

Acknowledgements

Because you cared, you came to share
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer
Because you cared enough to do
Words of comfort and cards came too
Because you cared we were not alone
Calls and visits reached hospital and home
Because you cared we're grateful indeed
We've been comforted and you a friend
Because you've cared we are praying too
For God's richest blessings for each of you
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much whatever the part
May God bless all of you.

~ The Beard/Dubose Family

The entire Beard/Dubose family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the Doctors, nurses, and staff of
Regional One Health (Memphis, TN) for your many hours of dedicated services.

Active Pallbearers

Devin Herron | Willie Heard | Earnest Spencer
Tony Puckett | Rodriguez Woods | Victor Moss

Honorary Pallbearers

"The First Family"
Craig Colby | Mike Brown | Eric Beasley
Winston Harris | Barry Jones | Santo Williams

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Repast

Charlie and Lizzie Murphy Fellowship Hall
Antioch Baptist Church
Whiteville, Tennessee 38075

Interment

West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery
4000 Forest Hill Irene Road
Memphis, Tennessee 38125

Arrangements Entrusted To:

Dixie Funeral Home
750 Bills Street – Bolivar, Tennessee
(731) 658 – 3941

Celebration of Life *Melvin Benard Dubose*

HEAVEN SENT ~ DECEMBER 18, 1962

HEAVEN BOUND: JANUARY 7, 2020



Rev. 14:13

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write,
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence-
forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their
labours; and their works do follow them."

Saturday, January 18, 2020
11:00 A.M.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
5320 WHITEVILLE-NEWCASTLE ROAD
WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE 38075

PASTOR JERMAINE SHAW, OFFICIATING

A Letter to Mel Mel

My Son Melvin,

My teammate in all we've done together. You would always call me the "supervisor." We sometimes disagreed, but out of the love we had for each other we would agree. You always told me you had to be "Melvin." You had so much love for everyone and when they needed your help, you could not say no. Even when pain was in your body, you would try to help them.

I thank God for the Holy Spirit guiding your conscience...you were quick to say "I'm sorry, please forgive me" when you thought you were wrong. I know you loved Mom very much and we showed our love for each other. Distance was never too far, the task never too hard. Most of all, I miss you. Right now, I and the rest of the teammates (Mary and Nicklebox) can't see but one set of footprints, but we know you had to go to that prepared place God has for you.

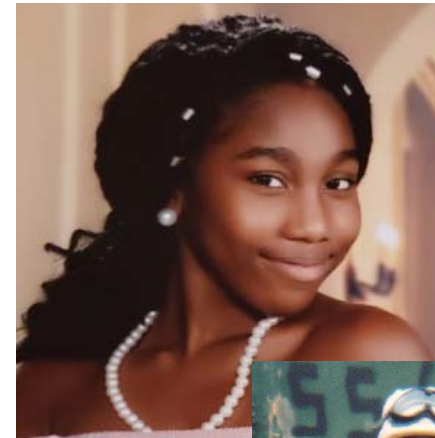
~ "...to be absent from the body and to present with the Lord."

II Corinthians 5:8

Love and Rest in Peace,
Mom



Your infectious laugh and smile would light a room
Always bursting with joy and happiness every time you'd see
your family
You'd always photo-bomb me when I'd take my million selfies
You'd text to tell me you loved me and I know you always
cared
I'll miss you dearly, life won't be nearly the same, but I know
you're our angel now
Still watching, still loving us, still making sure we're all okay.
~Love Aleesha



I want to give a tribute to a brother who
gave true definition to what a brother is.
One who, even when he was tired himself,
always made time for me when I needed
him. Gone too soon, but always loved.

~ Your Brother,
Ricky



"DUBOSE"

Who knew that morning of December 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. would be our last conversation? Dubose, it hurt so bad, I cannot convey the pain that I now feel. I will certainly miss that big smile and quirky sense of humor. I will forever cherish those rides to the doctor appointments, the shopping trips, and car part trips (although I thought that one day you had lost me.) YES DUBOSE, you have finished the race and I will miss you!

FOREVER IN MY HEART
Your sis,
Prophetess Mary White "Bellringer"

II Timothy 4:7

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed, so very dear

Love always, your sister-in-law
~Angela Dubose

Bro “Mel,”

You inspired me in so many ways – teaching, caring,
loving, and being myself. You taught me so many
things in life I will continue to look up to you I prom-
ise “Big Bro.”

With love,
Eric “Baby Bro” Dubose



A brother and brother-in-law
we could count on any time.
You will be missed very much
and we love you.

~Rodney & Sarah



To my beloved brother Melvin,

Thanks for the fun and joyful memories we shared in our life.
Special thanks for helping me with repairs, when I didn't know
what to do. You will be missed and remembered.

~ Love
Newman

Uncle Melvin,

From giving me my own unique nickname
Babysitting me
To car rides to college
You were with me every step of the way,
No matter what you were doing or the time of day if I called you
came.
I will miss you calling me just to tell me you love me.
I will miss all the moments we shared laughing and joking.
I still feel you here with me, even though physically you're not
here anymore.
I thank God for the memories because they are the best and now
Uncle Melvin you can rest.

Love always,
Your Nickelbox

Dear Daddy,

I'm often referred to as your twin, but we're more alike in ways people will never know. You and I have always had a relationship only you and I could understand, but one thing was always understood – our love for each other. My only wish is that actually heard the love I whispered in your ear as you laid unable to respond to me or felt the touches as my hand rubbed your hands, arms, and legs, or the felt the kisses as I kissed your forehead and jaws. My brother and I no longer have a father in the physical form, but I know deep in my heart you're looking out for us as you enjoy your new heavenly home. I hate you had to go, but we couldn't be selfish, god needed you more. This isn't goodbye Daddy, just a little token of my love for you until we all meet again!

~ Aston



Letter to my Father

In the memory of my beloved father, I would like to remind everyone that he lived a life full of sacrifices. When I was much younger, I couldn't understand why you weren't always around, but when I learned that your absence meant you were working far away from home, I realized how much of a sacrifice it was for you to not always be with your family. When I got older, your work ethic taught me to appreciate the dignity of an honest day's work. You showed me that when something had to be done, you should do your share in accomplishing the task no matter how simple or difficult. I am now a working family man myself, and these lessons you have imparted are always in my mind. Because of this, I learned to appreciate my opportunities in life, and I owe it all to you. Thank you for always being a hardworking dad that I looked up to. Thank you for sharing with me the importance of working hard. And most of all, thank you for the sacrifices you made for us all to be here today. I will miss you dearly and I love you dad!

~ Your son, Melvin B. Dubose, Jr.

Melvin's Life Journey

Melvin Benard Dubose was born on December 18, 1962 to Charlie Ray Dubose and Jo Ella (Jones/Dubose) Beard in Hardeman County, Tennessee. Melvin peacefully transitioned this life to be with the Lord on the morning of January 7, 2020 at Regional One Health in Memphis, Tennessee. He was surrounded and supported by his loving family and caregivers during the last days of his life.

Melvin accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. After uniting in holy matrimony to Carolyn Puckett, he moved his membership to Mt. Salem Missionary Baptist Church for several years and later re-joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where his membership remained until his death.

Melvin was united in holy matrimony to Carolyn Puckett and to this union, one daughter, Aston, was born. He later united in holy matrimony to Joinna Williams and to this union, one son, Melvin, Jr. was born.

Melvin attended Bolivar Central High School, in Bolivar, Tennessee, where he graduated in 1982. He later attended Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Whiteville, Tennessee where he obtained the following certifications: Industrial Maintenance Helper; Installer and Service Helper; Refrigeration Technician; Heating and Air Conditioning Mechanic Helper; HVAC/Refrigeration Technology; and Commercial Technician. He served in the United States Armed Forces – SP4 – with an honorable discharge. He did tours of duty during Operation Iraq (OFI)/Enduring Freedom (OEF). He was also a truck driver. He worked for Jackson Metal, Aqua Glass, Wilson Well Company, Houston Well Company, and the TN Department of Transportation.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Sammie Lee Jones, and grandmother, Catherine Jones; stepdad, Frank Beard; and uncle, Robert Jones.

Melvin is survived by his loving mother, Jo Ella Beard, and his father, Charlie Ray Dubose, both of Bolivar, Tennessee; one daughter, Aston (Justin) Dubose-Rivers of Michigan City, Mississippi; one son, Melvin (Lauren) Dubose, Jr. of Selmer, Tennessee; one sister, Mary (Dubose)-White of Bolivar, Tennessee; four brothers, Rodney (Sarah) Jones, Newman (Jacqueline) Dubose, Ricky (Christy) Dubose, and Eric (Angela) Dubose, all of Bolivar, Tennessee; three grandchildren, Maikya Dubose, Bentley Dubose, and Brooklyn Dubose; aunt Alma Herron of Bolivar, Tennessee, uncle James Holt of Bolivar, Tennessee, and other aunts and uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends, and one special niece, Anisha White, he helped raised as his own and affectionately called “Nicklebox;” and a special friend, Louise McNeal.

Order of Services

Musical Prelude.....Musicians

Processional.....Family Viewing

Musical Selection.....Minister Rodrick Bills

Prayer.....Pastor Carmonted Duncan
Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Walnut, MS

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament.....Minister Lee Poplar

The New Testament.....Pastor Leon Taylor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Selmer, TN

Special Tribute.....Aston Dubose-Rivers
Melvin Dubose, Jr.
Maikya Dubose

Words of Comfort.....Prophetess Mary White
Prophetess Easter Polk

Musical Selection.....Pastor Melvin Bufford
Mt. Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Hickory Valley, TN

Reflections

Family ~ Alma Herron and Dirvy Herron
Friend ~ Tony Puckett
Army ~ James Spencer, Command Sergeant Major Ret.

Acknowledgments.....Retina Robertson

Melvin's Life Journey.....*Read Silently*

Musical Selection.....Marshall Jones

Eulogy.....Pastor Jermaine Shaw

Recessional

Minister Rose Fuller, Facilitator