

## GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Don't think of him as gone away  
His journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
In the hearts of those he touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And he was loved so much.

Ellen Brenneman



## Acknowledgment

*We, the family of Deacon Lee Davis Melvin, express our sincere appreciation for your love, support, and prayers during our time of bereavement. Your flowers were great examples of beauty and fragility of life; the food that you sacrificed your time to prepare accommodated our physical strength; all other communications and expressions of empathy and sympathy gave us comfort during this difficult time. Most of all we thank you for your prayers and for your presence at this service. May God continue to endow each of you with his bountiful blessings. We greatly appreciate your many prayers, acts of kindness, and expressions of love.*

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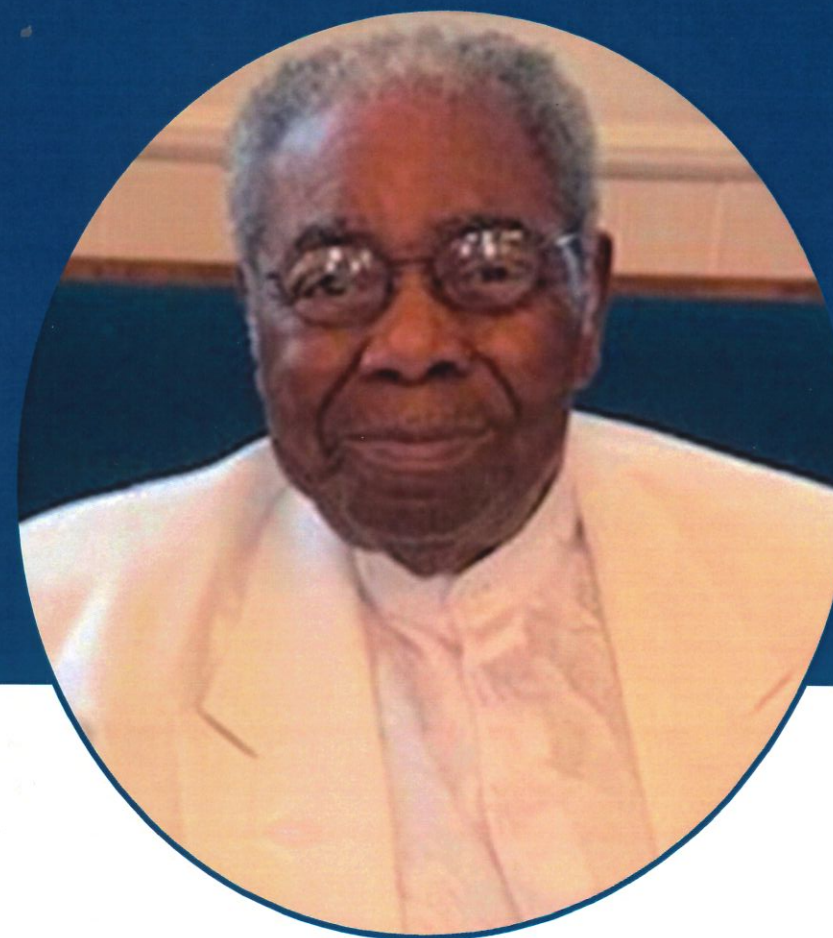
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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND VICTORY FOR



## LEE DAVIS "L.D." MELVIN

**ALPHA: JANUARY 17, 1931 | OMEGA: FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 | TIME: 12:00 PM**

**LAWN OF CLUB 15 CIVIC BUILDING**

111 Jarvis Street

Tabor City, North Carolina



**Pastor John Williams, Jr., Eulogist**



# Order of Service

**Bishop Antoine Bellamy, Officiant**  
*Pastor, St. Stephens Holiness Church & Life Center Ministries*  
*Tabor City, North Carolina*

Seating of the Family

Solo .....Ms. Kissie Melvin

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Reverend Toni Vereene  
*Mitchell Sea Baptist Church, Green Sea, South Carolina*

New Testament.....Bishop Dr. Dennis Chestnut  
*Bishop, UPHCA, Inc., Pastor, Mt. Olive Holiness Church*  
*Tabor City, North Carolina.*

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Rodney Coleman  
*Pastor. First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Dr. Maudie Davis

Tributes *(Please limit to three minutes.)*

Church.....Deacon Jimmy I. Bellamy  
Family.....Evangelist Jennie Macon  
Mrs. Linda Faye Bennett  
Terry Melvin  
Minister Willie E. Gause Jr.

Solo .....Ms. Kissie Melvin

Eulogy.....Elder John C. Williams, Jr.  
*Pastor, Holy Light United Holy Church*  
*Tabor City, North Carolina*

## Service of Committal and Internment

*(With Military Honors)*

Columbus County Singing Union Cemetery  
Tabor City, North Carolina

# A LIFE WELL LIVED

*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.--I Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Lee Davis Melvin was born January 17, 1931 in Horry County, South Carolina to George Washington Melvin and Ella Moore Melvin. God called Deacon Lee Davis (a.k.a. L.D.) into eternal rest on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at McLeod Loris Hospital, Loris, South Carolina.

L. D. attended school in Green Sea, South Carolina. He served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1961. After leaving the Army, L.D. worked on the farm. He later moved with his family to Tabor City, North Carolina. He worked at Corbett's Canary in Tabor City for many years, and later took a position at Penn Ventilator in Tabor City where he later retired.

L.D. was married for 67 years to Christine Rosetta Faulk. To this union, five children were born. He was predeceased in death by his son, Thomas Lee Melvin.

It was evident that L.D. had a call to serve God. He was reared in Mitchell Sea Missionary Baptist Church, Green Sea, South Carolina. He later became a member of First Baptist Church in Tabor City, North Carolina. He later joined Holy Light Holy Church, Tabor City, North Carolina where he served faithfully as a deacon until his death.

Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." L.D. loved the Lord, and he was a praying man. He always had praise and a shout. As his health began to fail, L.D. couldn't shout and dance like he desired to anymore, so instead, he would just kick his legs out. Even on his sick bed in the hospital, the nurses reported that every so often, they would hear him yell out praises to Jesus.

L.D. leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife, Christine Faulk Melvin; daughters, Thelma Gause of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Rosetta Vereen of Tabor City, North Carolina, Valicia McArthur (Andrew) of Durham, North Carolina, and Georgia Melvin of Spartanburg, South Carolina; grandchildren, Aundra Scott (Thurston) of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Willie Gause, Jr. of Hampton, Virginia, Kissie Melvin of Conway, South Carolina, and Isaiah McArthur of Durham, North Carolina; seven great-grandchildren, one great great-grandchild, sister-in-law: Ruth Melvin of Conway, South Carolina; brother-in-law Charles Faulk (Gwendolyn) of Newark, New Jersey; and an exceptional host of relatives and friends.

L.D. was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Oscar Melvin, Lonnie Melvin, Freddie Melvin, Hezzie Melvin, Donnie Hemingway, Collins Melvin, and Roosevelt Melvin; sisters, Odessa Melvin, Blanchie Johnson, and Estelle Gore; and great-grandchild, Taizaun Dewitt.