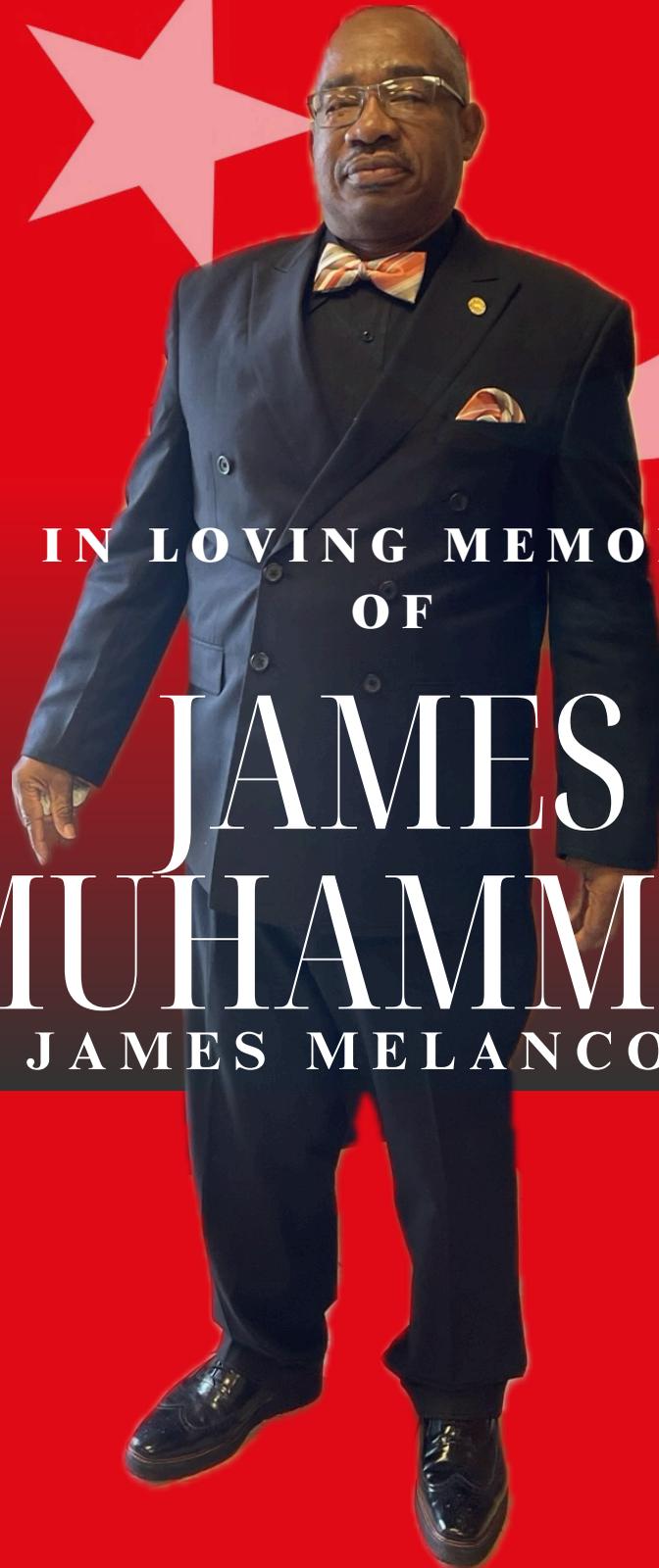
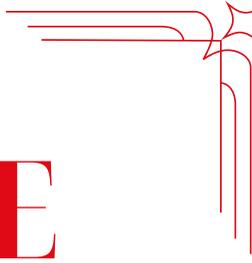
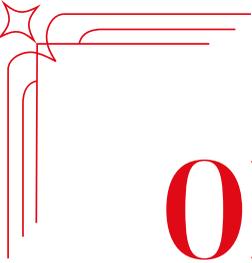


29 SEPTEMBER 1962 - 25 JULY 2025



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

JAMES
MUHAMMAD
AKA JAMES MELANCON JR.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Bro. Minister Willie Muhammad

Reading of Obituary

Jarmall Rogers (officiant)

Expressions of Gratitude

Malaiya Melancon

Milaan Melancon

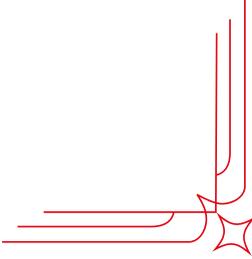
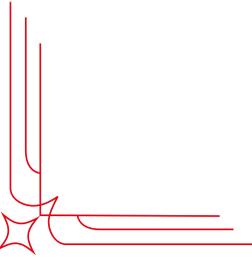
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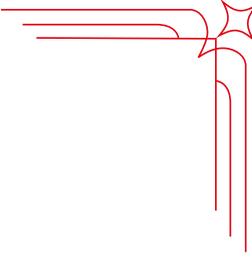
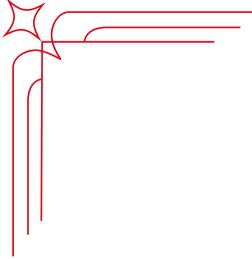
Bro. Minister Willie Muhammad

Janazah (Funeral) Prayers

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Viewing of the Beloved





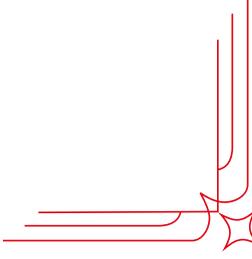
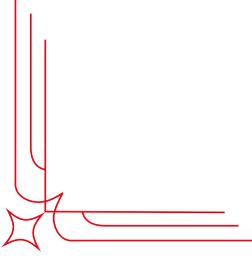
Al-Baqarah

O you who believe, seek assistance through patience and prayer; surely Allah is with the patient. And speak not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, (they are) alive, but you perceive not.

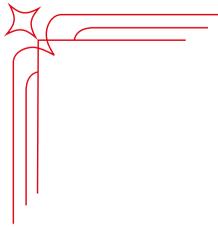
And We shall certainly try you with something of fear and hunger and loss of property and lives and fruits. And give good news to the patient,

Who, when a misfortune befalls them, say: Surely we are Allah's, and to Him we shall return.

Those are they on whom are blessings and mercy from their Lord; and those are the followers of the right course.



(Holy Qur'an 2:153-157)



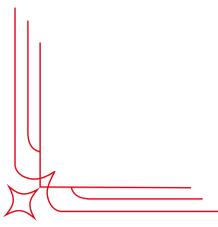
OBITUARY

Brother James (Melancon, Jr.) Muhammad was born on September 29, 1962 to Elizabeth Melancon and the late James Melancon Sr. in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was the second of four children; his siblings include Deborah Melancon-Washington, George [(Shelly) Melancon] Muhammad, and Jaime Melancon. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of almost 33 years – Yolanda (Melancon) Muhammad, sons – Dēmon and Malik Melancon, and daughters – Nuri and Tajah Melancon. He is also survived by his granddaughters – Milaan and Malaiya Melancon. He was preceded in death by his Father – James Melancon Sr., and his son – Quilland Johnson.

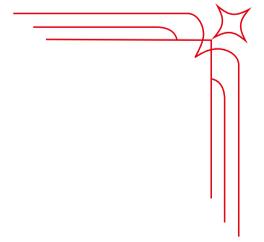
Junior, as most family called him, was raised in the Kennedy Heights neighborhood of Avondale, Louisiana. He fondly recounted his days in the “Heights” running the neighborhood with his childhood friends and playing organized sports at K.A.W.K Playground where he learned many life lessons. He graduated from West Jefferson High School and continued on to earn his Bachelors of Science with a degree in Industrial Engineering at Louisiana State University.

James was a hardworking and dedicated husband and father. He served as medic in the Air Force National Guard for 10 years. After his service, he began his career as an Ammunition Specialist. He later planted roots at the United States Postal Service where he worked 29 years while simultaneously running multiple businesses. He was able to successfully go into early retirement at the age of 58 years young in 2020.

Brother James discovered the teachings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad and The Nation of Islam in 1990 and soon after decided to join The Nation to sharpen his mind, knowledge of self, and knowledge of Allah. He studied the teachings closely and used them to lead his family to the best of his ability.



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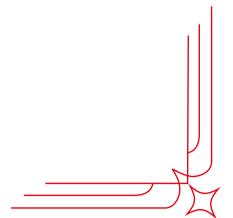


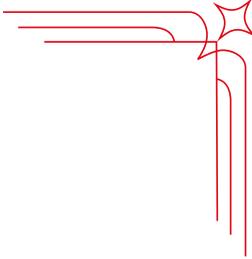
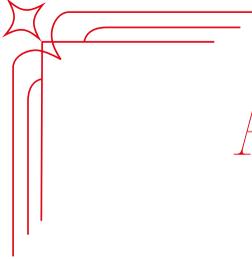
James was constantly studying and learning about any and every topic that piqued his interest. He was an avid reader and movie watcher. Junior kept notebooks where he frequently wrote down his findings and any budding ideas or future plans. He wrote everything except his own obituary. He was a planner, a leader, and an executor. When one plan did not work he always had another.

James leaves behind a family janitorial business and several properties. Every goal he achieved was for the benefit of his family, both immediate and extended; he was always looking for ways to include everyone. Junior not only created opportunities for his family, but an endless amount of precious memories. He cherished the moments helping his children enhance their sports skills, gathering for holidays, attending festivals and concerts, playing chess and Scrabble, and simply just “chilling” as long as he was in the presence of loved ones. He had dreams of traveling the world with his wife in their retirement.

James was a student of the world but also a teacher to many, making himself an asset to his community. He served as a study group leader in McAllister, Oklahoma and a Jr. Fruit of Islam instructor at Mosque No. 46. in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also coached girls basketball for many years at Woodmere Playground. He was a Peacekeeper, both figuratively and literally.

James will be remembered as a coach, a mentor, a student, a teacher, but most importantly a servant of Allah.





A Love That Never Leaves, to my Dearest Pawpaw

My grandpa wasn't just family –
He was my role model,
my protector, and the father figure I always needed.

He taught me how to be strong,
how to be kind, how to love people deeply and fully.

He made me feel safe,
he made me feel seen,
and I never had to wonder if I was cared for –
because he showed me every single day.

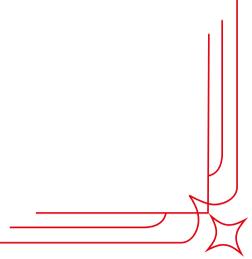
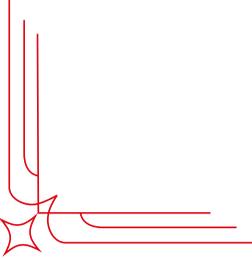
One of my favorite memories is when he took me and my sister to Cane's
and we laughed nonstop about "B.O.B" – butter on both sides.
It may seem small to some, but to me, it was a moment filled with joy,
with togetherness, and with love.

Losing him has left me confused.
I try to understand,
I try to accept,
but the truth is... I'm hurting more than words can say.

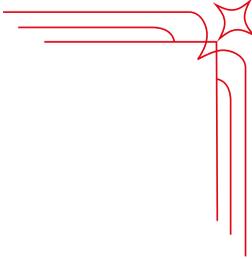
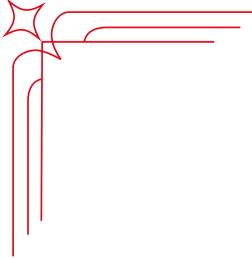
Still, even through the pain, I know this:
I'll never forget him.
He'll always live in my heart.

And from this moment on, everything I do,
every dream I choose,
every good thing I build,
will be dedicated to him.
Because he was the best part of my life.
And no matter what, he always will be.

To anyone who knew my Pawpaw, they knew that he was a nice and hardworking man.



by Malaiya Melancon

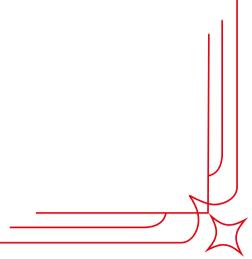
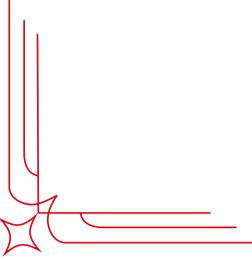


My Pawpaw: A Virtuous Man

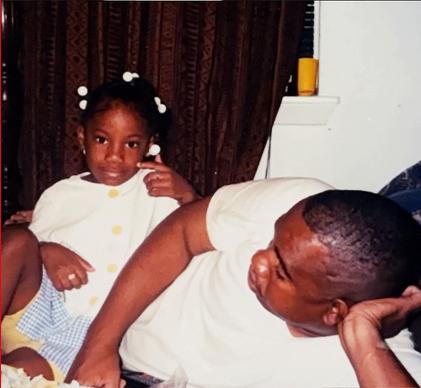
My Pawpaw was a virtuous man. There's so many things that I wish I could say to him, but this is what I can make out:

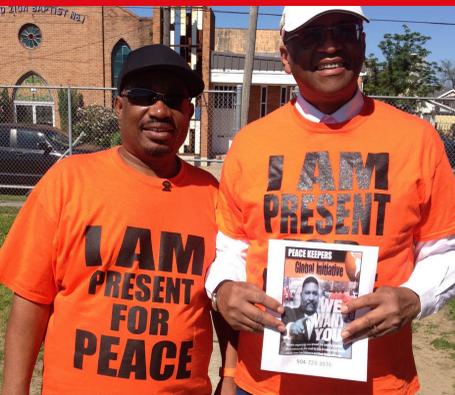
I would listen to you talk about me and Malaiya being young black queens for hours straight if that meant I could talk to you again. You were a hardworking man. Whenever I wanted something, you tried your best to give it to me. You always brought me and picked me up from wherever I needed – whether it was school, dance, or even my mama's house. You stepped in as my father figure when my real father couldn't. I wish you could take me driving one last time. I would read as many books as you wanted me to if that meant I could hear your laugh again. I'm going to try my best to do everything to the best of my ability to make you proud. I love you so much and I'll forever miss you.

Love,
Your Granddaughter Milaan

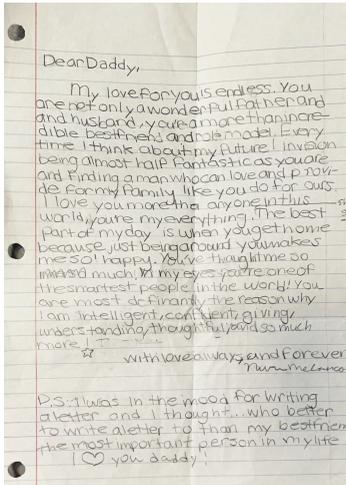


by Milaan Melancon





Heart to Hearts



Nuri Melancon, 2010

Dear Daddy,

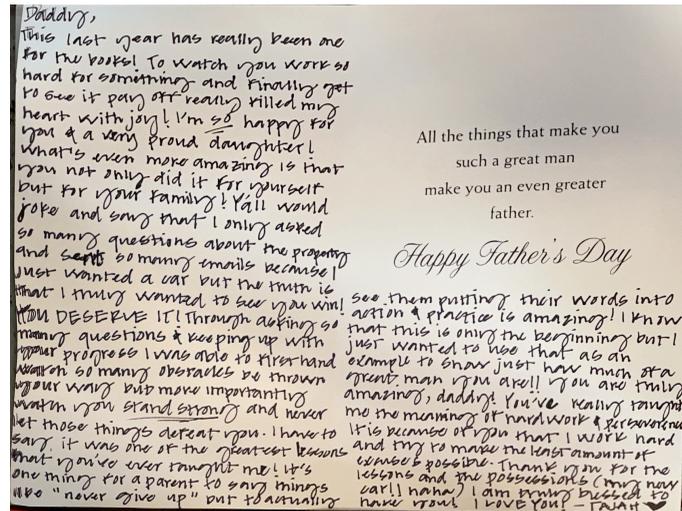
My love for you is endless. You are not only a wonderful father and husband, you're a more than incredible best friend and role model. Every time I think about my future I envision being almost half as fantastic as you are and finding a man who can love and provide for my family like you do for ours. I love you more than anyone in this world. You're my everything. The best part of my day is when you get home because just being around you makes me so happy. You've taught me so much! In my eyes you're one of the smartest people in the world. You are most definitely the reason why I am intelligent, confident, giving, understanding, thoughtful, and so much more!

With love always and forever,
Nuri Melancon

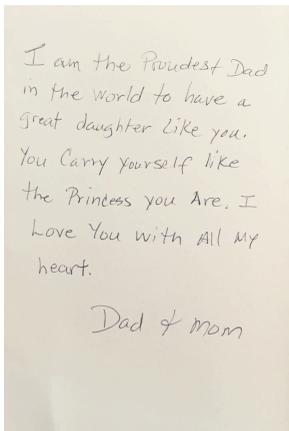
P.S. I was in the mood for writing a letter and I thought...who better to write a letter to than my best friend, the most important person in my life. I love you daddy!

Daddy,
This last year has really been one for the books! To watch you work so hard for something and finally get to see it pay off really filled my heart with joy! I'm so happy for you and a very proud daughter! What's even more amazing is that you not only did it for yourself but for your family! Y'all would joke and say that I only asked so many questions about the property and sent so many emails because I just wanted a car but the truth is that I truly wanted to see you win! YOU DESERVE IT! Through asking so many questions and keeping up with your progress, I was able to first hand watch so many obstacles be thrown your way but more importantly watch you stand strong and never let those things defeat you. I have to say, it was one of the greatest lessons that you've ever taught me! It's one thing for a parent to say things like "never give up" but to actually see them putting their words into action and practice is amazing! I know that this is only the beginning but I just wanted to use that as an example to show just how much of a great man you are!! You are truly amazing, daddy! You've really taught me the meaning of hard work and perseverance. It is because of you that I work hard and try to make the least amount of excuses possible. Thank you for the lessons and the possessions (My new car!! Haha). I am truly blessed to have you! I LOVE YOU!

-Tajah



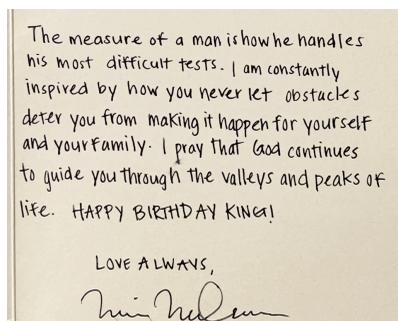
Tajah Melancon, Father's Day 2019



Daddy, May 14

I am the proudest Dad in the world to have a great daughter like you. You carry yourself like the princess you are. I love you with all my heart.

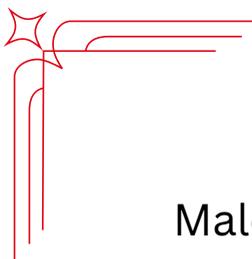
Dad & Mom



Nuri Melancon, September 29

The measure of a man is how he handles his most difficult tests. I am constantly inspired by how you never let obstacles deter you from making it happen for yourself and your family. I pray that God continues to guide you through the valleys and peaks of life. Happy Birthday King!

Love Always,
Nuri Melancon



Active Pallbearers

Malcolm Alexander Sr.
Malcolm Alexander Jr.
Jermaine Brisco II

Lashawn Melancon
Darryl Verrett Sr.
Jarmall Rogers

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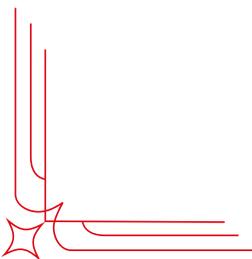
In this time of great grief, the Melancon family is grateful for the love and support of our family, friends, and community. We would like to give a special thanks to Brother Minister Willie Muhammad and the believers of Mosque No. 46. We extend our deepest gratitude to Nurse Alicia at West Jefferson Medical Center. All of your support has been and will continue to be a comforting blessing to each of us. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

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Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi roji'un

We surely belong to Allah and to Him we shall return

(Holy Qur'an 2:156)