

SEE YOURSELF WHEN ALL IS NEW

(Revelation 21:1-5)

1. Just see yourself, just see me too:

Just see us all in a world that is new.
Think how you'll feel, how it will be,
To live in peace, to be truly free.
No evil one will then prevail;
Rule by our God cannot ever fail.

The time will have come for a new earthly start,

The song of our praises
will pour out from our heart:

(CHORUS)

"We thank you, our God, for all you have done.

All things are new by the rule of your Son.
The fullness of our heart overflows in our song:

All glory and honor and praise to you belong."

2. Now see yourself, and see me too:

And look ahead to a world that is new.
No sight we see, no sound we hear
Will cause alarm or give rise to fear.
All has come true, just as he said:
Now over mankind, his tent is spread.

He now will awaken those sleeping in death:

Their voices will join ours with
ev'ry grateful breath:

(CHORUS)

"We thank you, our God, for all you have done.

All things are new by the rule of your Son.
The fullness of our heart overflows in our song:
All glory and honor and praise to you belong."

(See also Ps. 37:10, 11; Isa. 65:17; John 5:28; 2 Pet. 3:13.)

SINCERE THANKS

The Family

of Vaughn E. McMillian would like to express their appreciation to all for their love, support, prayers, texts, calls, flowers and expressions of love during our time of immeasurable loss.

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Jehovah God is Love and Love ALWAYS wins.

IN LOVING MEMORY



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*Vaughn Elbert
McMillian*

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KINGDOM HALL of JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2505 US-109 S • WADESBORO, NC 28170

2:00 PM

OBITUARY

Vaughn Elbert McMillian was born on January 28, 1961 in Fayetteville, NC to the late Robert McMillian and Illa Gerald. He departed on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Richmond County Hospice in Rockingham, NC. Vaughn grew up in Fayetteville and graduated from Pine Forest High School in 1979. Vaughn worked various jobs there, including as a radio personality at local stations. He eventually joined the Navy where he retired after 20 years in 2011. He then worked for – and retired from – the US Postal Service.

Vaughn was genuinely thoughtful, and embraced the “old school” way, like being polite on every occasion, tipping his cap to strangers, opening car doors for ladies, and bringing his wife flowers or gifts just because. His generosity and love spread to everyone he met. He loved his spiritual family and they loved him too. He will be deeply missed by many.

Vaughn was a faithful servant of Jehovah God, being baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses on June 10, 2012. He loved teaching others about the Bible and Jehovah’s coming Kingdom where ‘death, tears, mourning, and pain will be no more’ (Isa 25:8; Rev. 21:3,4). Vaughn enjoyed serving as a ministerial servant in the congregation, and especially enjoyed his role in helping with the video duties at the meetings. The congregation appreciated Vaughn for his sincere expressions of faith, humor, generosity, hard work, willingness to help, warmth, genuineness, caring attitude, bright smile, contagious laugh, and the many special and unique ways he interacted with each person.

Vaughn also enjoyed grilling and cooking. When the grands would help cook, he called them his “sous chefs.” He also enjoyed photography and taught his grand daughter Zahria the basics for taking great pictures. He interacted from the heart with all his grands and loved taking them outside to explore nature, hit golf balls, gaze at the stars, or just sit and talk.

In addition to his father Robert McMillian, Vaughn was preceded in death by his brother, Jay Gerald; his step-father, Jerry Gerald; his grand daughter, Kaylee Bennett; his maternal grandparents who raised him, Lee and Lila McNeil; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hampton and Amelia Allen.

Vaughn is survived by his beloved and dedicated wife, Brenda. They were married for 22 years and had been friends for 48 years. He is survived by daughters Kayesha Nivens (Boris) of Ansonville, NC and Naundi Smith of Fayetteville, NC, and eight grandchildren: Jermaine Smith, Brendan Smith, Jireh Brown, Jah’mere Brown, Amela Brown, Zaylen Nivens, Zahria Nivens and Zakharee Nivens. He is also survived by his mother, Illa Gerald of Fayetteville, NC, and a sister/cousin Jackie McDuffie of Fayetteville, NC; special friends Jay Bryant of Spruce, Michigan, and Eugene Cotton of Fayetteville, NC; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Rashonda Sturdivant, RN at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center; Richmond County Hospice for his last few hours of care; Evadne Smith with Smith's Funeral Home; and extra special thanks to the Wadesboro congregation for their tireless, loving, and unwavering support during this difficult time.



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Prelude

KINGDOM SONGS / VIDEO

Opening Prayer

MARC JONES

Reading of the Obituary

JERRY HARRIS

Funeral Discourse

ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

Closing Song

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Closing Prayer

JAMES DOCKERY