



Edward Bruce McLean

July 18, 1944 - May 22, 2020

Edward Bruce McLean, 75, passed away on May 22, 2020. Edward “Lil’ Guy” Bruce McLean was born in Augusta, GA on July 18, 1944 to Freddie Louise Stone McLean and Alphonso Ferdinand McLean in the historic Laney-Walker district. He was brother to Alphonso “Boobee” McLean, Jr.

His success at the Immaculate Conception Academy as a child allowed him to attend Howard University at the young age of 16 where he majored in Accounting and served in the ROTC. After graduating with his Bachelors in 1966, Edward went to American University to get his MBA. He joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War as an accountant in the Office of the Auditor General at Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio. By the time he was 26 years old, he held the rank of Captain. In 1969, Edward married Korliss Wright and they settled in the D.C. metropolitan area, where they had three children: Sean, Troy, and Kia.

Edward had an entrepreneurial spirit and opened several businesses throughout his life. He launched a computer software company and accounting business called Advanced Accounting Associates. Their clients included the DC government, Howard University, foreign embassies, and other black businesses in the DC area. He continued doing accounting work until his last days.

As “Coach Ed” he organized and directed countless basketball and soccer teams throughout this life. His coaching first started with his children and their friends, and later expanded to volunteer coaching youth teams throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, from the Silver Spring Boys and Girls Club to the Amateur Athletic Union. All of his children went on to play sports in college.

We will keep alive his boisterous laugh, his love for family and friends, his passion for sports, and his gregarious nature, and most of all, his lively storytelling. Some have proclaimed him the best storyteller of all time.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, his beloved Uncle Livingston Wallace, his Uncle “Babe” Albert Stone, cousins, and countless friends.

He is survived by his children Sean McLean (Carmen McLean), Troy McLean (Maria Hoffmann), and Kia Washington (Christopher Washington), his grandchildren Sean McLean, Jr., Seth McLean, Parris Washington, Gabriella Washington, Lukas McLean, ex-wife Korliss McLean and many life-long friends.

Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to the Howard University Student Aid Campaign

Online credit card gifts can be made at:

<https://giving.howard.edu/givenow>

Please note that the gift is made in memory of Edward Bruce Mclean.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 20. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

POPE FUNERAL HOME
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Edward Bruce McLean*



Pope Funeral Homes - June 20, 2020 at 01:11 PM

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Eddie never met a stranger! Sonny LA '67

S. Keeler - June 20, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Edward Bruce McLean*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Edward Bruce McLean*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

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“ *Phyllis, Tiffani, Eric and Sterling purchased the G hirardelli Galore for the family of Edward Bruce McLean.*



Phyllis, Tiffani, Eric and Sterling - June 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Mr. McLean was such a kind, uplifting and loving man. I enjoyed all of the stories he shared with me about his children and the hundreds of young people he coached over the course of his life. Most of all I'll always remember some valuable advice he gave me about my son. I will miss his hugs and watching him work with our Lakers boys. I am incredibly blessed to have had the privilege of experiencing his love. Basketball definitely won't ever be the same without him. Praying for all of you during this unimaginable time. I hope you find some level of peace in knowing he truly did make a change in this world.*

Crystal Newsome - June 20, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Obituary Part 2

Edward seemed to have a nickname for every stage of his life. He started out as Lil' Guy, then Eddie, Big Ed, Pop, Mr. McLean, and Pop Pop. His most affectionate title, however, was Coach. “Coach Ed” organized and directed countless basketball and soccer teams throughout this life. He poured innumerable hours and energy into coaching his three children in soccer, baseball, and basketball teams. His coaching first started with his children and their friends, and later expanded to volunteer coaching youth teams throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, from the Silver Spring Boys and Girls Club to the Amateur Athletic Union. He prided himself in creating space for athletes who may have been overlooked to shine. This nurturing approach bolstered the confidence of even the most timid athlete, and left them with an overcoming mindset he hoped would endure throughout their lives. His success as a coach is undeniable. All of his children went on to play sports in college, and many of his former athletes played college and professional sports, with many becoming leaders in their professions in industries including medicine, law, writing, entertainment, and business. Coach Ed is fondly remembered as “the guy that gave me a shot when no one else would”.

He was a social justice advocate who made sure his children and grandchildren knew the strong history of Black people in the United States. He reminded them that it was a privilege to be Black, and to always look another Black person in the eye. His compassion for humanity is illustrated in a saying his children heard throughout their childhood: “never look down on the man in the street.”

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Kia Washington - June 19, 2020 at 11:46 AM