



## Anthony V McCurdy Sr

December 1, 1945 - October 9, 2025

Anthony Vincent McCurdy, Sr., also known as “Mack,” “McCurdy,” and “Triple OG,” passed away peacefully on October 9, 2025, at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.

Anthony Vincent McCurdy, Sr., of New Castle, DE, was the eldest of three children of William and Mable McCurdy of Dunleith, New Castle. Anthony was preceded in death by his sisters, Linda Smith and Jeri Robertson.

A proud American and U.S. Army veteran, Anthony served his country honorably from 1965 to 1967, including a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 as a Field Wireman. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Marksman Badge. Though his time in war caused him to sustain physical injuries and emotional scars, he later shared that a powerful dream in which God told him to wear a symbolic "Band-Aid" on his arm. This became the turning point in his healing and faith journey.

Anthony was a graduate of Dunleith Elementary School and De La Warr High School. Growing up, Anthony and his family attended Community Presbyterian Church, where his spiritual foundation was formed. He met the love of his life, Toni A. Melton, at a dance at Wilmington High School - and the rest, as they say, is history. The two were married on June 13, 1971, and

shared nearly sixty years of friendship and love. Anthony often said that “friendship is the key to a successful marriage.” Together, they were blessed with two children: Kenyetta Yvette McCurdy-Byrd (“Kym”) and Anthony Vincent McCurdy, Jr. (“Man”).

Anthony worked at Tire Sales and Service, Bethel AME Church, and held various other positions throughout his life. He was a man of many talents - a formidable chess player, a gifted sketch artist, a fine tennis player, and a familiar sight on his bike, riding through the city streets.

Anthony was “kool” and could tell stories like no other. He loved public speaking and was a member of Toastmasters in his earlier years. In the 1960s, he was active in The Black Panther Party (BPP) Philadelphia Chapter. In his later years, he was a member of Lions Club International and also took part in support groups at the Wilmington VA Medical Center, where he often shared his story to encourage others - not only fellow veterans, but also young men in the community who were traveling down the wrong path.

He loved Philadelphia - especially West Philly - and family getaways were often at Aunt Helen’s house, enjoying everything Philly had to offer. Anthony loved his hats - his Phillies, 76ers, Eagles, and Vietnam Veteran caps — and part of his signature look was his red bandana, yellow tinted sunglasses, and his chain and lock necklace, which represented freedom from bondage. That combination became a symbol of his personality: proud, strong, and full of character. Whether traveling or simply spending time at home, he found his greatest joy in being surrounded by family, laughter, and love.

Anthony had a vibrant spirit and a deep love for music that reached across generations — from The Stylistics and The Temptations to Stacy Lattisaw, New Edition, Tupac, and the Geto Boys. And of course, no day was complete without a little Dionne Warwick. He loved the camera and had a smile that

could light up any room.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Toni McCurdy; his children, Kenyetta (Antonio M. Byrd) and Anthony, Jr.; his grandsons, Jalen McCurdy-Woodruff and Anthony Amir Woodruff; his nieces, Lisa Stott, Dana Smith, and Karen Smith; his nephew, Corey Smith; his cousins, Barbara Hutchins Corsey (Howard), Janet Mills, and his late cousin, Wilmer “Bill” Mills.

Anthony shared a special bond with his son-in-law, Antonio M. Byrd, who affectionately called him “Triple OG.” He held deep affection for his niece-in-law, Tina Mincey Ewell; his nephew-in-law, Anthony Johnson; and his sister-in-law, Michelle Melton — each of whom held a special place in his heart. He treasured the Melton family, forming close and lasting relationships with his wife’s siblings.

He is also remembered fondly by a host of extended family and friends who will deeply miss his humor, wisdom, and warmth.

Anthony’s life was defined by creativity, faith, and connection. His bright smile, his generous spirit, and the love he poured into his family have left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Anthony will forever be remembered.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Community Presbyterian Church  
519 Rogers Road  
New Castle, DE 19720

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Presbyterian Church  
519 Rogers Road  
New Castle, DE 19720

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Marquita Matthews lit a candle in memory of Anthony V McCurdy Sr*



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**Marquita Matthews** - November 05, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JR

“ *RIP my Dunleith friend, my the good lord continue to bless and keep your family safe.*

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**Jackie Ridgeway** - October 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM

GC

“ Uncle Anthony,<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> You were so much more than just my uncle — you were my godfather, my best friend, and my forever Santa Claus. You taught me so much. Your love of knowledge was contagious — all those books you had on every subject imaginable! Because of you, history became my favorite subject. And even outside of school, you made sure learning never stopped. Whether it was our nature walks or backyard science experiments, you made it all fun and exciting.

You tried teaching me tennis — and even chess (I wasn't quite ready for that one yet! 😞), so we'd settle for the PlayStation instead. You introduced me to the joy of having dogs — both of mine growing up were gifts from you.

Some of my favorite memories are you coming over every Sunday, Mom in the kitchen making breakfast while you and Dad played chess.

You were truly one of a kind, and I will miss you beyond words. I really wish this day never had to come. This is such a major loss. I love you so, so much.

To my Auntie:<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> I'm so sorry, Aunt. I know this is such a hard time, and I wish I could take the pain away. No words will ever be enough. Sending you all my love and hugs. I love you dearly.  
Stinky woman aka Gakeya Kaye



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**Gakeya Conner** - October 20, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Anthony V McCurdy Sr.*



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October 20, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Margaret Rose Henry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony V McCurdy Sr.*

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**Margaret Rose Henry** - October 20, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Renee Gaines lit a candle in memory of Anthony V McCurdy Sr*



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**Renee Gaines** - October 20, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony V McCurdy Sr.*



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October 20, 2025 at 08:35 AM

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“ Christine and Ken Moses planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony V McCurdy Sr.

Christine and Ken Moses - October 20, 2025 at 08:35 AM

CD

“ Cheryl Davis lit a candle in memory of Anthony V McCurdy Sr



Cheryl Davis - October 19, 2025 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ SIP Mr Vince u will be missed

bryan brown - October 19, 2025 at 05:31 PM

CH

“ Condolences to the McCurdy family remembering the family from Morehouse dr. of Dunleith with ❤️ Clara H, Sandy H, Pat Thomas (Bethune dr)

Clara Hollis - October 18, 2025 at 10:07 AM

RS

“ RIP my Dunleith friend.



Renee Simmons - October 17, 2025 at 04:53 PM

AB

“ I am saddened to read the passing of Anthony. We worked together for many years at Bethel AME Church. He always spoke highly of you, Toni and the young children at the time. Recently, after so many years, to see you and Anthony at Cassapulla with you and I chatting it up, he was anxious to end our conversations so that he could enjoy his purchase (too funny as we kept chatting up)...My heart aches for you and the children Toni. I offer my condolences to each of you and pray for gentle days ahead. He will be missed by many. May God mend your broken hearts as only He can.



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**Alycia H. Benson** - October 17, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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“ Kenyatta, I am extending my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I pray for peace and comfort during this time.



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**Hope Bedenbaugh (Rose)** - October 16, 2025 at 11:17 PM

KW

“ Kenneth & Regina Winfield lit a candle in memory of Anthony V McCurdy Sr



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**Kenneth & Regina Winfield** - October 14, 2025 at 10:50 AM