



## E. Phillip McKain

May 31, 1945 - January 8, 2021

E. Phillip McKain transitioned peacefully on January 8, 2021 at Stamford Hospital. He was born on May 31, 1945 in Crescent City, Florida to Jasper C. McKain and Maggie Wilson McKain. Phillip graduated from Syracuse University with a Master's Degree in Political Science. His contributions to this community are numerous including President and CEO of CTE, Inc., Soundwaters and Parent Leadership Training Institute, Cofounder of Stamford Kwanzaa Association and Facilitator of Ferguson South End book club. His memory will be treasured by his daughter; Makena McKain, adored granddaughter; Vivienne McKain, his sister; Annette McKain, two other siblings and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Phillip was predeceased by his siblings Janice McKain and Rudy Henderson. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm followed by a private service of celebration at 12:00 pm at Graves Medley Funeral Services, 31 Stillwater Ave. Stamford, CT. with Rev. Dr. Robert A. Jackson, Jr. officiating. Interment will be private.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Graves Medley Funeral Services  
31 Stillwater Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 323-2666

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *May God continue to bless you all during your time of sorrow. I grow up on the South End and always spent time at the library and was on the Zoning Board. His present was always so kind and pleasant. He will truly be missed.*



*Grace, Mercy and Peace.*

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**LINDA WILLS** - January 19, 2021 at 02:23 PM

EZ

“ *I knew Phil as a teacher for the Parent Leadership Training Institute. He was a good friend and an outstanding leader for families and children. His teaching and guiding was heightened by humility, depth and the deepest love. He will be missed for his wisdom, gentle care and cross-generation way of strolling through life. He was always as young as he was old. Sincerest sympathies to the family as he transitions to lead and love on the other side.*  
*Elaine Zimmerman*

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**Elaine Zimmerman** - January 18, 2021 at 01:41 PM

RM

“ *Phil was a dear friend and teacher to me. He taught me how to care deeply for others less fortunate. He showed me through his every day actions how a man of faith truly lives for others. He had the patience of a saint and the perseverance of a soldier. 🙏*

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**robert mattis** - January 17, 2021 at 08:02 AM

KE

“ I worked with Phil at CTE, where he became both a friend and mentor. His commitment to the community and the people who lived there was unparalleled.

*It was truly a pleasure to have crossed paths with him, and to still use the lesson learned in my everyday life.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Keith Sears*

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**Keith** - January 16, 2021 at 04:47 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family of E. Phillip McKain! He has contributed so much to the wellness of the City of the Stamford. He managed to be almost everywhere where his leadership experience could help the community move forward. I had the privilege to collaborate with him on several projects and activities such as the 2000 Stamford Census Committee and the Dr. King’s Annual Celebration Committee. I particularly appreciate his love for literature that he genuinely demonstrated as a longtime facilitator of the monthly book discussions at the Ferguson Library South End Branch.

*Thank you, Mr. McKain!*

*Angelucci Manigat, Jr.*

*Publisher and Editor in Chief of The Haitian Voice*

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**Angelucci Manigat** - January 16, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MH

“ I worked with Phil at CTE for more than 20 years. He was a good, decent, compassionate man. He dedicated his life to helping others. He was an inspiration to me and it was an honor and a privilege to have known him.

Marie Hawe

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Marie Hawe - January 16, 2021 at 12:11 PM

TC

“ Uncle Phil,  
I know that you know that you will be missed.  
I will forever hold you in my heart.

Love,  
Tashina



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Tashina Collaro - January 16, 2021 at 11:33 AM

RB

“ Phil was a wonderful stepfather. He loved and cared for me and my sibs unconditionally. He walked me down the aisle with my dad. He was Poppy to my kids and loved them dearly. We lost touch after he and mom separated so I hadn't seen him in a while. I will always cherish my memories of him.

RIP Phil/Poppy. Thank you for all you did for us. I'll love you forever



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Rona Berkhouse - January 15, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BP

“ *Bridget Patterson lit a candle in memory of E. Phillip McKain*



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**Bridget Patterson** - January 15, 2021 at 08:12 AM

AW

“ *My condolences and prayers to the McKain family. Boy, Stamford has lost a true Icon. Phil was such a dedicated and hard worker as president of CTE. Having given the opportunity to serve as chair of the search committee and we hired him in 1993. We all were so proud and please with his knowledge and experience and I just adored him so much. He held the position for 19 years and did a fantastic job and it was well proven at his retirement dinner in 2012. I could just go on and on about this great man and he made all of us so proud. Sleep on Phil, your work here is done and you have moved to another place.*



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**Althea Watford** - January 14, 2021 at 08:18 PM