

In Loving Memory of
Melvin McClain, Sr.

Sunrise
April 6, 1937

Sunset
February 25, 2011



Saturday, March 5, 2011
2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street
Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Melvin McClain was born in Macon, GA on April 6, 1937 to the late Florea and John Henry McClain.

As a young man he attended Ballard Hudson High School. On April 8, 1955 he entered the U.S. Army. In 1961, Elder Melvin McClain married the love of his life, Mary Moe Smith who he loved to the end. Shortly thereafter in 1963 he received a honorable discharge from the Army.

At an early age he became a member of Greater Bellview Baptist Church until he relocated to Newark, NJ where he became a member of Pastor A. Skinner's Church. He served there for many years until his passing. Later on Melvin began to affiliate with Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Ernest Jackson.

Melvin fought a good fight until February 25, 2011 when the Lord called him home to his final resting place.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his memories: two granddaughters, Linda and Sasha McClain; three great grandchildren, Tyreek, Kenya and Elijah; one god-son, Benjamin Mitchell; daughter-in-law, Marie McClain; three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Dora Mae Howard (Arthur), Lucille McClain Mays (Rev. Ronnie Mays), Darleene McClain Lane (Harold); aunts, Thelma Roberson (Willie), Perry L. McClain and Dr. Helen Mitchell (Elder Cheerlie Mitchell); uncle, Nathaniel McClain; nieces, Cynthia Ragin (Ronald) and Mary Ann Davis; nephew, Andre Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his son, Melvin McClain, Jr., sister, Lorine McClain Cotton, brothers, James, Marion, Clarence, John Henry, Jr. and Horace McClain.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Emory Lee

Processional Clergy & Family

Hymn

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23:16

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort Elder Charlie Mitchell

Selection

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Friends, Family Members & A Representative From Housing

Acknowledgement

Resolution

Obituary

Solo Cynthia Ragin

Eulogy Dr. Helen K. Mitchell

Recessional Clergy & Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

Isaiah 54:17

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper”

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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