

Acknowledgements

We the family of David Mackey, take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the love and kindness shown during this period of sickness and bereavement. If you thought about us, thank you for your thoughtfulness. If you telephone to inquire about his condition, we thank you for remembering him. If you asked God's blessing upon him and our family, we thank you for your prayers. May God bless each of you. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Joseph Fouche, Arden Hospice, and Timothy Sanders and Henderson County Funeral Services.

-The Family-

Active Casket Bearers

Darius Melton Ansian Campbell
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Carlton Campbell Mark Carver Jr.

Honorary Casket Bearers

Charles Mackey Kenneth Norman
Calvin Davis Reginal Bryant
John Melton Bryant Carver
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Flower Bearers

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Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Lexington Tn 38351

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



David Mackey

Sunrise: January 17, 1939 - Sunset: November 23, 2024

Saturday November 30, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

150 Pleasant Hill Road
Lexington, Tennessee 38351

Rev. Ivey Jamison Officiating

When life seems a blur,
And I can't quite believe
That I'm living without you
And you were taken from me,

I sit back and think
Of the memories we shared,
All the laughs that you gave me
And the times that you cared.

'Til death do us part.
That's true in our case.
I miss you so much,
Your voice and your face.

Time is a healer.
I can't say that it's true,
But life does go on,
Which means without you.

When it all gets too much
And I wish you were here,
I feel thankful that I met you,
And I hold you close, my dear.

'Til death do us part.
That's true in our case.
I miss you so much,
Your voice and your face.

Your Loving Wife,
CORA

Your Last Walk

Early in the morning hour

God said, "Get Dress!

It didn't matter to him

You weren't in your Sunday's best.

God needed you to take a little walk.

You needed that time with him just to have that talk

I know you wanted everyone to be Okay.

But God re-assured you; he will work it out, just "You get out of the way.

I know you told me, "You know who you are and who's you are.

"so, I know you had faith at the time you extended your hand.

For you know Uncle, Only God can

Through tears of sorrow, comes hope for tomorrow.

For God knows Uncle you've done your best.

No more sickness no more pain.

What we may see as a lost is truly heaven's gain.

Now the others before you, have now Welcomed you home.

You have taken the place right where you belong.

Love You Always!!

Your niece,

-LaTasha-

UNCLE DAVID

What do I say about a Man That.... Taught me how to Read, Tie My shoes, Pull My Teeth, Shoot A Gun. Just how a man is supposed to treat a wife and family. My uncle David is more than my uncle. He was and is my DAD! When you google the word DAD! There's a big difference between what makes a 'father' and a 'dad'... A father is someone who believes that by donating his sperm for your creation, he has done his duty in life. A dad is someone who gets up every day and does whatever he can to put a roof over your head, clothes on your back and food on your table. That in itself describes Uncle David. He has been my protector, my body guard, cheerleader, my mechanic. I can go on and on about this man. He has always made me feel like he was right here no matter what! When I was little, I used to wait up because he worked 2nd shift. For Auntie Cora to cook gizzards and a tall glass of water. I used to be so excited when I heard that garage door open. Just to know that he came home. Something that I didn't have in my home at the time. As a little girl's we always say I am going to marry a man. Just like my Daddy! Well, I married a Man that reminded me of my uncle David! Not my father. I have always had a relationship with my father. But it was never like my relationship like Uncle David. He has never known this but I used to look at him as my SUPERMAN.

I have had incidents happen to me and uncle David came to my rescue. As a little girl he was my hero and took care of me and I always vowed to always take care of him. And have his back at all times. Just like he does for me! I could never repay my uncle. For all the things he has done for me. Including buying me my 1st pair of diamonds at 6 weeks old! No wonder why diamonds are my favorite! I am truly thankful for him being in my life. He has helped bury both of my parent's, walked me down the aisle and was my 12th grade debutante escort.

WOW! DAVID MACKAY YOU ARE SIMPLY AMAZING AND I
LOVE YOU TO THE MOON.

Your niece
-LaShell-

DAD

Your hand once strong and warm to hold now rests in peace a story told. A guiding light, a steady beat now silent echoes bittersweet. Dad though you are gone from sight, your spirit will remain near, in every smile and in every cheer. I can't begin to say how grateful that I am to have taken this journey of life with a dad such as you. You were vocal, a man of strength, strong integrity and one whom demonstrated love, guidance, patience and wisdom and you led by example.

As a child you nurtured and sheltered me and always kept me near while guiding and holding my hand tight along the way. You instilled values and morals that prepared me to embrace the future independently as I began to create my own path and successfully transition through the various stages of life. Dad, you were my rock, my protector and loudest supporter and once again, I will always be forever grateful.

The time has come. God has called you home it is hard to say good bye... However, I will say so long dad, rest well.

You will truly be missed.

Love You Dearly!
Your Daughter,
-Shaton-

“I Am A Man”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr used these words four decades ago in his last campaign in Memphis, Tn. He asserted the sentiments of African American men who by dignity, perseverance and pride refused to be condemned to mediocrity by the Jim Crow of America’s south.

David Mackey was the full embodiment of Dr. King’s acclaim, “I am a man!”

... A man knows who he is and embraces his roots and his wings.

David was born January 17, 1939 in Lexington Tn to the parentage of the late Jerry Mackey and Lila Harmon Mackey. Both were born and reared in Henderson County. Jerry Mackey was a farmer and Lila Mackey a licensed practical nurse who worked for the late Dr. Corneluis Huntsman

In 1959, he married Cora Campbell. They celebrated their 65th Anniversary on March 14, 2024.

He departed this life peacefully at the age of 85 on Saturday morning, November 23rd, 2024 in His home surrounded by His wife, Mrs. Cora Mackey, daughter Shaton Kelley.

Survivors include His wife of 65 years, Mrs. Cora Mackey, daughter Shaton (Todd) Kelley of Cumming, GA, God son Tony (Rose) Mackey of Paducah, Kentucky. A special cousin/Sister Ms. Mae Mayo and a very special Nephew Mark (Gail) Carver, and a host of Nieces, Nephew’s cousins and friends.

A man is committed to lifelong learning and achievement

David was educated in Henderson County Schools attending Pleasant Hill School where the late Marie Young was his teacher. He was a 1958 graduate of Montgomery High School and worked throughout school on the family farm and always found a way to exemplify a heavy work ethic. When the 1960’s presented him with challenge and trial, he sought higher ground, and relocated to Peoria IL where he found opportunity and security. After several summers working in Peoria and returning to his work as a bus driver in the winter, he and Cora settled in Peoria after a 1965 phone call to work for Caterpillar Tractor Co. full time. David also completed vocational studies at Caterpillar Tractor in East Peoria, IL; after which he was promoted to fire inspector. He retired from Caterpillar Tractor Co. in March, 1996 after 31 years of loyal service.

Not only did David work hard, but he played hard as well. He excelled as an avid bowler serving as president, vice president and team captain of several leagues. He and Cora travel the country for many years winning tournaments and noteworthy recognition; First perfect game of 300 bowled in 1974, First African American to bowl a perfect game in GPBA and Second African American to join the 700 Club and countless other trophies and awards for high games and averages. Notably, one was the State of IL National Senior Men’s Championship in 1998.

After retirement, David Mackey resumed former loves including fishing and hunting which filled his days with focus and entertainment along with productive labor.

A man walks by faith, takes risks and responsibility for his choices

David’s home church was Pleasant Hill Baptist Church here in Lexington, however while residing in Peoria IL he was a member of Zion Baptist Church in Peoria IL. Brother Mackey expressed his faith through works. He believed that God gives us wisdom and knowledge to achieve whatever we desire, and that it is our responsibility to make choices, take risks and apply effort in order to see the Lord’s handwork in our lives. In the 1960’s he moved north to find opportunity, and in 1998, he walked away from his home of about 36 years to the family homestead on Pope Road in Lexington Tn, where he built a new home and a new life. In spite of major illness and surgeries, David has walked by faith through recovery and into new victories every day.

A man is not afraid to love, give and care about others

David was an active member of the local chapter of NAACP, and served on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Alumni Association. He mentored countless young people in his family and the community; maintaining an open door in his home for love, fellowship and arm chair advisement for a purposeful and profitable life; I am A MAN!

A Day of Celebration Order of Service

Processional

Selection “I’m Free” Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament Psalms 90..... Rev. Rodney Campbell
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Lexington TN

New Testament John 14:1-6 Rev. Gerry Campbell
Northside Church, Jackson TN

Prayer Rev. Bryan Tubbs
Keys Chapel UMC, Lexington TN

Family Remarks: Rev. Cedric Shumate, Sr.
Carpenter’s House Christan Church, Peoria IL

Solo Mr. James Carver

Resolution/Acknowledgment Mrs. Toywona Mayo

Words of Comfort: Rev. Sharon Karamoko
Wesley Chapel UMC, Jackson Tn

Solo Mr. James Carver

Eulogy Rev. Ivey Jamison

Recessional