Order of Service

Reverend Michael Mackins, Sr., Officiating



Family Processional

Call to Worship

Invocation

Selection Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Choir

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Reading of Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reverend Sharon Mackins

Psalm 23

New Testament Reverend Sonja Burns

Revelations 21:1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Joylette Hilliard

Selection

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Choir

"Take a ride"

Reflections (2minutes Please)

Tyrone Cathcart

Reverend Steven Wingate, Kenneth Richardson

Resolution

Ms. Raven Sanders

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church

Hymn of Preparation

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Choir

Eulogy

Reverend Michael Mackins, Sr.

Recessional & Benediction

Internment
Rose Hill Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Repast

Following Internment at Family Residence

Pallbearers

Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Floral Bearers

Gastonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Acknowledgements

The Richardson family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love and kindness during this difficult time. Your Prayers and condolences have been a tremendous comfort as we celebrate the life and legacy of Melvin.

We would like to thank specifically White Oak Manor Nursing home, Carolina Caring Hospice services for their care and dedication to Melvin. We pray God's richest blessings on you and your family.



DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft starts that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there, I did not die.

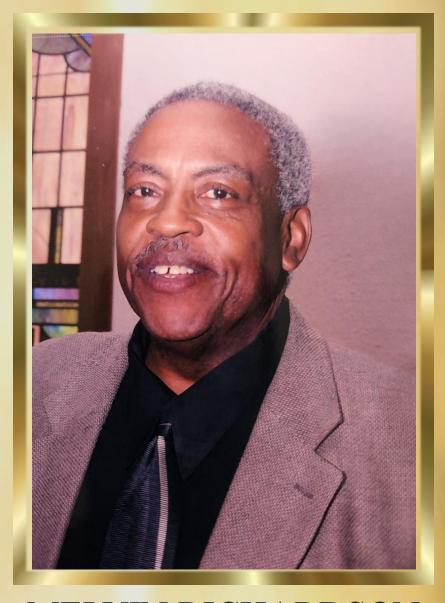


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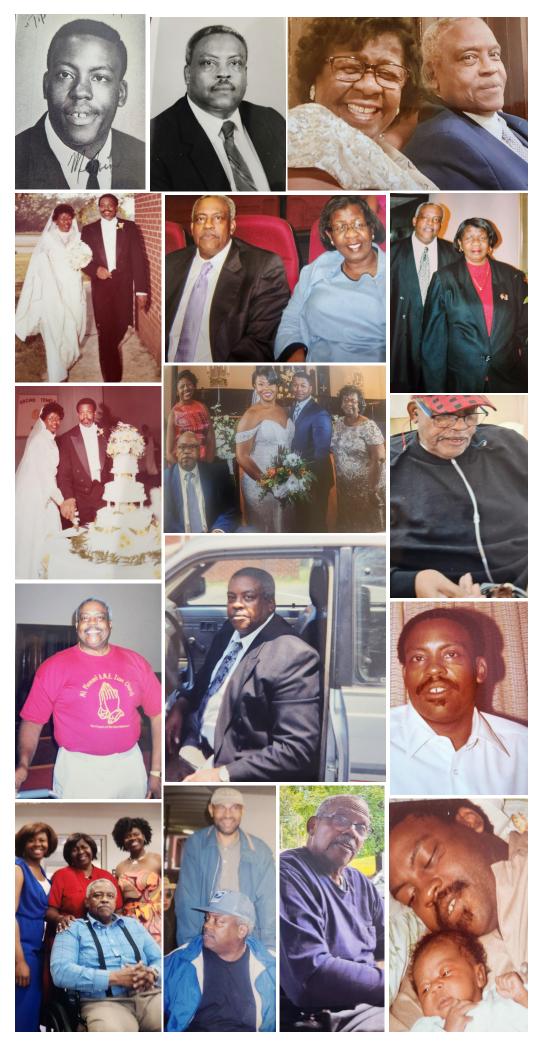
MELVIN RICHARDSON

DECEMBER 31, 1949 — OCTOBER 17, 2025

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 1:00 pm

MT. PLEASANT AME ZION CHURCH 4945 YORK HIGHWAY GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. MICHAEL MACKINS, SR., PASTOR



The Obituary

Sunrise December 31, 1949 – Sunset October 17, 2025

Melvin Thomas Richardson was born on December 31, 1949, in Norwood, North Carolina, and was called home to be with the Lord on October 17, 2025, at White Oak Manor Nursing Facility, under the gracious care of hospice.

The third child of the late Glen and Macie Richardson, he spent his childhood enjoying the company of his siblings Marjean (deceased), Glenelle, Kenneth and Sandra. He loved playing baseball in the neighborhood and on his high school team.

Melvin graduated from South Stanley High School in 1968. He attended and graduated from Barber-Scotia College in 1972. During his matriculation, he made the great decision to pledge Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in 1971. He was also an active member of the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated where he served as Basileus from 1991-1993. He was a proud and faithful member of Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church, where he served on both the trustee and steward boards for over 5 years. In addition, he taught adult Sunday School for many years.

A man of few words but a big heart, Melvin was known for his quiet strength, kindness, and love for his family. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished brother. He enjoyed hosting and cooking for family events. His fried fish and macaroni and cheese were family favorites.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Johnsie Richardson; two daughters, Neely Richardson Frederick (Antonio) and Kendra Richardson; one granddaughter, Ramzie Richardson; one brother, Kenneth Richardson (Carolyn); and two sisters, Glenelle Clyburn (John) and Sandra Bowser (Grady) He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, cousins, and dear friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Melvin's life was a testament to faith, family, and love. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

YOU HAVE LEFT OUR LIVES, BUT YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR HEARTS.

