

# A Celebration Honoring The Life and Legacy of Honorable Melvin L. Mack



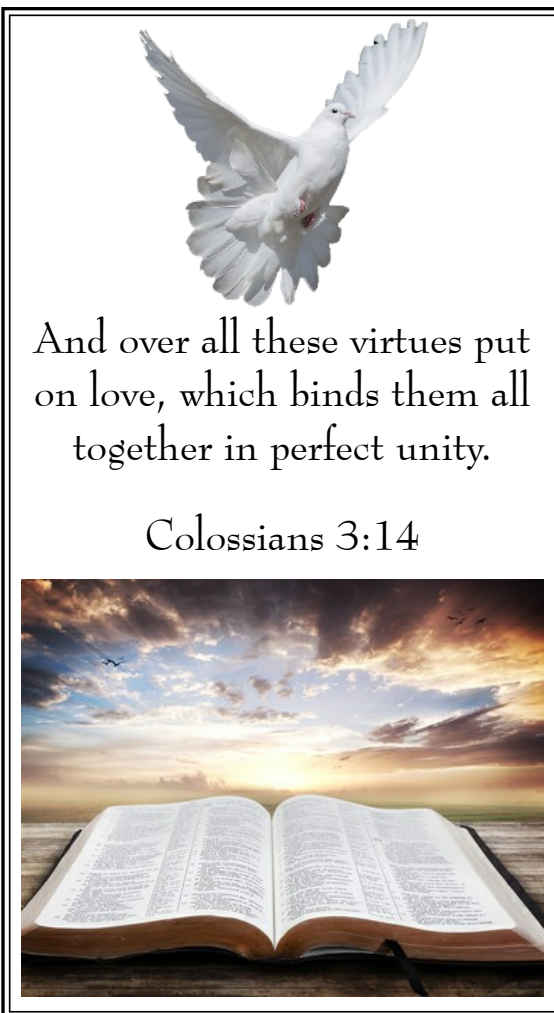
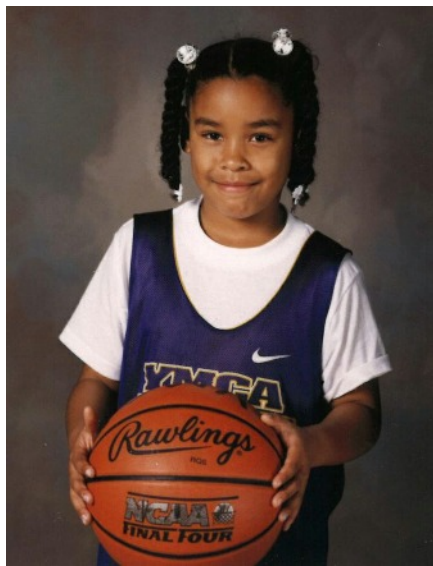
Alpha  
May 28,  
1949



Omega  
May 28,  
2021

Saturday, June 5, 2021  
R. H. Watkins High School Auditorium  
The Reverend Bobby Ray Bolton, Pastor  
Laurel, MS  
Presiding

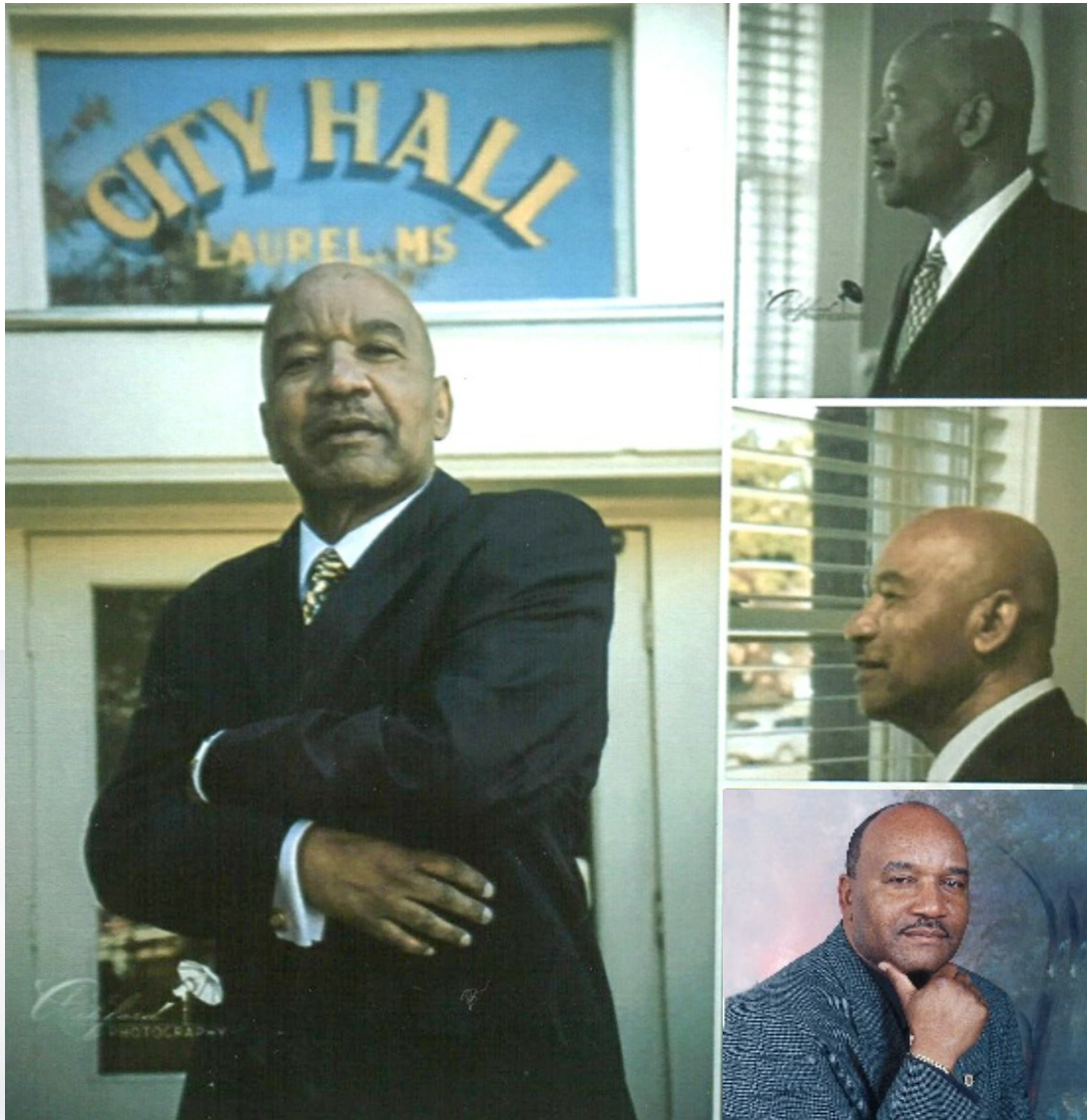
# Thank You For Touching Our Lives



Love, Your Family

# First African-American Mayor of Laurel, MS

## A Modern-Day Legend



Served as Mayor of the City of Laurel, MS  
Two Terms  
2005-2013

# Order of Service



Mistress of Ceremony ..... Mrs. Lula Cooley

Prelude ..... Mr. James Evans, Jr.

Processional

Selection ..... Sweet Hope M. B. Church Choir

Scripture Reading

New Testament ..... Rev. Dr. James McLaurin

Old Testament ..... Rev. Dr. Cecil Ashford

Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. Vernon Graves

Song ..... Rev. Marvin Chapman

## Tributes/Remarks (Limit 3 minutes please)

As a Mayor ..... Mr. Dennis Keveryn (2005-2013)

As a Deacon ..... Mr. Kendrick Shelby

As a Political Friend and Fraternity Brother ..... Honorable Johnny Dupree

As a Classmate ..... Mrs. Pam Bingham

As a Personal Friend ..... Former Supervisor, Jerome Wyatt

As a Family Friend ..... Mr. Anthony Hardy

As a Political Friend ..... Former Mayor, Susan Vincent

As a Trustee ..... Captain Earl Reed

Solo ..... Rev. Dr. Jaymar Jackson

Presentation of Obituary/Acknowledgments ..... Mrs. Marihelen Edmonson

Proclamations ..... District 34 State Senator Juan Barnett  
Laurel Mayor, Johnny Magee

Eulogy ..... Rev. Bobby Ray Bolton

Recessional

Funeral Directors in Charge

# Obituary

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, But unto all them also that love his appearing. - II Timothy 4:6-8

*Melvin L. Mack was born on May 28, 1949 in Laurel, MS to the late Rogers Mack, Sr. and Lennie Mack. He made his transition from this life on May 28, 2021 peacefully at his daughters home surrounded by loved ones on his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday.*

*At an early age, Melvin joined the Sweet Hope M. B. Church of Laurel, Mississippi. While at Sweet Hope M. B. Church Melvin served as a dedicated, faithful deacon, usher, bible school teacher and choir member. He also created the youth department at the church.*

*Melvin's happiness came from his family and his service to the City of Laurel. He loved the people of Laurel and he loved serving as the first African American mayor of Laurel, Mississippi.*

*He was known near and far and had several nick names, names like Bet and Slick.*

*Melvin was a strong believer in furthering his education. Melvin graduated from Oak Park High School in 1968 and pursued his formal education at Harris Jr. College and Meridian Jr. College. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi Valley State University where he pledged to become a fraternity member of Omega Psi Phi. He decided to continue his education at Jackson State University where he received his Master's Degree.*

*While attending college Melvin met the love of his life Doneater Leflore of Carthage, Mississippi. "That is going to be my wife" said Melvin when he saw Doneater at The Ranch House Restaurant. As their love flourished, they were later married at the home of his soon to be in-laws Wesley and Olivia Leflore on February 19, 1972. God blessed this union on March 7, 1973 with a beautiful daughter, Catrina L. Mack.*

*Preceding him in death are his father, Rogers Mack, Sr., his brother, Marvin L. Mack and nephew, Rogers Shelmel Mack.*

*He leaves to cherish his memories; a loving and faithful wife of 49 years, Doneater Mack; an adoring daughter, Catrina (Dwight) Wilson of Laurel, MS; a loving son, Myron (Jennifer) Anderson of Long Beach, CA; two granddaughters: Somer Wilson and Amara Anderson; a loving mother, Lennie Mack of Laurel, MS; three sisters: Shelley Mack of Washington, D.C., Georgia Mack of Laurel, MS; and Mattie Ferguson Ford of Atlanta, GA; two brothers: Joseph (Joyce) Rogers of Laurel, MS; and Rogers Mack, Jr. of Ocean Springs, MS. He was a loving Uncle to a host of nieces and nephews. He also leaves to cherish his memories six wonderful Godchildren: Amber and Shasta Husband, Darrein Hardy, Stununcey (P1) Nobles, Stuyuncey (P2) Nobles and Malik Davis all of Laurel, MS.*

# AWARDS / ACCOLADES

- First African American Mayor of Laurel, MS
- Served on State Wide Municipal Committee 2005-2006 (MML) Executive Committee
- Formed Mayors Youth Council of Laurel, MS
- Received Award for Devoted Stewardship and Faithfulness in His 28 years of service as Deacon
- Received Award for Devoted Service as a member of the Laurel Family Clinic, from the Board of Directors
- Received Certificate of Appreciation from the Senior Class of Heidelberg High School
- Received Award from the Dr. B. E. Murph Center for Seniors for help in founding an activity center.
- Received award from Class of 1968, in recognition of community service and achieving goals beyond imagination
- Received Award for 12 years of Dedication and service to the Jones County Emergency Management 2001-2013
- Received award for Outstanding Contribution and Leadership in Health Advocacy from the American Cancer Society
- Received Award for 23 years of Pastoral Service at Sweet Hope Baptist Church, October 2006
- Received Award In Recognition of Outstanding Service and many contributions to the Growth and Development of the City of Laurel
- Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Received Humanitarian Award (MLK Committee) 2005
- Received Award for appreciation to the Knighton/Williams Family (2011)
- NOPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee
- Received many other Awards and Certification

# Our Journey

*We've held your hand and walked with you  
Uphill and downhill along life's pathway.*

*We've journeyed far now here we are  
Near the end of the road your hands in ours,  
Holding tight.*

*We'll not stumble or fall  
The sun shines on our path  
The end is in sight.*

*You have left us, we'll walk alone  
But you've left behind enough of you to see us through.*

*Until one day our turn will come.  
Once more we'll walk hand in hand  
Forever ... A family together.*

*Your Loving Wife and Family*





## *Tributes*

*You are the best brother anyone could ask for  
or ever have.*

*Georgia Mack*



I will hold you in my heart forever, my dearest Son.

Love, your Mother  
Lennie Mack



*Brothers Are Forever*

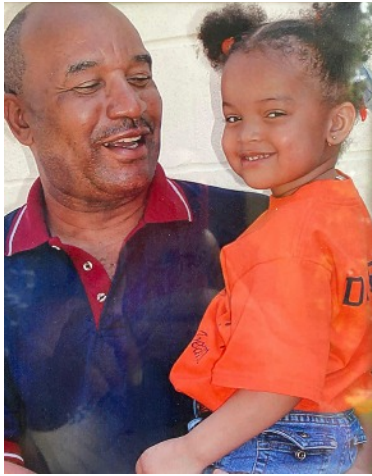
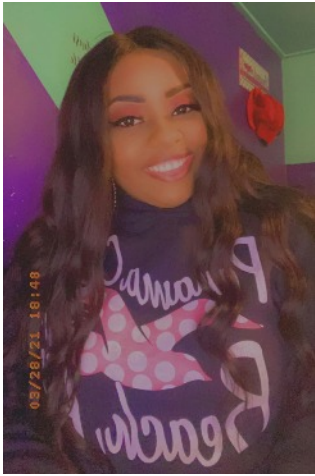
*Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.*



# *The Epitome of a Great Godfather*

*What more could a boy ask for in a Godfather? A true gift from God is what you were to me. The moments we shared together will never be replaced, and the love will never be forsaken. Thank you for the example you have set, to show me that I too, a young man from Queensburg, can reach heights that were deemed impossible. God placed you in my life for numerous reasons, and I will forever be grateful that I had the privilege to call you my Godfather.*

*Love, Malik*



## **A Godfather Just Like You**

I just want to let you know you mean the world to me,  
Only a heart as dear as yours would give so unselfishly.  
The many things you've done all the times that you were there,  
help me to know deep down inside how much you really care.  
Even though I might not say I appreciate all you do,  
Richly blessed is how I feel  
Having a godfather just like you.



Your Goddaughters,  
Amber and Shasta Husband  
*Stununcey and Stuyuncey Nobles*



# *Precious Memories*





## THE MASTER'S TOUCH PRAISE MINISTRIES

4706 Raleigh Road  
Temple Hills, MD 20748  
(O) 301-894-8800

Bishop Vincent A. Charity, Senior Pastor

June 5, 2021

### CHURCH PAPER

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled. (John 14:27)*

The Senior Pastor, Ministers, Leaders, and Members of The Master's Touch Praise Ministries bow in humble submission to the Will of the Almighty God who makes no mistakes. We extend our love and condolences to our dear member, Sis. Shelley and the entire Mack family in the Transition from Labor to Reward of your loved one, **Bro. Melvin Mack**.

Indeed, Mayor Mack was a loyal, dedicated servant in the State of Mississippi. His support and devotion to both the youth and senior community shall always be remembered. He was "**Giant**" among men!

May his legacy and memory dwell within our hearts forever. We pray God's love will embrace and sustain you during difficult times. Remember: **HE** will never leave or forsake you. Your Master's Touch Family shall be praying for your continued strength and peace.

DONE BY THE ORDER OF THE MASTER'S TOUCH PRAISE  
MINISTRIES,

Bishop Vincent A. Charity  
Bishop Vincent A. Charity  
Senior Shepherd

Marcella G. Hembry  
Church Clerk

## Active Pallbearers

Malik Davis  
Kenny Rogers  
Kendrick Shelby

Mark Evans  
Kevin Jackson  
Anthony Hardy

## Honorary Pallbearers

Joe Rogers  
Myron Anderson  
Christopher Marshall

Rogers Mack, Jr.  
Donald McCann

Dwight Wilson  
Gregory Marshall  
John Marshall

## Flower Bearers

Oak Park Class of 1968  
and Ladies of Sweet Hope M. B. Church

## Acknowledgments

*The members of the Mack family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the flowers, cards, food, telephone calls and other acts of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. A very special thank you to Margaret Weathersby, Comfort Care Hospice, Captain Earl Reed and his wife Odessa Reed. We also ask for your continued prayers .*

*~ The Mack Family ~*

## Committal Interment

Oak Hill #2 Cemetery  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Repast

The Train Depot - Laurel, MS

## Arrangements and Services Entrusted to:

Chapel of Angels Funeral Home  
823 Martin Luther King Ave. - Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-2011