



## Curtis Howard McGruder

January 27, 1940 - August 31, 2018

Curtis McGruder, 78 of Florissant, was born to the late Milton and Annie McGruder in West Helena, Arkansas. He was a retiree of McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing. He was a faithful member of the Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Curtis had a gifted voice. He used his gift throughout the area to sing praises to God. He was a member of the In-Unison Choir with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Curtis has left many to cherish his memory - his children Anita McGruder and Michael McGruder; sisters Jessie (Lindell) Burnley and Ruth Hopkins; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and his Greater Mount Carmel Church Family under the leadership of Rev. Earl E. Nance, Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Greater Mount Carmel M.B. Church  
1617 N. Euclid  
St. Louis, MO 63113

## Funeral Services

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Eva Clark lit a candle in memory of Curtis Howard McGruder*



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**Eva Clark** - January 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

EM

“ *Curtis was a man who was always the same no matter where he was. His smile and warmth was signature Curtis. May the gates open and welcome Curtis home and his voice join the Angels choir. Rest In Peace, sweet Curtis.*

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**Emma Morton** - September 06, 2018 at 10:11 AM

PL

“ *Curtis was such a sweet and encouraging person. I was honored to know him and sing with him in the In Unison Chorus.*

*Rest in Jesus.*

*Love,  
Patricia Land*

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**Patricia Land** - September 06, 2018 at 09:58 AM

BA

“ *I will always remember when Curtis spent an entire day helping me plant flowers in my yard. I will always smile when I look at them. I believe only angels help to plant flowers. I will miss him dearly.*

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**Benita Lanham Austin** - September 05, 2018 at 05:24 PM

JW

“ *Curtis was a gentle spirit. It was a blessing and a pleasure to have shared in singing with him in the InUnison Chorus for 24 years.*  
*Jeanette White*

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**jeanette white** - September 05, 2018 at 04:53 PM

MI

“ *My heart is still sad to know we will not share early Saturday morning talks across the deck, you teaching me how to make my grass look like yours, you sharing me your wisdom to help me navigate the teen years with my son and all the other talks we shared. In 5 short years you became family and I will truly miss seeing your smiling face and our talks.*

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**michelle** - September 05, 2018 at 08:54 AM

BR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Beverly Reed** - September 04, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Curtis Howard McGruder.*



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September 04, 2018 at 08:40 PM

DC

“ *Danita E Clay lit a candle in memory of Curtis Howard McGruder*



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**Danita E Clay** - September 03, 2018 at 10:10 PM

TM

“ *I had the honor and privilege to sing beside and share a stage with this inspiring, kind, enthusiastic, encouraging, happy, joyful man. We had many uplifting and personal conversations. I can't imagine In Unison Chorus without his energy and laughter, his unique spirit, and the way he could shout hallelujah!*

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**Thomm Morgan** - September 03, 2018 at 05:19 PM

TS

*I loved to hear Curtis sing his solo in the Hallelujah Chorus with the In Unison Chorus. Curtis and I always shared a hug after each rehearsal and performance. He shall be greatly missed by me. My prayers go out to his family.*

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**Teresia Simmons** - September 03, 2018 at 07:25 PM

BR

“ *A great soldier on the battle field fighting for the Lord  
I will truly miss my friend that's always been there for me and my  
family  
I'm going miss making sure your bow was straitened on Sundays  
before we  
Marched in on Sunday hair was in place and he would say thank  
you mom love you  
Just a little personal joke between us of course I'm not old enough  
to be his mo  
If there was anybody that wanted too know who Jesus is you did  
Curtis you did  
May your family be comforted during your hours of bereavement for  
this too shall  
Past away.  
Brenda Ford Rhymes*

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**brenda rhymes** - September 01, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ *I was so saddened to learn of Curtis's passing. He left us way too  
soon. I had the privilege of working with Curtis at McDonnell  
Douglas for 18 years. I never heard him speak a bad word about  
anybody. He was well respected by all who knew him. My  
condolences to Curtis's family and friends. It's not goodbye Curtis,  
it's I'll see you later.*

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**Rob Georgen** - September 01, 2018 at 03:51 PM

DW

*A great man*

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**Dianne Witherspoon** - September 01, 2018 at 04:39 PM

SC

“ One of the kindest man I have ever known and a gifted vocalist. He will be missed! Condolences to the family.



stephanie cruickshank - September 01, 2018 at 02:48 PM

MR

“ I worked with Curtis for many years at McDonnell Douglas. Then, after nearly 20 years out of town, I came back to STL and joined In Unison, When I walked into the first rehearsal, there was Curtis. We remembered each other instantly. What a nice guy. So sorry to hear he is gone.

Michael Rubin - September 01, 2018 at 02:00 PM

CS

“ Curtis was the sweetest soul I had the privilege of knowing and working with for many years at McDonnell Dougle. Prayers for the family during this time.

Carol (Datillo) Shannon



Carol Shannon - September 01, 2018 at 01:41 PM

KF

“ *Ken And The Archway Family lit a candle in memory of Curtis Howard McGruder*



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**Ken and The Archway Family** - September 01, 2018 at 10:55 AM