I remember him telling me band was not for me and I thanked him because I didn't want it either.*

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**Phyllis Staten** - May 11, 2021 at 10:52 PM

WM

“ *My brother (Raymond Triggs Jr.) and I loved Mr. McClellan. He was the greatest band director at Merry High School. Praying for you and the family.*



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**Wanda Mercer** - May 11, 2021 at 08:20 PM