

*Celebration of Life*

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 - 11:00 AM  
PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE  
6601 EAST COLFAX AVE | DENVER, COLORADO 80220  
PASTOR MICHAEL D. HENRY, II, OFFICIATING

Processional.....Tara Washington / Hayward Hobbs  
"I Can Only Imagine"  
Parting Memories.....Funeral Directors  
Selection.....Tara Washington/ Hayward Hobbs  
"Stand"  
Comfort From the Scriptures.....Minister  
Old Testament and New Testament  
Prayer of Solace.....Minister  
Selection.....Tara Washington Everette / Hayward Hobbs  
"Father Can You Hear Me"  
Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary.....Pipkin Braswell Funeral Director

VIDEO TRIBUTE

TRIBUTES (3 Minutes Please)  
Rene Parson  
Tony May

Selection.....Tara Eyerette Washington / Hayward Hobb  
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Word of Comfort.....Pastor Michael D. Henry, II

PIPKIN BRASWELL FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
"I'll Always Love You"

Recessional.....Tara Washington / Nathaniel Black  
"The Storm Is Over Now"

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

George Goree III Ricky Hampton DeCarlo Garrett Chris Parker, Jr. Channon Bean Tommy Dukes

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Roger Gentry

AND HE SHALL REST

Ft. Logan National Cemetery | Denver, Colorado

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

With hearts of gratitude, the family of Melvin James Goree wishes to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon us during this time of bereavement. Your comforting messages, prayers, phone calls, visits, and other good deeds will linger in our hearts. Our prayer is that God bless and keep you all.

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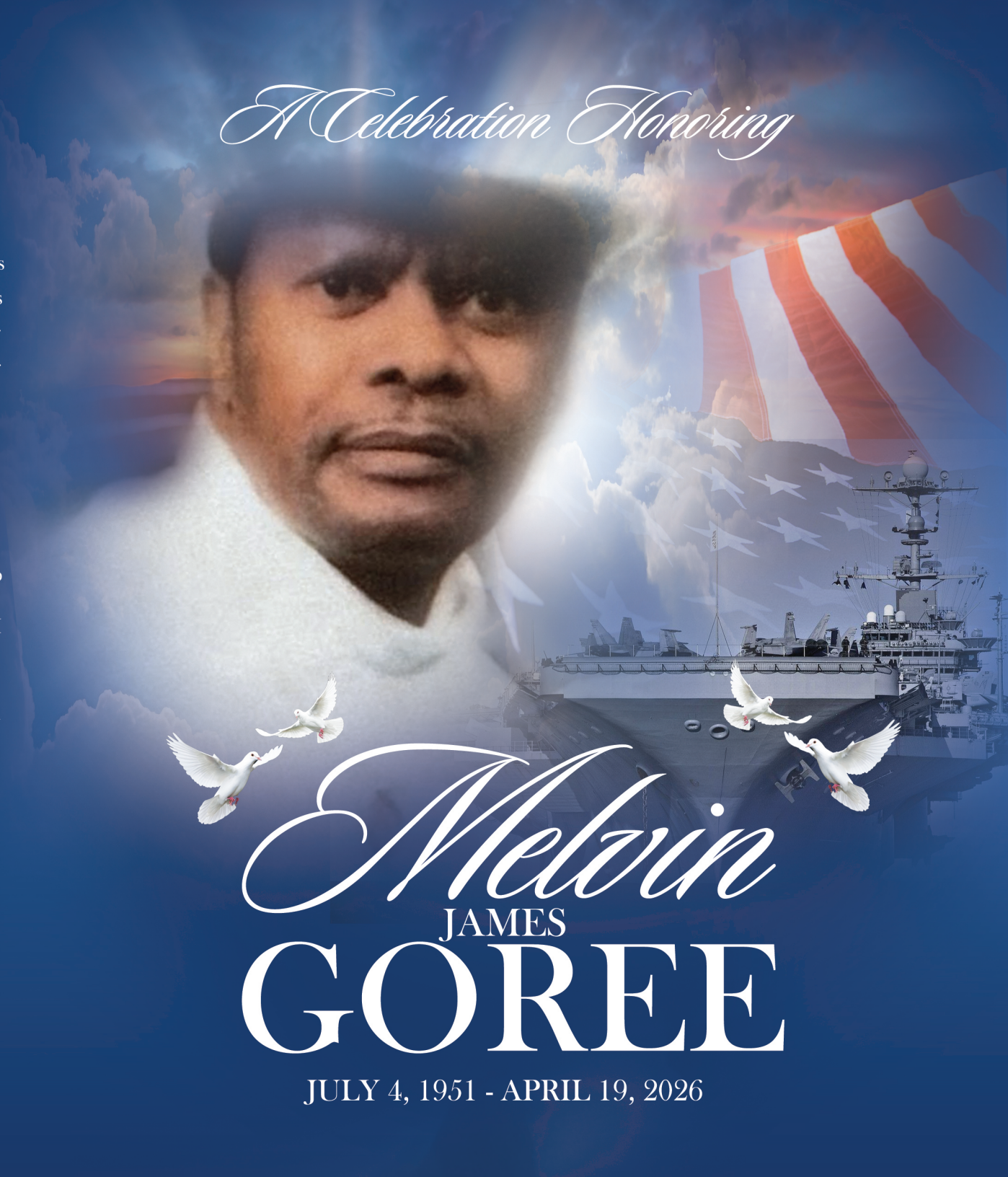
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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

*A Celebration Honoring*

*Melvin*  
JAMES  
**GORREE**

JULY 4, 1951 - APRIL 19, 2026



## LIFE JOURNEY

# Melvin James Goree

“Danny Boy”

Melvin James Goree, known affectionately as "Danny Boy" since the moment of his birth on July 4, 1951, in Lubbock, Texas, left a lasting imprint on all who knew him. The fifth child of Goldie and Colonel George Goree, Sr., Melvin's early years were marked by a love for reading and lively games of cards, dominos, and baseball. His joyous spirit was evident from the very start, as a midwife famously declared him a beautiful baby and lovingly christened him with a nickname that would stay with him throughout his life.

Melvin attended Manual High School in 1966 and briefly served his country in the U.S. Navy in 1971, stationed in San Diego, California. His dedication and quiet strength were hallmarks both in service and in civilian life.

In 1973, Melvin married Lee Earl (Diane) May at the Byron White U.S. Courthouse in Denver, Colorado. Their deep love brought forth two beloved children, Tony and Tamesha, whom they nurtured with pride and warmth. Melvin often spoke with heartfelt joy about their first meeting and the tenderness of their wedding day, a testament to the enduring bond they shared.

In 1985, Melvin's journey of companionship continued with Doris Green, whom he met at the El Chapultepec Jazz & Blues Club in Denver. Together, they embraced a blended family including Kellie, Demond, and Roxanne, who held a special place in Melvin's heart.

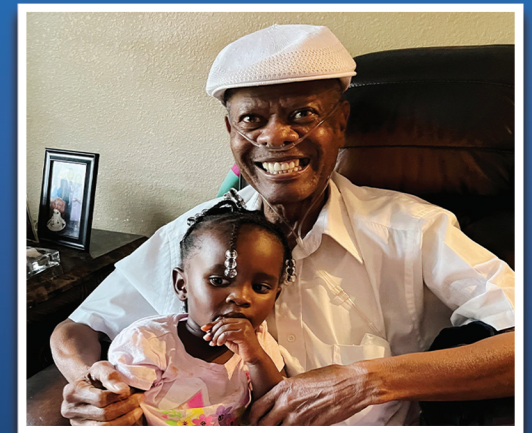
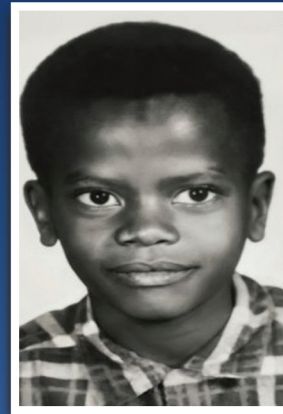
Known for his playful spirit and generosity, Melvin delighted in turning everyday moments into treasured memories for his children—from transforming the kitchen into a jungle gym to relaxing while eating sardines and crackers while lying on the living room floor. He taught kindness through patient guidance and conversation, shaping a legacy of compassion and understanding.

Melvin's grandchildren—Sadie, Chris, Tonesha, LaTrisha, Greg, Kiara, Tyler, Chappell, Channon, and Channell—remember him lovingly as Grandpa or Pop-O, and recall the special sandwiches he made for their school adventures and the overwhelming joy he felt holding his great-granddaughter, Mari, his “Little Angel,” for the first time.

Professionally, Melvin devoted his career to grocery distribution as a materials handler with Safeway, where his reliability and work ethic stood out. In moments of leisure, he found joy in watching football and basketball, favorite television shows like *Law & Order* and *In the Heat of the Night*, and sharing lively banter—especially teasing Denver Broncos fans after tough games, all with a twinkle in his eye.

Beside him stood steadfast friends such as Roger Gentry and Tommy Dukes; friends who remember Melvin's impeccable style and sharp presence, a man who could give *GQ Magazine* a run for its money.

Melvin peacefully passed away on April 19, 2026, at Swedish Medical Center, leaving behind a family enriched by his wisdom, humor, and unconditional love. He is survived by his son Tony (Tameka), daughter Tamesha (Michael), bonus children Kellie, Demond, and Roxanne, his brother Colonel George Jr. (Barbara), sisters Patsy Ann, Peggie (Karl), Sandra, and Rene (Mark), as well as nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.



“We are confident, I say, and willing to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” II Corinthians 5:8 KJV

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” II Timothy 4:6-8 KJV