



Johnny Lee McKinley

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Johnny L McKinley was born on December 30, 1950 in Longview, Texas. Johnny left Texas for California in 1955 when his parents, Lee Amos and Geneva McKinley moved to San Diego for work.

Johnny had a strong belief in Christ and accepted our Lord and Savior at a young age and was baptized at the 38th Street Church of Christ in San Diego. He was a devoted member until he moved to Murrieta, Ca where he resided for the last 24 years.

Johnny graduated from San Diego Lincoln High School in 1969. Soon after High School graduation Johnny enlisted in the United States Navy. When his enlistment was complete he returned to San Diego where he attended San Diego City College and he met the love of his life, Helen Price. They were united in marriage in 1976. Johnny and Helen enjoyed their union for 45 years raising family, traveling the world, watching his favorite old western movies and most recently restoring his 1994 Chevy truck. Johnny was devoted to his family, and lived by the value of hard work, knowledge, perseverance, excellence, and pride. He ensured that Johnna and his grandchildren were well prepared for life and did not go without whatever they needed as they grew up in a loving and fun-filled home. He was loved by many and considered as a "fatherly" or "brotherly" figure to a lot that knew him as he was willing to give advice and guidance, which he gave openly and freely. He always made you feel as if you were a part of the family.

Johnny spent 44 wonderful productive safety free years at SDG&E (Sempra Energy) as a Journeyman, Electrician. He would always tell the story that once he got married he wanted a job that would provide opportunities for advancement and job security. Johnny decided that San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) was that place. When Johnny went to SDG&E to apply, he was told they weren't hiring. Johnny persuaded them to take his application anyway. The Human Resource Manager was impressed with Johnny's tenacity and found him a position within the company. Johnny took



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advantage of all SDG&E had to offer. Anyone who knew Johnny, knew he loved his job.

His favorite past times included bowling in various leagues across San Diego, where he once bowled a perfect game of 300 points, playing chess, dominoes, bid whist, watching all types of sports, but there was nothing better than watching his beloved "Raiders". But above all there was nothing more important than spending quality time with his friends and family.

Johnny is preceded in death by his mother Geneva McKinley, father-in-law Nathaniel "Nate" Goodwin and to cherish his memory Johnny leaves behind his loving wife of 45 years Helen McKinley, his father Lee Amos Mckinley, his mother-in-law Ruth Lorraine Goodwin, his sister Shirley James, his loving daughter Johnna Taylor(Ramsese), his grandchildren Aliyah Johnson, Jordan Howden, Ramsess Howden, and great-granddaughters Carmen Jai Golson and Camyrn Janae Golson, along with many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends to mourn his passing.




Events


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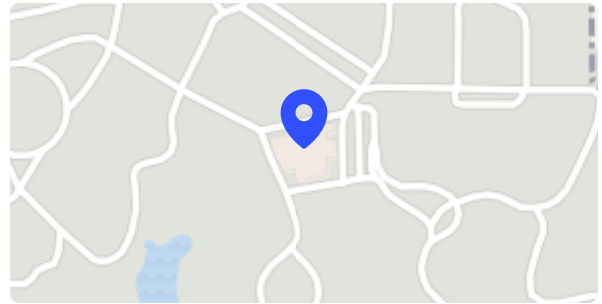
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 14, 2021

 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM PT


 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Garden Chapel**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

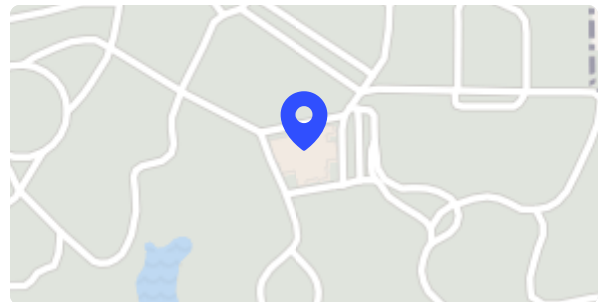


FUNERAL SERVICE

 **Thursday**, July 15, 2021


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT


 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Garden Chapel**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

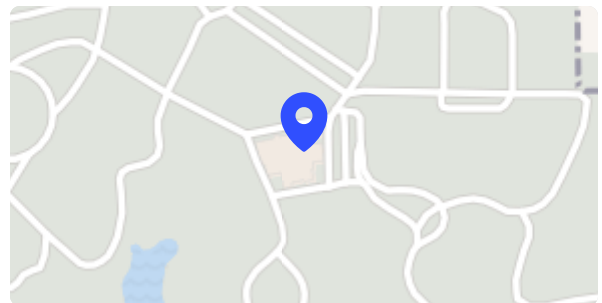


Reception

 **Thursday**, July 15, 2021

 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM PT

 **Greenwood Mortuary - Garden Chapel Courtyard**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

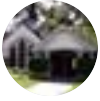




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Greenwood Memorial Park & Mortuary shared a **Video**.

July 15 at 6:05 AM



A Friend Love You! sent a Broken Wing Pendant to the McKinley family.

September 14 at 8:48 AM





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Alana Brown posted:

Sending my love and condolences to Mrs.Helen and loved ones of Mr.Johnny. Always so kind and humble wherever I would see him at one of the parties. God's timing of bringing one home is not always understood by the living, but God makes no mistake and Mr. Johnny is in good hands. Love Alana and Areyon Brown

July 15 at 4:29 AM



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Tim Lovejoy December 17 at 11:54 AM

Thank you. Reading this obituary, reads really well of Johnny. Thank you for standing by his side these many years. You know, Johnny was the 1st cousin I honestly looked up to from when I first remembered meeting him before we moved to San Diego. He was my cool cousin who seemed to have had it all together. I felt like he was my go to guy if I would ever need someone to talk to that was family. He gave me a sense of pride having him in my life. He never rejected me as a person. He was welcoming when I would visit him prior to meeting you. I had visited with him at a couple of his places. When he met you, we could physically see the change in him. He was happy and crazy about you no doubt. Anyone could see his devotion to you. You were his queen, his equal, someone who challenged his intellect. Bringing you over to meet my mom was a real clear sign that you were the one. Johnny loved my mom and I think (not sure) that he held a high respect for her. The conversations he would have with my mom I'm not sure he had with Geneva. I know over the years distance came between us, he got on with his life and I with mine. I became independent of familial ties and bonds as I felt as though when I left to go out on my own no one really cared if I existed at all. I have truly had to work at trying to create family ties with my siblings and it has not always been easy. It taught me to be strong on my own. I grew up with the constant sentence "you're the man of the house, take care of your mom and sisters." That's a lot of pressure to put on an impressionable little boy; I grew up believing that was my job. So unfortunately I put a lot of pressure on myself to try to build that or be that guy. I grew into sometimes being extremely judgmental of my siblings and their choices (I have learned, their choices don't effect my life one way or the other as does mine), that took a lot of pressure off. But I never let my mom down. If she ever needed anything she would always know I would find a way to make sure she was okay. When I brought her to Washington to live with me, I took her to the best hospitals and cancer specialist we had at the time. The University of Washington hospital cancer clinic is one of the best in the world. I made sure she was comfortable and in want of nothing. We lived in a condo that had an incredible view and she loved being there. I was very grateful and blessed that I was able to provide for her and for her to see that her efforts of raising me as a single mother had not been unappreciated by me. At the end of the day Helen, I know you to have always been a very wonderful woman and just as warm to me as Johnny and I am grateful to have been able to see the 2 of you together and to know he lived a blessed life with you. I hope you have found comfort with his passing knowing he isn't suffering and that he trusted you to make all the right decisions (and you did) and that you were his best friend, partner, #1 fan and truly the love of his life. Thank you Helen from the bottom of my heart to the limitless stars in the sky. Take care and God bless Tim



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Carolyn posted:

Johnny was so humble. The Best of Best! We'll miss you cuz. Our love and prayers to Helen and your family. Love you Johnny! Embry & Carolyn Thrower

July 14 at 11:46 AM



Embry & Carolyn Thrower lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



July 14 at 11:40 AM



Carmen Simpson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Johnny was my Dad (James) best friend. When we moved back to San Diego after 24 years, We had electrical problems in our new house. Johnny was so gracious to offer his advice. He and his wife Helen would text me and send me greetings on special holidays and birthdays. While we lived in Fresno. They made me feel like family too.



Johnny's great granddaughter even has my name Carmen. He will surely be missed. Helen and family we love you all and will continue as extended family. Our condolences Jerome, Carmen and Brianna Simpson

July 14 at 11:10 AM



Myers Lesane lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Myers Lesane and Brenda Lesane pray for Comfort to ALL the McKinley FAMILY 🙏



July 14 at 9:16 AM



Cathy Ramsey lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



July 14 at 8:58 AM

CR **Cathy Ramsey** July 14 at 9:02 AM

The gentle flickering flame on the candle serves as a reminder of Johnny's gentle spirit. Thanks be to God for sharing your loving son Johnny with us.



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McKinley family.

July 14 at 8:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McKinley family.

July 14 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the McKinley family.

July 13 at 4:43 PM



Love, Willie And Georgia King sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the McKinley family.

July 13 at 6:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McKinley family.

July 13 at 2:28 AM





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Linda Washington lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



July 12 at 7:53 PM



Linda Buggs Washington July 13 at 3:06 PM
Our prayers are with the family of Johnny. The Lincoln High Class of 1969 send our condolences to our Hornet for Life Classmate.



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the McKinley family.



July 12 at 1:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McKinley family.



July 12 at 11:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the McKinley family.



July 12 at 5:17 AM



Carla B Williams lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



July 10 at 6:56 AM



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July 10 at 6:28 AM



John And Judith Jordan sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McKinley family.

July 9 at 8:48 AM



Georgia King posted:

Willie and I are truly thankful and sincerely blessed to have shared so many wonderful times together, with Johnny and Helen on cruises, various vacations, dinners, gatherings or simply just watching a movie together. Johnny was truly one of a kind and without a doubt one of God's angels here on earth and now in heaven. Johnny I cannot describe what I am feeling right now, you will truly be missed. Until we meet again. We love you brother. Our deepest condolences to Helen, Johnna, Aliyah, Ramsess and Carmen. Love always, Willie and Georgia King

July 9 at 5:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McKinley family.

July 8 at 6:14 AM





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Theresa Green lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

It was my pleasure to know such a hard working and kind man. Johnny was a funny man who always made me laugh and feel welcome in his presence. I would see Johnny on his way to work many of mornings on the 15 freeway. I would always drive up to his window and wait for him to look over at me. He would eventually look over and waive with a big ol smile. I would waive back and zoom away. We always laughed about that. Praying for the entire family. He will truly be missed. ❤️Theresa Green



July 8 at 6:01 AM



Betty Nolan July 8 at 5:15 PM

Condolences to our family, Johnny will be missed, just knowing he's no longer with us breaks our heart. We didn't see one another often but when we did it was like time stood still, we just picked up where we left off. To his wife Helen and his supportive family, we, we love Johnny, he will always be remembered as our Big Smile and Happy Laughting cousin. May Johnny ❤️, RIP..... Helen and family, we love you all, may God 🙏 comfort you all in day's to come ❤️



Brenda Lesane lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

July 8 at 5:31 AM



Brenda Lesane July 8 at 5:33 AM

Johnny is NOW resting in GOD'S Loving Care.Amen 🙏



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Brenda Lesane posted:

Johnny McKinley worked very hard for his Family ensuring that many had various necessities to achieve their Deams and Goals. He is the TRUE meaning of Husband, Father, and Friend. Rest in peace. Myers and Brenda Lesane

July 8 at 5:10 AM



James Williams July 10 at 6:10 AM

Johnny McKinley and I have been friends for over 10 years and during this time, I have never known a more pleasant and sincere person. He was a gold standard of a man and a wonderful husband to Helen. Johnny and I enjoyed our Sunday Raider's games. He loved his family and was hard working. He would call me every morning and wake me up and say, "I'm at work and you should be up and doing something". There are no words that can express how much Shirley and I will miss him. Our sincere condolences to Johnny's family. We will always remember Johnny in our hearts. Helen and family, we love you all and may God hold you in his protective hands. James and Shirley Williams



Brenda Lesane July 8 at 5:28 AM

Helen, May you find Comfort in knowing that Johnny is resting Now in GOD'S Loving Care. I will continue to keep you and the FAMILY in prayer 🙏 for strength in the Days to come, AMEN.



Eric J. Chambers posted:

I offer my heartfelt condolences to Helen, Johnna and the family. 🙏 Johnny was a great and upstanding role model in the community. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 May The Father and the ancestors welcome him with open arms into the Kingdom of God. 🙏🙏🙏 Rest well Dear Friend. 🙏🙏

July 8 at 4:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." to the McKinley family.



July 8 at 3:52 AM



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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the McKinley family.



July 8 at 2:07 AM



Phyllis Finney posted:

It was my pleasure to know Johnny with his effervescent personality. Johnny left wonderful memories that will be cherished forever. I know that God have welcomed Johnny into his kingdom. Rest well Johnny, you earned it. May peace be with family and friends. Phyllis Finney

July 8 at 1:04 AM



Eve Johnson July 8 at 11:29 AM

It's hard to forget someone who gave me so much to remember in my life. Johnny always had a beautiful smile and hug whenever we would meet. He treated me as though I were Family. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort. Rest In Paradise, my Brother. ❤️



Theresa Green July 8 at 5:43 AM

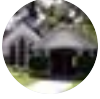
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Johnny by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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