

# A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

## God Saw You

*God saw you were getting weary  
So he did what he thought was best  
He came and stood beside you  
And whispered, "Come and Rest"  
You Bid no one a last farewell  
No even a good-bye  
You were gone before we know it and  
Only God knows why.*

## A WORD OF THANKS

The Family of Melvyn Y. Little Sr. wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this hour of bereavement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and comfort. It is immensely appreciated!



*Melvyn Y.  
Little Sr.*

DECEMBER 2, 1940 — DECEMBER 21, 2025



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# Obituary

Suffragan Bishop Melvyn Y Little, Jr., Officiant & Eulogist  
Friday, January 2, 2026 | 2:00pm  
**MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL OF PEACE**  
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

MELVYN Y. LITTLE, SR. was born December 2, 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the union of the late Bishop Robert L. Little and Jennie M. (Flowers) Little and was the firstborn of nine children. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald K. Little and Robert W. Little, and four sisters, Joyce A. Weems, Sonja J. Gilbert, Kathleen N. Schwartz, and Mary J. Little. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Two sisters, Mary E. McDaniel and Jennie M. Taylor (aka Penni Taylor), now survive his siblings.

Melvyn relocated to Louisville, KY, in 1964 and became a member of Christ Temple Apostolic Church under the pastorate of his late father, Bishop Robert L. Little, with his family and children.

Melvyn Sr relocated to Columbus, Ohio, in 1974 and, through church membership and family, gained many friends and acquaintances. He was a spiritually gifted gospel singer throughout the 1970s to the 1990s among interdenominational churches in Columbus. He became a member of the well-known Bernard Upshaw Singers as a lead singer and songwriter.

Melvyn Sr departed this life on Sunday, December 21, 2025, and leaves to mourn and commemorate his legacy in his children's generational continuity, with faith, trust, and belief in God.

Melvyn Sr's precious family legacy memories include Brian Allen, Melanie Yvette, Melvyn York, Jr (Gail), Michael Eric Little, and Marsha Elaine Bishop (Adrian), Anna Marian Little (former wife/mother of five); Jennifer Louise and Melinda Lee Little-Miranda, Mildred (Midge) Little (former wife/mother of two). Two Granddaughters: Jada Little-Sales and Sarah Little. Seven Grandsons: Melvyn Y. Little, III, Montrell B. Little, Alexander Miranda, Mikal England, Adrian M. Bishop, Isaiah F. Bishop, Aden M. Bishop. Two Great-Grandsons: Maalik D. Little and Maceo Montrell Little; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and relatives.

# Order Of Service

Musical Prelud  
Mr. John W. Flowers, Jr

Invocation  
Brother Feotis Gilbert, II

Scripture John 14:1-3  
Guest Minister

Medley of Praise

Acknowledgements & Resolutions  
Ms. Penni Taylor

Family Tributes

Congregational Song

Obituary  
(Read Silently as music is played softly)

Ecclesiastical Remarks  
(Please limit comments to 2 minutes)

Eulogy & Prayer of Comfort  
S/B Melvyn Y. Little, Jr.

Committal  
S/B Melvyn Y. Little, Jr.

Benediction  
Guest Minister