



**Mr. Joseph McKinley Trusclair
A.K.A. "Joe Becky"**

February 26, 1939 - September 4, 2011

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Sep. **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Service

Saturday, Sep. **10**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
18700 James Couzens
Detroit, MI 48235

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph McKinley Trusclair A.K.A. "Joe Becky"*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *On October 8th, I ran into a former staff member from the Vetal School. Who shocked me with the news of your death. It was a beautiful sunshiny day. There was singing and dancing at Burts Place. The fragrance of barbeque filled the Eastern Market Place. This party atmosphere remind me of the way Principal Trusclair celebrated life. As a Principle, he allowed us to be the professionals that we were. Mr. Trusclair, when you left Vetal of all us knew we lost a pricipal who cared about people. On October 8th, in the midst of a beautiful sunny day, when I heard of your death, I cried. You are a great loss to your family and to the educational world.##imported-begin##stephanie liverman##imported-end##*

October 10, 2011 at 04:21 PM



“ *I give God all honor and praise for blessing me my Uncle Joe. Had it not been for your courage, wisdom, and devotion I who knows where I would have been. Time for you to rest and dwell in the house of our creator.*

Love,

Byron##imported-begin##Byron Thompson##imported-end##

September 19, 2011 at 07:09 PM



“ *May you forever Rest In Peace. Amen.##imported-begin##Nino and Anita Pender##imported-end##*

September 12, 2011 at 04:25 AM



“ *Mr. Trusclair was the best principal I have ever worked for. The support that he showed the staff, the love that he showed the students and the pride that he took in Peter Vetal made it a memorable experience for me. I will never forget his giant smile and the kindness he showed to me and my family during a very difficult time we were going through. He will truly be missed. RIP Mr. Trusclair.##imported-begin##Kristen Boucher##imported-end##*

September 11, 2011 at 10:14 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of J. Trustclair. My God bless and keep you!##imported-begin##Karen Davis##imported-end##*

September 11, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ *Dear Cynthia, Crystal and Brandi,*

We are keeping you close in our thought's.

We will be thinking of you all in the days to come. This comes to you with our love.

Jennifer and David##imported-begin##Jennifer and David Tedder##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ *Cousin Joe,*

I will miss you.

Love,

Cousin Mel##imported-begin##Melvinia Knight##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ *Joe was one of the greatest people I ever met. he married my cousin Cynthia and it was like he was a member of our family all the time. He had a wonderful laugh and gave pure love to all. I will really miss him on this side.##imported-begin##Moteshia##imported-end##*

September 10, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ To my sister {Cynthia}, and the Trusclair family, I am so sorry for the lost of your love one. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May you be comforted to know that others understand and care. God understands your sorrow and He will stand beside you all through the hurting and the healing. It was a pleasure knowing Joe, and I can still see his smiling face from the last time I saw him. We pray that God will ease your hours of sorrow and surround you with His love. Remember when you see only one set of foot steps that means he is carrying you the rest of the way.

With Deepest Sympathy
Eddie, Cynthia Martin & Family

P.S. Hopefully I will see you when you come to Papa and Mamma's house. I Love you sister.##imported-begin##Cynthia Martin##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 12:27 PM



“ Mrs. C. Trusclair & Family,
You have my deepest sympathy.
Brenda J. Stith##imported-begin##Brenda J. Stith##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 10:34 PM



“ Angie and Family my prayers are with you at this very difficult time.
God Bless You All
Judy & Family##imported-begin##Judy Nelson-Sanders##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ *To My Family,
The life of kindness and caring that Uncle Joe leaves behind leads to a legacy of love. In the journey of life death is but a passage into the glory of eternity. Please know that your loss is shared and that caring thoughts and prayers are with you in the days to come. Uncle Joe was one of a kind, always a pleasure to be around. He will truly be missed by us all. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you.*

Love Champail

Maringouin, LA##imported-begin##Champail Robinson##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ *Cynthia, you and your family are in my prayers in this time of grief. May God be with you to give you comort. I enjoyed working at Vetal when Mr. Trusclair was principal He was good for the students and staff! I especially9 appreciated having his support as a teacher.##imported-begin##Annie Elder##imported-end##*

September 09, 2011 at 08:37 PM



“ *God bless the Trusclair family during this time. Our family joins yours in praying for you. We love you!*

Love your cousin,

Marcie Pender Mathews & Family##imported-begin##Marcie Pender Mathews ##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My father had such fond memories of Joe and I enjoyed laughing with him about his friend.

My prayers are with you,

Paris Watson##imported-begin##Paris A Watson##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 04:32 PM



“ I am sending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. Mt. Trusclair was a great man! Rest on Mr. Trusclair.##imported-begin##Tamika Miller##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 03:00 PM



“ Mr. Trusclair was the best principle and person to work for. He gave me the opportunity to provide services to all the students in the Brightmoore community by offering me a full time position as the Peter Vetal School Social Worker. I was over joyed to be placed at one school servicing students and the community. The relationships I made during this time with teachers , parents and administration were fullfilling with the pride of helping students and familys toreach there full potential. I will surely miss Mr. Trusclair##imported-begin##Jennifer D. Poole##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 12:52 AM



“ Cynthia and Angela:

Just when it seemed that my life was most happy, sorrow came knocking at my door. Heart sick and weary, my hopes seemed to shatter. Gone were the dreams that I had worked so hard for. Just when I needed that hope and assurance, just when such loneliness engulfed my days; God touched my heart with loving compassion. He whispered "My Child, I am with you always." Knowing this truth, I can face each tomorrow. God will not give me more than I can bear. He knows the "Just When" and He will deliver. Great is His faithfulness, mercy and care.

Your loving sister-in law and aunt, respectively##imported-begin##Doris Trusclair##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ Respected educator and good friend. Will miss you.

Heart felt condolences to the family of Joe Trusclair.

God Bless You!##imported-begin##Gretchen Sykes##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ My prayers go out to my cousin Cynthia and her family during this great loss. Joe will be truly missed, he was a good man and loyal to his family. He was also a good friend and I will certainly miss the times we spent together at his home or wherever we may have been. Cynthia, I love you and will always continue to stop by and check on you and Bella. Love, John##imported-begin##John Stallworth##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ TO MY TRUSCLAIR FAMILY
Death is a brief seperation.A temporary pain. Grieve not my dear, the sun will shine again. Death seperates our bodies, but our hearts remain the same.And the memories of OUR LOVE will soothe away your pain and carry you over.
LOVE YOU..... SUNDAE.....##imported-begin##Frances Sundae Trusclair-Christopher##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 06:43 PM



“ Uncle Joe as you were affectionately known has gone on to be with the Lord. You will be missed so much. You were one of the pillows of this great Trusclair Family, who when God called did not hesitate to answer. There was no pain nor suffering. May his memories live on thru all of us. Thank you for that legacy.##imported-begin##Angela Trusclair-Moore##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ Uncle Joe,
Thanks for being a strong leader in the family. You and Big Lee
were my closest uncles And I will love you and your spirit always.
Sincerely,
Your nephew
Michael Trusclair##imported-begin##Michael Trusclair##imported-
end##

September 08, 2011 at 03:47 PM



“ Angela....My love to you, Cynthia and the Family. Your Daddy, my
Uncle was one of a kind! I shall never forget the kindness that he
displayed towards me. Uncle Joe will be sadly missed. I am with
you in heart and spirit. Peace be with ya'll. God Bless##imported-
begin##Grace Jones##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 03:07 PM



“ *To The Trusclair Family:*

We are deeply saddened by Mr. Trusclair's departure from his earthly home. We will cherish the memories of him as an educator and friend. Mr. Trusclair leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared our educational journey through and with him. We are with you during this journey of bereavement. We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death, because they continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you.

With Heartfelt Sympathy,

T. A. Levy High School Alumni & Friends Association###imported-begin###T. A. Levy High School Alumni & Friends Association###imported-end###

September 07, 2011 at 08:45 PM



“ *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*

John 14:1-3

Although it's difficult today to see beyond your sorrow, may cherished memories of the love and compassion shared with each of you comfort you today and always.

With Heartfelt Sympathy,

A. Wesley's Funeral Home & Staff###imported-begin###Jackie Wesley###imported-end###

September 07, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ Joe was there when two big dogs followed me into Vetal. He helped me get a job in Colorado. I enjoyed working for him.##imported-begin##Laura Diaco##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 06:15 PM



“ May the Lord keep you all in his arms, and hold you close to his heart. That you may feel the comfort of his tender love.

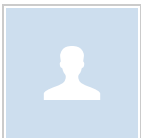
Love, Margie##imported-begin##Mrs. Margie Trusclair-Lockman##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Praying for friends to comfort you. Faith to uphold you, and Loving memories to carry you through##imported-begin##Homer & Laura Hawthorne##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ Mr. Trusclair and his huge smile will definitely be missed. He was very caring and sincere and welcomed me into the Vetal family when I moved back home from New Orleans. I thank God I had the opportunity to work with such a motivating and genuine principal. May God comfort and strengthen the Trusclair family.##imported-begin##Kelly Washington##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Praying for the Trusclair Family, God will give us the strength we need, when we need it.##imported-begin##Mrs Marcenia Cox##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 PM



“ I'm sending my sincere condolences to each of you. We have all experienced the loss of a loved one to the enemy death, and the emotional pain is all the same. Our Heavenly Father Jehovah feels the pain that you are going through. He holds out a promise that one day soon he will wipe all tears of sorrow from our eyes forever and death will be no more (Revelation 21:3-5) Additionally, He promises that all those in the memorial tombs (graves) will hear His voice and come out. Proverbs 3:5-7; Isaiah 26:19 & John 5:28-29##imported-begin##Mrs. Malone##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 11:14 AM



“ Mr. Trusclair supported, encouraged, & gave me the tools I needed to be a great urban teacher. His heart was always with the children of Detroit! He took time to develop a mentoring program for his students & worked on building a connection with each students' family. His love of educating humanity made him a teacher and mentor to children, parents, & his staff. I will most remember him for his big smile, deep laugh & his belief that I could be a successful teacher at Vetal. I send my deepest sympathies & prayers to his family. May you feel God's arms around you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Heather Thompson##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ *God's Promise*

*God never promised a life without pain,
Laughter without tears or sun without rain.
But He did promise strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears and the light for the way,
And for all who believe In his Heaven above
He rewards their faith In everlasting love.*

Uncle Joe, I will truly miss you so very much. You were an anchor in our family. A great man with great wisdom. I love you and my heart aches knowing you will not be here physically but I do find comfort knowing I can always carry you in my heart. Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Rachelle Trusclair Favorite##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ *The members of the Pontiac Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity send our condolences to the family on the loss of our Brother. Our prayers are with you. May God strengthen and keep you. We will surely miss him.##imported-begin##BILL STEPHENS##imported-end##*

September 07, 2011 at 09:36 AM



“ *Joe was a colleague when he and I were principals in the Detroit public schools. He was a kind and warm man with a great sense of humor. He worked hard to improve learning at Vetal. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Shirley A Jackson ##imported-end##*

September 07, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ *To Our Family:*

We pray the love of God enfolds you and know that you are in our Prayers and Thoughts. I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories and we find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Ginger F. Smith & Family
Maringouin, LA##imported-begin##Ginger F. Smith##imported-end##*

September 07, 2011 at 01:22 AM



“ *To My Family:*

To Everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

"A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. He hath made everything beautiful in his time. Ecclesiates 3:1-2. We will miss Uncle Joe dearly.

Love June, Helen, Greta, Deci, Chelle, Klarisse, and Kasie.##imported-begin##Wilson Thompson, Jr. and Family##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:17 AM



“ God knows what He is doing. He needed someone to take care of some business for him. He needed a man who LOVED life and LOVED his family. My Uncle Joe was that man. I will miss his bubbly personality and pleasant smile. I will see you on the other shore. We will live your legacy through your stories and memories of all of the fun times that we had. RIP Uncle Joe###imported-begin###Monique Trusclair Maddox###imported-end###

September 06, 2011 at 11:31 PM



“ Mr. Trusclair was one of the best principal's I have had the pleasure of working with. His Vetal Staff and students were one big family. All the innovative programs he brought to Vetal showed his committment to children. I will never forget all he did for my son, Alex. My memories of Mr. Trusclair will last forever. May your memories comfort you during this difficult time. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family as you struggle through your grief and sadness. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Charise Fulton###imported-end###

September 06, 2011 at 11:12 PM



“ I lost another dear brother. There was never an in-law between us. I will smile every time I recall your yearly visits at our house. You brought sunshine when there was none and wisdom when there was confusion. I will continue this legacy. Thinking of you is bitter sweet because I must smile when I want to cry. I prayed so hard that you would stay but I recognize that God wanted you just as much. Sweet dreams. Rest in peace.###imported-begin###Dorothy Trusclair###imported-end###

September 06, 2011 at 11:02 PM



“ To my uncle whom i admired and adored all my life. We as a family will always remember him as the greatest and most caring person ever lived. I remember when the space shuttle fell i called my uncle and told him. I said man i think someone is shooting at me and he laughed and said are you sure and i said yes. i hid behind my storage building and peeped around the corner and looked and didn't see anything. So i called him back and he said did you find out who was shooting at you because i'm on the way to texas now. I told him it was the space shuttle done fell all around here. He laughed and i said look at the news and that's when he had a good laugh. He never got to visit me in Lufkin,texas but he will watch me from heaven now to make sure i okay. My thanks to his family and friends and all who knew my uncle joe. we love you everett, cathy, and nicholos trusclair.##imported-begin##Everett ,Catherine, and Nicholos Trusclair##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 11:00 PM



“ Angela,
I know this is a tough time for you. My condolences to you and your family.
Keep the faith, you are a strong woman. He will get you through this.

One Love

Jnaice##imported-begin##Janice Mitchell##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 10:30 PM



“ *May you rest in peace Uncle Joe!*

Love your niece,

Gena Novella##imported-begin##Gena Pender Gossett##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 10:18 PM



“ *Earth has now sorrow , that heaven can not heal. Be strong my family##imported-begin##Larry and Jannette Thompson##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 09:54 PM



“ *Mr. Trusclair was a one of a kind man and principal. He saw my potential for being a great teacher and worked hard to get me at Vetel. Words can't express the appreciation that I have for him. He will be greatly missed. Mr. Trusclair you are in heaven with my father. Please tell him I said "HELLO". R.I.P.##imported-begin##WaSeana Ballard##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 09:52 PM



“ *To the Tusclair family, my prayers are with you. Stay strong & the the Lord will see you through this time....
The Ballard family##imported-begin##Mary B. Ballard##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 08:42 PM



“ *Dear Cynthia and Family,*

I am truly saddened by news of the passing of my friend, co-worker, and mentor, Joseph Trusclair. I had the privilege and honor of assisting him at Peter Vetal School for seven years. His devotion to his responsibilities as Principal and to the staff and students was only match by his devotion to you and his family. We made sure to keep in touch during our retirements by sharing holiday treats. His fried turkey and my german chocolate cake. I will miss these exchanges but most of all I will miss knowing that I could pick up the phone and hear news updates and positive comments. My life was enriched by our working relationship. You and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Riddle##imported-begin##Barbara Riddle##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ *The world has lost a great giant among men and educators. Mr. Trusclair's commitment to education and advancing urban education in my opinion was unmatched by anyone. He was always looking for methods to connect children to teaching and learning. His innovations are being implemented today throughout DPS in areas such as school-based adoption, university connections for elementary and middle school students, data driven teaching and much more. I'm sad to say he'll never get the credit for all he did to improve the lives of children in the Brightmoor community.*

Several years ago our church (Rosedale Park Baptist Church) entered into an unique adoptive school relationship with Vetal School. That relationship proved to be life changing for not only many students from Vetal but families, children and youth not only at Rosedale but also in the Brightmoor community. Today hundreds of those students who attended Vetal during his administration are in college, graduated (Class of 2011) or graduating in the college class of 2012.

Regrettably urban education is tough and very hard to assess its effectiveness in 2-3 years. However, I've made it a personal mission to follow up with many of those students and Mr. Trusclair the staff would pleasantly surprised to see the fruit of their labor.

Thank you for caring, sharing, investing and creating new opportunities for others. More importantly thank you for being an educational leader who believed that every child must have access to both a chance and a quality education. Thank you for being a model father to many students at Vetal and thank you loving others beyond measure. Rest my friend in peace.

Blessings Always to the Family,

Dennis Talbert###imported-begin##Dennis Talbert###imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 02:48 PM



“ I lost a good friend when Mr. Trusclair passed away. My deepest sympathy to Cynthia and his daughters. If I lived in Detroit area I would certainly attend services. My prayers are with each of you.
Peggy Loop###imported-begin###Peggy Loop###imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ Dad,
Don't worry about us. We know our LORD does not make mistakes AND HE will take care of us. We are blessed to have had you and that you did not experience pain or long suffering. Soar and enjoy Heaven just as you enjoyed earth... Our rich memories of you will never diminish...

Love your oldest,
Angela###imported-begin###Angela Monae' Trusclair
Hylor###imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 01:58 AM