

A Celebration Of Life



Warren Edward McDaniels
March 5, 1944-February 24, 2008



Visitation Celebration

Thursday February 28, 2008
Gallier Hall
545 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Chief McDaniels will lie in state from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm for public viewing.

Musical Tribute

Roderick Paulin Quartet12:00 -1:15pm; 2:30pm-3:45pm
George French Quartet..... 1:15pm–2:30pm; 3:45pm-5:00pm
Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club Inc.....5:05 PM-5:50 pm
Donald Harrison.....8:00pm

Memorial Service

6:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Master of Ceremony, NOFD District Chief Norman C. Woodridge, Sr.

Prayer.....Rev Fred Luter, Franklin Ave Baptist Church

The Occasion.....Superintendent Charles Parent,
New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD)

Words of Expression

Sidney Barthelemy, former Mayor City of New Orleans
Gregory B. Cade, Administrator U.S. Fire Administration
Cynthia Willard Lewis, Councilwoman City of New Orleans
James M. Shannon, President of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent National Fire Academy
D. Joan Rhodes, President New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival & Foundation, Inc.
James M. LeBlanc, Pres./CEO Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans VOA
Johnny Brewington, Pres., Int'l Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
Russ Sanders, Metro Fire Chiefs Association
Retired Chief Luther Fincher, Board Member IAFC & Metro Fire Chiefs
Chief Raymond Brooks, Chairman Black Chief Officer's Committee
James Hill, South Central Regional Director-IABPFF
Captain Phillip Mason, President Black Association of New Orleans Fire Fighters
Captain Nicholas Felton, Pres. International Association of Fire Fighters Local 632
Stephen Gordon, Executive Director, Orleans Parish Communication Dist.
Johnny Jackson, Jr., Board Member WWOZ Radio
Sam Castle, III, 100 Black Men of Metro New Orleans
L. Johnson, Big Easy Rollers
Gary Carbo, Former Medical and Personnel Director, NOFD
Chief Norman Woodridge, Carl Holmes Exec. Development Institute, Dillard University
Harold W. Lewis, Jr., Worshipful Master Phoenix Lodge #226 F. &A.M. PHA

Order of Service

Friday, February 29, 2008
Gallier Hall
545 Saint Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130
9:30am

Musical Interlude.....Detroit Brooks Trio

Processional

Opening PrayerReverend Douglass M. Haywood
Pastor, New Israel Baptist Church

Scripture Reading

Old Testament (*Job 14:13-17*)..... Reverend Keith Haywood

New Testament St (*John 14:1-6*)... Reverend Charles Duplessiss

PrayerCantor Joel M. Colman, Chaplain
New Orleans Fire Department

Reading of Obituary.....Assistant Supt. Edwin Holmes Sr.,
New Orleans Fire Department

Musical Selection.....Connie & Dwight Finch

Words of Encouragement.....Mayor Ray Nagin, City of New Orleans
Supt. Charles Parent, NOFD

Eulogy.....Warren McDaniels Jr.

Acknowledgement of Ministers.....Reverend Douglas Haywood

Benediction.....Rev. Fred Luter, Franklin Ave. Baptist Church

Jazz funeral procession immediately following after funeral to
Fire Headquarters, 317 Decatur Street New Orleans, LA 70130
for a traditional Fire Department ceremony.
Repast Gallier Hall 545 Saint Charles Avenue

Interment Procession leaves Fire Headquarters after funeral procession for
Biloxi National Cemetery, 400 Veterans Avenue, Biloxi, MS.,
A full military funeral will be held.

PALL BEARERS

Captain Roy Arriola, Jr.
Captain William Dumas
Chief Gary Haydel
Operator Clifton Holmes
Firefighter Kenyon Hughes
Chief Freddie Jones
Captain Roman Nelson
Firefighter Stanley Reed
Captain Michael Windsay
Chief Norman Woodridge, Sr.

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Joshua Hampton
Rynell Lumpkins
Terrance Miles
Ryan Nixon
Lance Williams
Warnell Williams

Entombment

Biloxi National Cemetery
400 Veterans Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39531

Arrangements Entrusted To:

D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home
7411 Chef Menteur Highway
New Orleans, LA 70126

Expression of Gratitude from the family

We were touched by each expression of concern and love shown during the illness and death of our loved one. Words fall short of expressing what our hearts felt in gratitude to all who have shown their love, concern, kindness with prayers, calls, cards, flowers and other thoughtful amenities. Just know you will constantly be in our thoughts and our prayers.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to:
Friends of New Orleans Fire Department
317 Decatur Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-658-4713



Route Map of Jazz Funeral Procession

Participants: Kermit Ruffins, Treme Brass Band, Big Chief Alfred Doucette, Flaming Arrows, Big Chief Jerry Butler, Mohawk Hunters, Big Chief Kentrall Watson, Wild Mohicans and Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club

Special Thanks

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc.

FPI New Orleans/AEG Live

Black Association of New Orleans Fire Fighters (BANOFF)

Orleans Parish Communications District

City of New Orleans

New Orleans Police Department

K-Paul's Restaurant

Sake Café

Poppas Seafood & Deli



A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

*When I am called to duty God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.*

*Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor and
Protect his property.*

*And If according to your will,
I have to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.
Amen*



OBITUARY



Warren Edward McDaniels, Sr., passed on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 4:25p.m. Reared by his grandmother Isabelle McDaniels Jackson, McDaniels dropped out of George Washington Carver High School after his sophomore year. He worked odd jobs and served three years in the Navy. Eight years after leaving school, McDaniels enrolled in an adult-education program to learn how to drive 18 wheelers. The program gave him the opportunity to earn his G.E.D. diploma, which in turn led to his employment with the New Orleans Fire Department. After 33 years of service, Chief McDaniels retired from the New Orleans Fire Department on Friday, December 27, 2002. McDaniels joined the New Orleans Fire Department on October 19, 1969; he served as a firefighter, apparatus operator, company officer, training captain and fire science instructor at Delgado Community College, Chief of Administration and Assistant Superintendent. On March 31, 1993, Chief McDaniels became the ninth Superintendent in the history of the New Orleans Fire Department. He was the first African American to serve at this post. Chief McDaniels is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, the executive development program of Loyola University and holds an Associate degree in Fire Protection Technology. In 1992, he was awarded a Fellowship to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

At the time of his death, Chief McDaniels was serving as the chairman of two boards: the Board of Directors of the National Fire Protection Association in Boston, Massachusetts and Chairman of the Orleans Parish Communication District (911 Operating System) Board. He served as a past President of the Metropolitan Chiefs Committee (which is a division of both The National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs) and the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. Also, he has served on the board of the Volunteers of America, New Orleans Region; the Board of Visitors of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and the Governor of Louisiana's Arson Strike Force. In 1999, the American Council on Education presented him with the Cornelius P. Turner Award for his lifetime achievements as a GED graduate.

Chief McDaniels was the husband of Betty Bijou McDaniels; son of the late Isabelle White; grandson of the late Isabelle McDaniels Jackson; father of Warren, Jr. (Jodi), Guyana, South America and Byran McDaniels; stepfather of Warnell (Tammy) Bijou of Fort Smith, AR, Robbie Vines of Houston, TX and the late Rynell Bijou; grandfather of Taylor, Warren III, Warnell, Chandorice, Terrance, Rynell, Ryan, Blair and Gerald; great grandfather of Imani and Rynell; nephew of Leonard and Bertha McDaniels. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.



If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain;
Then you can say to God at night,
"My day was not in vain."
Now I am content, that my life was worthwhile.
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low;
Just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go.
When you're walking down the street and
you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.
And when it's time for you to go
from that body to be free;
Remember you're not *going*,
you're *coming* to me.



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I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the course;
I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness
Which the Lord, the righteous judge should give to me at that day:
And not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing.

2Timothy 4:7-8

"I used to complain about the man not having any shoes until I met the man with no feet"

"Ain't nothing for a stepper!"

"Life is more than just a notion:"

~ Mac

