

Pallbearers

Donald McMillan Donald McMillan, Jr.
Brandeon McMillan Ramone Gooboltd
Adrian Cook

Flower Attendants

Dorothy Payne Deborah Payne
Dale Bates Almeta Sylvain

God Saw You

God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you,
and whispered, "Come to me".
You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best
And when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.

Acknowledgements

The family of **Melvin McMillan** gratefully and compassionately acknowledges your acts of kindness, thoughts, expressions of love, and your abundance of prayers. You have assisted, comforted, and blessed us much more than we can articulate. We humbly salute each of you for sharing and celebrating our beloved's memory. May God bless you and may the Holy Spirit always be with you.

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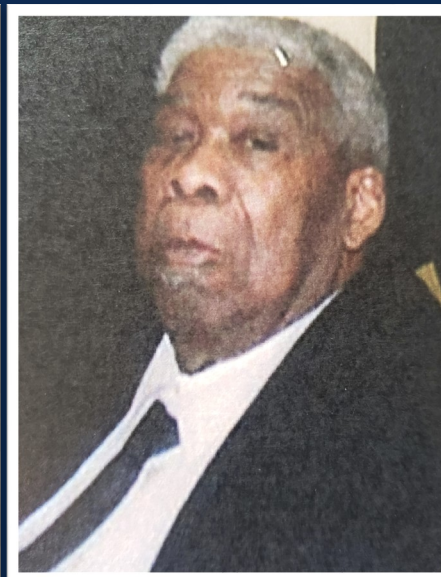
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A Celebration Of Life for

Mr. Melvin Layvet McMillan



Sunrise

May 8, 1937

Sunset

February 14, 2020

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, February 22, 2020

Greater Harvest Christian Fellowship

9113 Ridge Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Pastor Johnny Legons, Officiating

Obituary

Melvin Layvet McMillan, Sr. was born in River Jimetin (Gadsen County), Florida on May 8, 1937 to the late Averitt Donald McMillan and Katie Lee Smith-McMillan. However, Melvin was raised by his grandmother, Alice Robinson-McMillan. Growing up in her household was a very religious environment with respect for the Sabbath getting training in Sunday School and church on Sunday. Wherever he lived, he had a church home which included, Elizabeth A.M.E in River Jimetin, Greater Bethel A.M.E, and St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Jacksonville, Florida. After living in Miami for several years they moved to Jacksonville, Florida where his grandmother established a permanent resident at 1157 West 10th Street for all her children to call home.

Melvin graduated from New Stanton Senior High School in Duval County and enlisted in the United States Air Force upon graduation. The experience in the military afforded him the opportunity to become a wiser, more disciplined man of strong character and values.

After returning to Jacksonville, Florida from the military, he met the love of his life, Betty. To this union were formed three children whom he loved dearly. He took seriously his fatherly responsibilities. He was a father that showed us that love is patience and sacrifice, laughter and advice. His love was done by leading by example with strong but gentle hands and a good heart. He was affectionately known as “Big Melvin” after his first child, Melvin Jr was born.

Melvin worked hard to provide for his family unselfishly. He spent over 20 years working for Winn Dixie Grocery Stores. He also worked for Greyhound Dog Track for over 20 years until retirement.

On Friday, February 14, 2020 God called Melvin to his eternal rest.

Melvin was preceded in death by his first born, Melvin Jr. He is survived by his loyal loving son, Donald Avertt McMillan and his devoted loving daughter, Valencia Cherie McMillan; brothers, Ronald McMillan, Tyrone Simmons, Carl Simmons, and James Butler; sisters, Bettye McMillan-Cantrell, Caddie Simmons Timmons, and Audrey Brown; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Order of Service

Pastor Johnny Legons, Presiding

- Processional** *“Walk Around Heaven”*
- Selection** Greater Harvest Choir
“When We All Get to Heaven”
- Invocation** Tyrone Simmons
- Scripture** Pastor Damien Kellam
Glory Temple Church
Old Testament Psalms 23
New Testament Romans 8:35-39
- Selection** Lashara Jones
- Reflections**
As a Brother Ronald McMillan
As a Grandson Ramone Gooboldt
- Obituary** *(Read silently)*
“Take Me to the King”
- Resolutions**
- Selection** Bettye McMillan Cantrell
- Eulogy** Pastor Johnny Legons
- Recessional** *“Goin’ Up Yonder”*

Repast

Immediately following service in the Greater Harvest Christian Fellowship Hall.