

In Loving Memory of



Melwin Redding

Sunrise

March 18, 1931

Sunset

July 2, 2011

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

ST. LUKE A.M.E.

146-156 Clinton Ave. • Newark, NJ

Pastor James E. Deas, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Born **Joshia Redding** on March 18, 1931 to L.B. and Ozell Redding in Barbour County, Alabama, he later legally changed his first name to **Melvin**.

Melvin attended Clio Public High School and upon completion relocated to Newark, New Jersey where he was drafted into the US Army. After being honorably discharged from the service, Melvin returned to Newark and shortly thereafter moved to Clio, Alabama, where he met and married his first wife, Catherine Walker. At an early age, Melvin was a member of the St. Luke Methodist Church of Louisville, Alabama.

Later, he returned back to Newark, where he met and married in Holy Matrimony Betty J. Kearney. This union produced three loving daughters and one son.

Melvin joined Zion Hill Baptist Church, where he served as an Usher for many years. He worked for the Blue Line Bumper Company for over twenty years, then went on disability and later became a part-time employee for United Airlines in Newark, New Jersey in the Cabin Cleaning Service Department. He was a well respected and loved employee. Melvin then became ill and was unable to continue his employment with the company he so loved working for. Melvin recently became a member of the St. Luke A.M.E Church of Newark, New Jersey.

Melvin was a very cool and laidback individual which included being a no non-sense person. He loved and cherished his family and believed in living life to fullest. His greatest enjoyment was sitting in the living room listening to his favorite music and watching sports. He was better known for his well dressed manner. He was a man of high standards.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, L.B. and Ozell Redding, baby brother, Walter J. and daughter, Robin L. Andrews.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Donnell and (Carolyn) Varner of Clio Alabama; daughters, Ozetta and (Raymond) Gantt of Lakewood, New Jersey and Melanie and (Eric) Brown of Lakewood, New Jersey; son-in-law, Charles Andrews of Wellington, Florida; brother, Millard Redding of Hillside, New Jersey; sisters, Ruth Redding of Newark, New Jersey, Lula and (Willie) Smith of Piscataway, New Jersey; aunt, Bertha Lee Williams of Gainesville, Florida; a very (special) cousin, Sarah Brown of Newark, New Jersey; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



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 that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

~The Family~

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Rev. Brunard Brascomb
Processional Clergy and Family
Hymn of Assurance #450 - "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament - Psalm 30:1-5

New Testament - John 14:1-16

Selection/Solo

Acknowledgement / Resolutions Mrs. Mildred Murphy
Special Words of Comfort Family and Friends

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection "I Won't Complain"
Eulogy Pastor James E. Deas, Sr.

Prayer of Consolation

Recessional



Saturday, July 9, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.
St. Peter's A.M.E. Methodist Church • Clio, Alabama

Organ Prelude William C. Campbell
Processional Clergy and Family
Hymn of Assurance #450 - "Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort Kenneth Townsend
Scripture Lessons Kenneth Townsend

Old Testament - Psalm 30:1-5

New Testament - John 14:1-16

Selection/Solo

Acknowledgement / Resolutions Sister Emily Hill
Special Words of Comfort Joyce Nail

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection "I Won't Complain"
Eulogy Pastor James Thomas, Jr.

Prayer of Consolation

Recessional

Interment

St. Peter's A.M.E. Church Cemetery • Clio, Alabama

FLORAL BEARERS

Family & Friends

PALL BEARERS

Charles Andrews

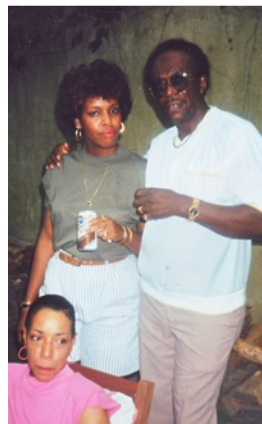
Raymond A. Gantt

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