

*In Loving Memory*



*Roderick (Mac) McMorries*  
*August 22, 1956 - July 4, 2020*



Roderick Eugene McMorries (Mac) passed away on July 4, 2020. Mac was born August 22, 1956 in Jacksonville, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents Roderick, II and Harriet McMorries and sisters Delorius Hatten and Susie Hayden. He is survived by brother, William McMorries.

Mac attended public schools in Duval county and was a graduate of New Stanton Sr. High School. He attended Massey Business College and Florida Junior College in Jacksonville. He was united in holy matrimony to Gail Riley in July of 1977, which began a love and friendship which continued to endure. This union was blessed with two children.

Mac was a talented artist and musician. His passion for the arts was expressed in a number of sketches and drawings he rendered. He channeled this love for the arts by surrounding himself with it and being employed at several art galleries throughout Jacksonville for over 40 years. Throughout the years, he has been associated with many well-known artists and has been a welcomed face to countless clients as they visited the galleries. The most recent of which being Stellers Gallery in San Marco.

His musical talents span decades, joining his first band at the age of 15. He has touched the lives of many performing in several local bands, including the Kudu band. It was from that band that he and his fellow horn band mates, Alan Prater and Cloris Grimes were discovered professionally. He toured with Millie Jackson, Cameo and, most notably, Michael Jackson and the Jacksons for which he performed on three world tours.

Upon returning to Jacksonville, he continued sharing his musical talents performing with bands such as Elite, Transit featuring the East Coast Horns and for the last 28 years with KTG Entertainment. As a talented trumpeter and lead vocal, Mac astounded audiences with his musical gifts, warm personality and charismatic smile.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his family: His beloved, Gail; three children - Rhoderick Eugene Barnes, Sr. (Genise), Sheldon Girard McMorries (Danielle) and Brandon Kyle McMorries (Ashley); six grandchildren (Charles, Dejah, Rhoderick, Jr., Peyton, Laila and Ava); brother, William; devoted nieces and nephews and friends. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his many friends that will never be filled.

Roderick (Mac) McMorries -- Forever loved and never forgotten.

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**Order of Service**

Welcome.....Brandon McMorries

Prayer.....Bob Bole, Chaplain, Taylor Care Center

Musical Tribute.....KTG Entertainment

Expressions.....Family & Friends

Roderick (Mac) McMorries - *A Life Well Lived*.....Video

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Gail's Tribute

Mac's Farewell