

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or
the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or
speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let
the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all
these does not know that the hand of
the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of
every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Job 12:7-10 (NIV)

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JAMES ROBERT MELTON, JR.

March 13, 1954 ~ January 14, 2021

Psalm 42: 1-11

As the deer pants for streams of water, so
my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long,

“Where is your God?”

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

how I used to go to the house of God

under the protection of the Mighty One

with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast

within me; therefore I will remember you

from the land of the Jordan,

the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in

the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers

have swept over me. By day the Lord directs his love,

at night his song is with me—

a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I go about mourning,

oppressed by the enemy?”

My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,

saying to me all day long

“Where is your God?” Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God

James R. Melton Jr., 66, of North Little Rock passed from this life on January 14, 2021. He was born March 13, 1954 to James R. Melton Sr. and the late Mary Sue Williams Melton. Jim was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. He was of the Baptist Faith and regularly attended New Life Church. Jim served for many years as a deacon at Levy Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church where he ran the sound system. He was a hardworking and loving man, who always made time for those he cared about. He was a role model and father figure for many children who otherwise would not have had a positive male influence in their lives. Jim was also an Eagle Scout and was named as an Outstanding Young Man of America. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and leather working. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a brother, Don Melton.

Survivors include his loving wife of forty years, Rebecca Adams Melton; father, James R. Melton Sr. of North Little Rock; children, Sarah Elizabeth Jelley of North Little Rock and Johnathon Grady Melton (Sonia) of Little Rock. Other survivors include grandchildren, Gavin Melton, Sicily Pierce, Garen Jelley; sister Donna Cresey (Darryl) of Lonsdale; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

Funeral services will be 2pm, Monday, January 18, 2021 at First Baptist Church Sherwood with Doctor Rickey Lee and Brother Dale Prater officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1pm at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials in Jim's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association or The Van Veterans Outreach.