



Celebrating the life of

Melvin Jerome
BANKS

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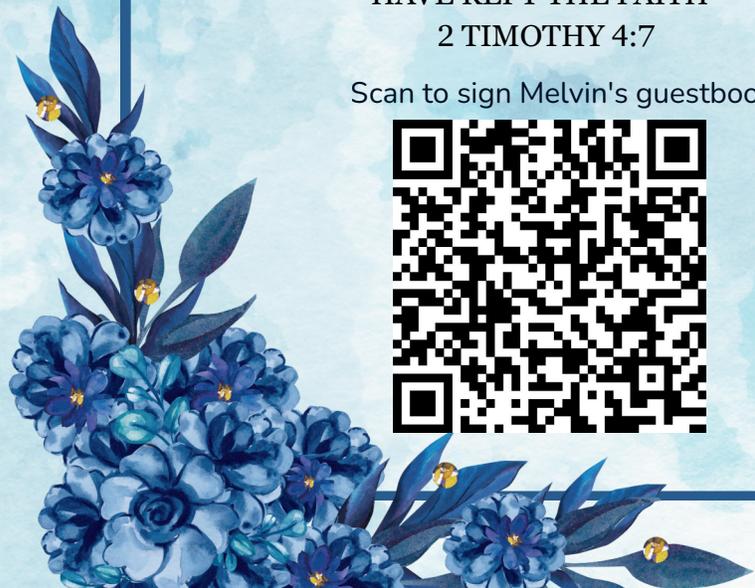


DECEMBER 13, 2025
GREATER MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
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"I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I
HAVE KEPT THE FAITH"
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Melvin Jerome BANKS

A BOUNCING BABY BOY, MELVIN JEROME BANKS, WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 21, 1964, TO LEROY SR. AND MELFIA JEAN BANKS. HE ACCEPTED CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REVEREND WILLIS AT JONES CHAPEL A.M.E., WHERE HE DISCOVERED AND EMBRACED THE GIFT OF SONG ALONGSIDE HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

JEROME'S EDUCATION BEGAN AT SHADYDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONTINUED AT B.C. ELMORE JR. HIGH SCHOOL, AND HE PROUDLY GRADUATED FROM FOREST BROOK SR. HIGH SCHOOL IN 1983. JEROME HELD A DEEP FASCINATION FOR DUMP TRUCKS FROM WATCHING HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS DETERMINED TO LEARN TO DRIVE THEM HIMSELF. HE ALSO SUPPORTED THE FAMILY BARBECUE BUSINESS. HIS PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY BEGAN AT EXPRESS TRUCKING IN 1984, WHERE HE WORKED UNTIL 1988. HE LATER WORKED UNDER KIM PORTIS, FOLLOWED BY JOHN DAY AT JOHN DAY TRUCKING, AND THEN AT HOLMER TRUCKING. HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT LED HIM TO OWN AND OPERATE HIS OWN BARBECUE BUSINESS FROM 1990 TO 1994. AFTERWARD, HE WORKED FOR KROGER'S, ARDIE TRUCKING, AND AAA INSURANCE AUCTION UNTIL 2000.

IN 2002, JEROME STEPPED INTO BUSINESS OWNERSHIP AGAIN, FOUNDING M.J.B. TRANSPORT, A JUNK CAR BUSINESS, HE RAN WITH PRIDE. HE LATER WORKED BRIEFLY FOR SAMUEL HOLCOMB BEFORE JOINING HOLMES RECYCLING, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HIS HEALTH BEGAN TO DECLINE. ON NOVEMBER 27, 2025, MELVIN JEROME BANKS DEPARTED THIS LIFE, LEAVING HIS FAMILY AND LOVED ONES IN DEEP SORROW.

ON DECEMBER 12, 1985, HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, PAM ALLEN BANKS. HIS SON KENDRICK KESHAWN TAYLOR WAS BORN ON JUNE 28, 1983, AND TOGETHER JEROME AND PAM WELCOMED THEIR SON PATTRICK JEROME BANKS ON APRIL 22, 1986, AND THEIR BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER SHAUNTAYVIA DENISE BANKS ON APRIL 10, 1992. PATTRICK PROUDLY FOLLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, DEVELOPING A LOVE FOR THE WRECKER TRUCK BUSINESS. JEROME TREASURED WALKING HIS DAUGHTER SHAUNTAYVIA IN HER 2009 HOMECOMING COURT AND SUPPORTING HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE NORTHSORE GOSPEL CHOIR. HE WAS A DEVOTED FATHER WHO LOVED ATTENDING AND CELEBRATING HIS CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT ST. MATTHEW'S BAPTIST CHURCH.

JEROME WAS A MAN WHO OPENED HIS HOME AND HIS HEART TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. HIS COOKING BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND HE ESPECIALLY CHERISHED THE TIMES WHEN HIS GRANDCHILDREN VISITED DURING THE SUMMER. HIS PRESENCE WAS MARKED BY WARMTH, LAUGHTER, AND AN UNFORGETTABLE SMILE.

IN 1996, JEROME MOVED HIS MEMBERSHIP TO ST. MATTHEW'S BAPTIST CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LEROY LACY JR. HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AS A STEWARD, PARTICIPATED IN THE MALE CHORUS, AND GENEROUSLY SHARED HIS TALENT FOR COOKING AT NUMEROUS CHURCH EVENTS.

JEROME LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY: HIS LOVING WIFE PAM; HIS CHILDREN KENDRICK (EBONI) AND SHAUNTAYVIA (WYNTON); SIBLINGS GERRY, SANDRA (SAMMY), LEON, DELOIS, JACQUELINE, KIM (ARTHUR), AND ALVIN (RONDA); AND AUNTIES LOUISE BANKS AND VERN HOLMES. HE ALSO LEAVES BEHIND HIS CHILDHOOD BEST FRIENDS ROBERT "BIRD" JACKSON (LISA), KELVIN LINCOLN, MR. BUTLER (PAT), MARK (TIRE SHOP), AND MATTHEW CONWAY; A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS; NINE GRANDCHILDREN—ALANI (FERNANDO), KENDRICK JR., SH'MIAH, KENNEDY, KEMANI, HARMONI, ADRIANNA, AMAZI, AND WYNTON JR.—AND ONE GREAT-GRANDBABY, KAILANI.

HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS GRANDPARENTS CLOMMIE LEE BANKS, ISSAC BANKS SR., PENIA DORNES, AND RUFUS DORNES; PARENTS LEROY BANKS SR. AND MELFIA JEAN BANKS; UNCLE ARTHUR HOLMES, WILBERT BANKS, SON PATTRICK BANKS, GRANDSON JOSEPH (JBOOGIE) RIGGINS; BROTHERS LEROY BANKS JR. AND KELVIN RAY BANKS; SISTERS-IN-LAW MONIQUE BANKS, STEPHANIE BANKS, AND RHONDA BANKS; BROTHERS-IN-LAW TIMOTHY DONAHUE AND GARY BROWN; NIECE ASHLEY BANKS; NEPHEWS DERRICK DONAHUE, LEROY "PAC-MAN" BANKS III, RAVEN JARRELL SMITH, DERRICK RAYMOND, AND LEON "LEE LEE" LEROY BANKS JR.

MELVIN ENJOYED CRACKING JOKES, BRIGHTENING EVERY ROOM HE ENTERED, AND SHARING HIS JOY WITH EVERYONE HE MET. HE NEVER MET A STRANGER HE COULDN'T MAKE LAUGH. HIS PRESENCE, HIS HUMOR, AND HIS LOVE WILL BE TRULY AND DEEPLY MISSED.



Order of SERVICE



OFFICIANT....PASTOR VINCENT LEWIS
PROCESSIONAL....CLERGY & FAMILY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT..... PASTOR EUHENE BUTLER

NEW TESTAMENT... ARTHUR PARKER

PRAYER.... APPOINTEE

MUSICAL SELECTION.... KIMBERLY PARKER

RESOLUTIONS.... APPOINTEE

MUSICAL SELECTION..... SANDRA MELTON

EXPRESSIONS.... 2 MINUTES PLEASE

CLASSMATE AND BEST FRIEND... ROBERT "BIRD" JACKSON

SPOUSE PAM BANKS

SIBLING LEON BANKS SR.

COUSIN CHERYL DONAVON

DAUGHTER SHAUNTAYVIA BANKS

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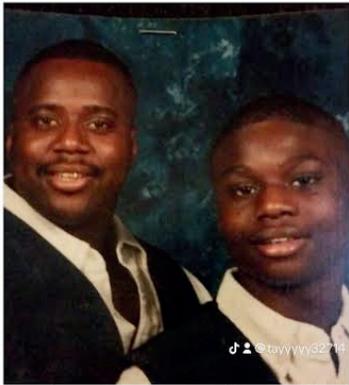
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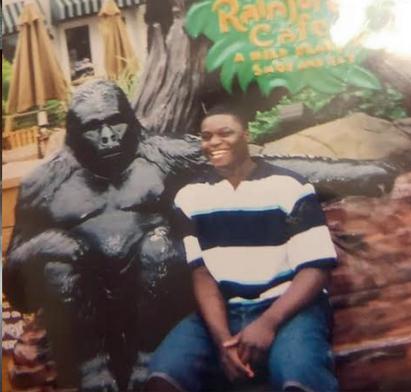
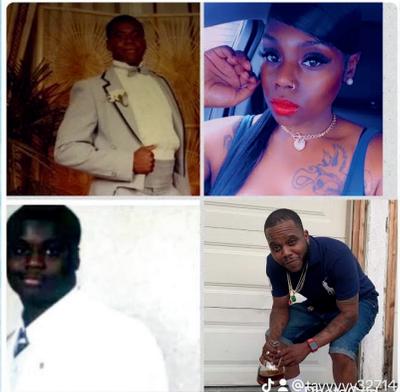
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Family TRIBUTES

DADDY,

HOW COULD IT BE THAT YOU TRANSITIONED ON A VERY GREAT DAY TO BE THANKFUL FOR. I'M DEEPLY SADDENED TO KNOW PHYSICALLY YOU ARE GONE, AND I AM FORCED TO TACKLE THIS WORLD WITHOUT YOU. I HAVE SO MANY LAUGHS, EXCEPTIONAL MEMORIES, AND JOYFUL OCCASIONS. I WILL FOREVER CHERISH YOUR MEMORY AND DO WHAT WE DISCUSSED. AS YOU WOULD ALWAYS SAY, "SHAUNTAYVIA TAKE CARE OF YOUR BUSINESS" AND BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY, I AM ON THE JOB. CONTINUE TO COVER ME FOR I KNOW WHO HOLDS ME AND I HAVE PEACE IN KNOWING WE MADE AMENDS AND WE WERE ABLE TO SAY I LOVE YOU. FOREVER AND ALWAYS YOUR BABYGIRL,
SHAUNTAYVIA (MAMA)



I MET JEROME AT THE TENDER AGE OF 17 AND WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN THAT MEETING YOU WOULD TURN INTO MARRIAGE, BUT IT DID. JEROME TAUGHT ME A LOT. HE WAS IN A FIGHT THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE MENTIONED BUT WAS ALWAYS THERE TO PRAY FOR THE ISSUE THROUGH. HE NEVER WANTED TO SEE ME SAD AND QUICKLY WOULD SAY SOMETHING TO MAKE ME LAUGH. SOMETIMES I FELT IT WAS THE WRONG TIME, BUT WE HAD SO MANY LAUGHS, LIKE THE TIME OF THE SHENANIGANS OF US BOTH IN WALMART, SINGING TOGETHER US IN VARIOUS VEHICLES, AND SO MUCH MORE. I WILL FOREVER CHERISH OUR TIMES TOGETHER UNTIL I MEET YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE. REST MELVIN JEROME BANKS. YOU MADE YOUR PEACE, AND PATTRICK WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU. LOVE YOU, PAM

DAD, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I LOVE YOU. YOU WERE THE BEST FATHER A YOUNG MAN COULD EVER ASK FOR. EVEN THOUGH I NEVER LIVED WITH YOU, YOU WERE ALWAYS IN MY LIFE. WHEN I WAS YOUNG, WE DIDN'T ALWAYS SEE EYE TO EYE, AND WE HAD OUR MOMENTS—BUT AS I GOT OLDER AND STARTED TO UNDERSTAND LIFE, I REALIZED HOW MUCH YOU TAUGHT ME. DURING THOSE TWO AND A HALF YEARS YOU WERE GONE, WE TALKED ON THE PHONE EVERY DAY—FIVE, SIX TIMES A DAY. WE SHARED THINGS THAT NOBODY ELSE WILL EVER KNOW. YOU KEPT ME ON MY A-GAME. I STILL HEAR YOUR VOICE IN MY HEAD SAYING, "YOU GOTTA DO RIGHT, BECAUSE RIGHT IS GOING TO FOLLOW." DAD, I'M DOING EVERYTHING YOU ASKED OF ME—BECOMING A BETTER MAN, A BETTER FATHER, AND A BETTER PERSON. NOT JUST FOR YOU, BUT FOR MYSELF TOO. I WON'T LET YOU DOWN. YOUR WORDS AND YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT GUIDE ME EVERY DAY. I KNOW YOU'RE IN A BETTER PLACE NOW, NO LONGER SUFFERING. AND LIKE YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME, "IF YOU HAVE A QUEEN, TREAT HER LIKE A QUEEN." I HEAR YOU, DAD, AND I'M LIVING BY YOUR WORDS. I LOVE YOU. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. YOUR SON, KENDRICK



TO MY GRANDPA,

I'M SO SADDENED BY YOUR PASSING, AND EVEN MORE HEARTBROKEN THAT YOU NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET YOUR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER, KE'ALANI. I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER. LOSING YOU HAS CUT ME DEEPLY, AND I WISH I HAD BEEN ABLE TO SEE YOU MORE. I WILL FOREVER CHERISH YOU, HOLD YOUR MEMORY CLOSE, AND LOVE YOU DEARLY. WITH ALL MY LOVE, YOUR OLDEST GRANDCHILD & ONLY GREAT-GRANDCHILD, ALANI & KAILANI



Family T R I B U T E S



DEAR MY GUARDIAN ANGEL,
YOUR LEGACY OF LOVE IS WRITTEN IN EVERY HEART YOU EVER TOUCHED. YOUR LAUGHTER, KIND WORDS, AND YOUR ACTIONS WILL ECHO IN MY HEART FOREVER. THE DAILY CHECK-INS—WHEN YOU WOULD ASK, “WHERE’S MY PRINCESS?”—WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I LOVE HOW YOU HELPED GUIDE MY FATHER INTO BECOMING A BETTER MAN THAN BEFORE. EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY BE GONE, YOUR STORIES, YOUR LESSONS, AND YOUR LOVE WILL FOREVER LIVE ON. A HEART SO BIG, A SOUL SO KIND—YOUR WARMTH AND WISDOM WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE. YOU TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF HARD WORK, KINDNESS, AND FAMILY. YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. LOVE, KENNEDY

HEY PAPA,
I MISS YOU, MAN. THIS STILL DOESN’T FEEL REAL, AND I’M HURTING MORE THAN I CAN EXPRESS. I’M TRYING TO STAY STRONG FOR MY DAD AND FOR ANNIE, BUT MY HEART ACHES EVERY TIME I SEE DAD CRY. I’VE NEVER SEEN HIM BREAK LIKE THIS. I HOPE YOU’RE FINALLY RESTING NOW. I LOVE YOU—ALWAYS. SH’MIYAH



IT WAS VERY HARD WRITING THIS TRIBUTE, BUT I AM TRULY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR ALL MEMORIES AND LAUGHTER WE SHARED. I WILL MISS YOUR EARLY MORNING CALLS, TALKS, AND AGAIN ALL THE LAUGHTER WE SHARED. NO MORE PAIN AND NO MORE SICKNESS. TAKE YOUR REST BROTHER AND I WILL SEE YOU LATER. LOVE YOUR BABY SIS. KIM

JEROME, MY BABY BROTHER, YOU HAD A WAY OF MAKING LIFE LIGHTER JUST BY BEING YOU. I’LL MISS YOUR LAUGHTER, YOUR CALLS, AND THE COMFORT OF KNOWING YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE. I THANK GOD FOR EVERY MOMENT WE SHARED, AND I FIND COMFORT KNOWING YOU’RE RESTING SAFELY IN HIS ARMS. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE LOVED, ALWAYS MISSED, AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED. LOVE, YOUR BIG SISTER, SANDRA



TO MY BELOVED BROTHER,
MY HEART STILL ACHES, AND SADNESS AND SECRET TEARS STILL FLOW. WHAT IT MEANT TO LOSE YOU NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW. YOU WERE MY RIDE OR DIE BROTHER TO THE END. I LOVE YOU, BRO. SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE
LEON BANKS.



Family ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



THE FAMILY OF MELVIN JEROME BANKS WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THE LOVE, SUPPORT, AND KINDNESS SHOWN TO US DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR PRAYERS, CALLS, VISITS, MESSAGES, AND EVERY ACT OF COMPASSION HAVE BROUGHT US COMFORT AND STRENGTH.

WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, OFFERED ASSISTANCE, OR CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY. YOUR GENEROSITY AND PRESENCE HAVE MEANT MORE TO US THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PASTOR LACY OF ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH, WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, JONES CHAPEL A.M.E., AND PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, LOVE, AND CONTINUED SUPPORT AS WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED JEROME.

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION,
THE BANKS FAMILY

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NICO BUSH DERWIN BANKS
KENNETH FOREMAN KENDRICK KING

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