



Celebration
OF LIFE FOR



TO OUR BELOVED...

In tears, we saw your sinking;
We watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost broken—
You fought so hard to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping,
so peaceful and free from pain,
How could we wish that you were back with us
to suffer once again?

Yes, it broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you that sad day
God called you home.
~ The Family ~

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Monday, February 2, 2026
12:30 P.M.
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road | Jacksonville, Florida 32218

REPAST

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church of Northside
1880 Edgewood Avenue W. | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Deacon Solomon McClendon, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to our family and friends for all the lovely cards, flowers, telephone calls, visits, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

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DEACON
SOLOMON
MCCLENDON

“Sol”

Sunrise
NOVEMBER 27, 1931

Sunset
JANUARY 20, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 ~ 11:00 A.M.
GREATER MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHSIDE
1880 Edgewood Avenue W. | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Minister Solomon J. McClendon, Sr., Officiating

HIS LIFE & LEGACY

DEACON SOLOMON McCLENDON was born on November 27, 1931, in Vienna, GA, to Mrs. Alma McClendon Hamilton (Anderson) and Willie Hamilton. Both parents preceded him in death.

At an early age, Solomon moved to Jacksonville, FL, with his grandmother, Fannie McClendon, who raised him. He attended the public schools of Jacksonville and graduated from Matthew W. Gilbert High School in 1953. Following graduation, Solomon was drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served 23 months in Europe during the Korean conflict. After completing his military service, he attended Edward Waters College (EWC).

Solomon began his distinguished federal career through the Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF) Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice Program at Jacksonville Naval Air Station. He dedicated 33 years of federal service, ultimately retiring as a General Foreman, a testament to his work ethic, leadership, and technical expertise.

Solomon was deeply engaged in community, fellowship, and service. He was a member of American Legion Post 197. He was also affiliated with the 100 Black Men organization and the Rabia Temple. As an avid golfer and card player, Solomon enjoyed camaraderie and friendly competition. He was a proud founding Jacksonville Jaguars Fan and a season ticket holder, supporting the team from its inception with unwavering loyalty.

Solomon was an ordained deacon and faithfully served at Greater Macedonia Baptist Church of Northside, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to faith and service. At GMBC, Solomon met Loretta Bolton, and they were later married in Jacksonville, FL.

Solomon shared three sons with his former wife, Patricia C. Harper-McClendon: Solomon J. McClendon, Sr. (Lydia), Patrick A. McClendon, Sr. (Pamela), and Eric B. McClendon, Sr. (Michelle), all of Jacksonville, FL.

Solomon departed this earthly life on January 20, 2026, peacefully, comfortably, and pain-free at Community Hospice at Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, with his son Eric and daughter-in-law Michelle, holding his hand.

In addition to his parents and grandmother, Solomon was preceded in death by the following siblings: McClendon Anderson, Fannie Mae Anderson, Eugene Anderson, Jimmie Anderson, Willie B. Hamilton, Frank Lee Anderson, Rosetta Robinson, Bertha Mae Anderson, John Hamilton, Roberta H. Williams, Gladys A. LeCount, Louise Davis, Arthur Washington, Rev. Joe Powell, Robert Lee Hamilton, Calvin Hamilton, Joseph Hamilton, James Hamilton, and Annie Will Harper.

Solomon is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Loretta Bolton McClendon, who cared for him faithfully, especially during his recent illness. He is also survived by his three sons, Solomon, Patrick & Eric and his stepson, James Bolton. Deacon McClendon's grandchildren: Solomon J. McClendon Jr., Catherine Alberta Nicholas (Keith), Nathan Daniels, Jasmine Erica McClendon, Patrick A. McClendon Jr., Eric B. McClendon Jr., and his step-grandson, James Bolton, Jr. Deacon McClendon has three great-grandchildren: Kaliyah C. Nicholas, Cameron K. Nicholas, and Gia Daniels. Solomon is also survived by three sisters: Rachel Wright of Columbus, GA; Madeline (Eddie) Gilbert, and Barbara Carter, both of Fitzgerald, GA.; a brother-in-law, Deacon Willie Everett of Jacksonville, FL.; and a sister-in-law, Betty Hamilton of Albany, GA.

He leaves to cherish his memory two special nieces, Overseer Teresa Kemp and Dorothy Workman, along with a host of other devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

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HYMN
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
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WORDS OF COMFORT
Min. Solomon J. McClendon, Sr.
Bethesda Temple Worship Center

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