


Loving Tributes From the Family



MY SWEET HUSBAND
GOD knows you had to leave us,
But you did not go alone,
For part of me went with you
The day He took you home.
I thank you with all my heart
For sharing this journey called life.
I'll be forever grateful that I was blessed to be your wife.

Rest well, my sweet Husband – Alice Cotton

A SPECIAL SON
Of all the special gifts of life, however great or small,
To have you as my son was the greatest gift of all.
A special time, a special face, a special son we cannot replace.
With an aching heart, I whisper low,
I miss you, Son, and love you so.

Love, your Mommy – Thelma Cotton

REST, BIG BROTHER
Rest, big brother, take your sleep.
Don't worry, big brother, we'll hold each other as we weep.
We will think about you always
and talk about the good times.
You will never be forgotten,
'cause you'll forever be in our minds
We will hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
until we meet again.

We love you and miss you, Big Brother
– Kevin, Darrell, Cassandra

CENTER PAGES
Life is like a notebook;
Two pages are already written by GOD.
The first page is birth; the last page is death.
The center pages were all empty until you came along
and filled them with your smiles and love!
Thank you, Melvin, for being our brother
from another mother!

Love always – Doris, Carol, Norma, Erma

REVELATION 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Active Pallbearers

Calvin Ridgell
Jeffery Randle
Joel Pettus

Andre Redden
Antwan Cotton
Dossie Randle

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Lane
William Randle

Acknowledgement

We don't remember what you said, but your words spoke to our heart! We don't remember what you did but that you were a vital part. We can't recall just what you gave, but we know it was your best! For all you said, did, and gave, you helped our minds to rest.

The family of Mr. Melvin Cotton would like to thank you for every card, phone call, text message, flower, or any act of kindness or sympathy shown to us during his transition and celebration of life. May God bless you all for your love, support, and prayers.

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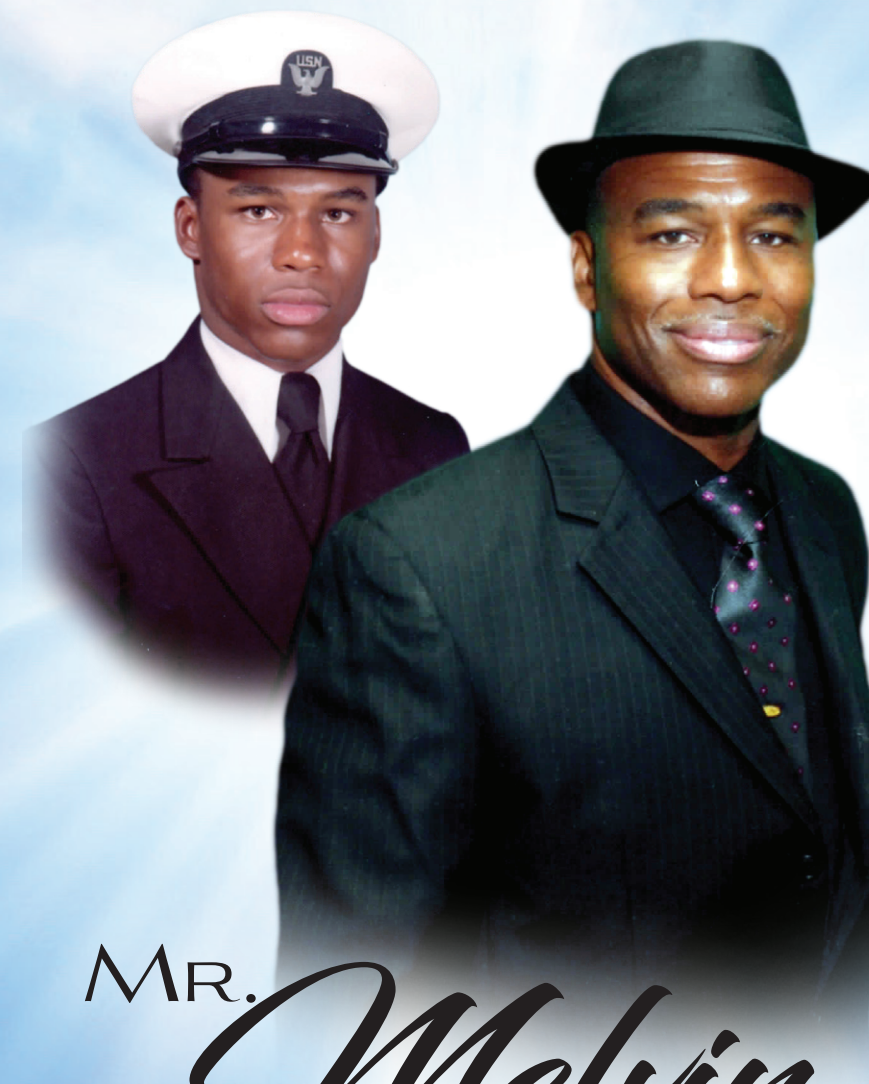


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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



MR.
Melvin
COTTON
"SMILEY"

Sunrise

September 26, 1960

Sunset

December 1, 2021

Saturday, December 11, 2021
Viewing: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Celebration of Life: 12:00 PM

THE CITY OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8334 Fullerton Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Pastor Joe Louis Middleton, Eulogist

Life Reflections for Melvin Cotton

*We loved him; He loved us.
He may be gone from our sight, But never from our hearts...*

Born September 26, 1960, Melvin Cotton was the first of five children to the union of Ebbie Gene Cotton and Thelma Cotton. His father and a baby brother preceded him in death.

Melvin was a friendly, rambunctious kid with a loving smile that coined him the nickname “Smiley” by the neighborhood kids. Melvin began his spiritual journey at Rising Star MB Church where he was baptized in the Mississippi River under the leadership of the late Reverend Andrew Lee Smith. Years later, God filled him with the Holy Ghost while in prayer with Pastor Joe Middleton.

Melvin attended University City School District and was a good student and member of the football team. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1979. He served his country during peacetime traveling to the Philippine Islands, Japan, and Australia ports. He received an honorable discharge July 18, 1983. He earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering and enjoyed a 38-year successful career with McDonell Douglas/Boeing.

Melvin was community minded and an inspiration to many. He helped younger employees navigate their careers at Boeing. Outside of work, Melvin was an inspiration and mentor to ‘little leaguers’ both on and off the court as their first coach in various sports. Melvin was also an avid biker who enjoyed bike trips with his motorcycle club “The King of Hearts.”

In 2003, Melvin met and fell in love with Alice Jackson; they married on October 8, 2005, and began their 16-year life journey. Together, they enjoyed traveling, sports, going to concerts and watching Sci Fi movie thrillers side by side!

In March of 2021, Melvin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Throughout his courageous battle with cancer, he was sustained by vigilant thoughts of love and prayers from his faithful wife, mother, family and friends. He fought a good fight, but sadly lost the battle early Wednesday morning, December 1, 2021.

Melvin leaves to cherish his loving memories: his devoted wife, Alice Cotton; daughter, Lacey Jackson; granddaughter, Zoe Jackson; loving mother, Thelma Cotton; two faithful brothers, Kevin Cotton (Patricia) and Darrell Cotton (Kinesha); a beloved sister, Cassandra Cotton; four cherished sisters-in law, Doris Middleton (Joe Louis), Carolyn Crenshaw, Norma Ogunmolawa, and Erma Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and dear friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Pastor Joe Louis Middleton, Officiating

Processional.....	Family & Clergy
Master of Ceremonies.....	Elder John Clark
Selection.....	TCOLCC Choir
Scripture	Elder Tyrone Fields
Prayer.....	Elder Quinton Grimes
Selection.....	Calvin Ridgell
Words of Comfort	Clergy
Acknowledgements & Condolences	Sis. Veronica James
Words of Expression.....	<i>Two Minutes, Please</i>
Life Reflections	<i>Read Silently With Soft Music</i>
Selection.....	Malik Mumin
Eulogy	Pastor Joe Louis Middleton
Benediction	
Recessional.....	Family & Clergy

~FAMILY AND FRIEND REPAST~

Immediately Following Celebration of Life

The Norwood Hills Country Club

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