



Mr. McKinley Sandifer

February 24, 1942 - March 26, 2026

McKinley Sandifer passed away on March 26, 2026, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He was born on February 24, 1942, in Forrest City, Arkansas, to the late John Sandifer and Luella Brown. He accepted Christ at an early age and remained steadfast in his faith throughout his life.

He was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1961, where he proudly served as a member of the Lincoln Marching Band. During this time, he developed a deep and abiding passion for music, which would become a defining element of his life. He later joined with his brothers to form their own band, further cultivating his musical gifts.

On March 24, 1963, McKinley was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Barbara Ann Jones. To this union, four children were born. He later relocated to Peoria, Illinois, where he established his business, MKS Distribution Company. McKinley faithfully served as a Minister of Music, an Evangelist, and a Prophet for more than forty years, touching countless lives through his ministry and spiritual leadership.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Sandifer; his mother and stepfather, Luella and Theartis Aldridge; his beloved aunt and uncle, Dessie Mae "Mom Mae" and Garfield Jimmerson; his brother, John Wesley Aldridge; and his grandson, Nicholas Walker.

He leaves to cherish his memory eight children: one daughter, Neuvertral Sandifer Hughes (Joe) of Memphis, Tennessee; and seven sons, Kirk Sandifer (Kwanyah) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Tony Sandifer of Forrest City, Arkansas; Timothy Sandifer of Dallas, Texas; Corey Parker (Andrea) of Memphis, Tennessee; Christopher Jones of Memphis, Tennessee; Stafford Duff (Tammy) of Houston, Texas; and Reginald Reece of Kansas City, Kansas.

He is also survived by his devoted siblings: Verna Aldridge-Brown (Clifton), Erma Jean Aldridge, Charles Aldridge, Sr. (Jacqueline), all of Memphis, Tennessee; and Leon Aldridge, Sr. (Margie) of Peoria, Illinois; along with twenty-five grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Divine Hope Apostolic Church
1712 Netherwood Ave.
Memphis, TN 38106

Tribute Wall

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“ Sandifer, family and friends Sincere Condolences to you at this sad time. Praying that God will give you comfort strength and peace today and the days ahead 🙏



Shirley Williams Thorn - April 09 at 08:32 PM

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“ Lovie A Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. McKinley Sandifer



Lovie A Hardrick - April 09 at 12:03 PM

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“ My condolences to the Sandifer family. Mckinley and my late oldest brother Bennie Ward grew up together. They were good friends and my mother attended him and Barbara Ann's wedding. His son Tony and my late brother Larry Maxey were good friends as well. May he rest now.

*Betty Maxey
Rochester, NY*

Betty A Maxey - April 08 at 08:08 AM

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“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



Sending condolences to the family of McKinley Sandifer on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. McKinley was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1961.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
President, MGNAAI*

Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI - April 07 at 11:27 PM