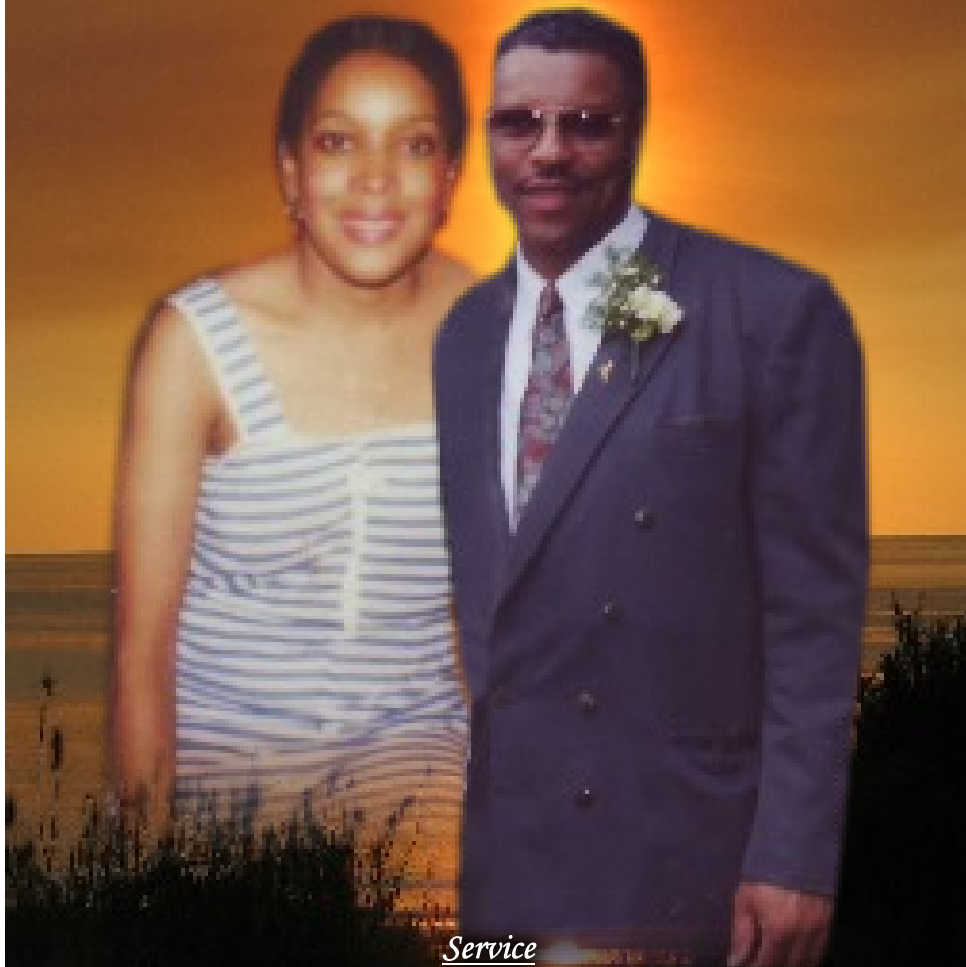


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Ellis L. Melvin**

**Sunrise**  
*September 21, 1948*

**Sunset**  
*May 29, 2013*



*Service*

Friday, June 7, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

**Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating**

**Michael Gammage, Officiating**

## Obituary



**Ellis Lavaugh Melvin** affectionately known to many as “Shane”, was born on September 21, 1948 in Moultrie, Georgia to the late Rosa Brown Melvin and Johnnie Melvin Sr.

Ellis was one of thirteen children. Ellis moved to Newark, New Jersey at an early age with his mother Rosa and eight of his thirteen siblings where he completed his formal education.

Ellis was married to the late Audrey Melvin and out of that union they had a daughter Chalitha Melvin-Headen. He was also a loving father to two children Alnisa Herran and Alonzo Herran from Audrey’s previous marriage.

Ellis was a wonderful devoted husband and a great father and was a great example of a loving family man to his sisters, brothers, nieces, nephew and extended family. He was best known for his work ethic, providing for his family, and anyone in need.

Shane enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to music, attending movies, and shopping. He was one who would give to others even if it was his last. Ellis had a heart of gold. He loved and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

God suddenly called Ellis Lavaugh Melvin home on May 29, 2013. He leaves to cherish his memories: Chalitha Melvin-Headen, Son-in-Law; Derrick Headen, Al-Nisa Herran, and Alonzo Herran; Ten grandchildren; Amenah Alnisa Melvin, Trinity Amaya Headen, Alonzo II, Omar, Tahir, Alana and Janisa; One great grandchild; Alonzo III, eight brothers and sisters; Johnsalene Melvin-Stokes, Freddie Melvin, Mary Melvin-Thomas, Eddie Melvin, Frances Inge, Alex Melvin, Elizabeth Taylor and Curtis Melvin. He also leaves to mourn and cherish his memories a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other family and friends.

Ellis Lavaugh Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Rosa Brown Melvin, Johnnie Melvin Sr, his wife Audrey Melvin, two brothers Johnnie Melvin Jr. and Frankie Melvin, two sisters Geraldine Melvin and Charlitha Melvin and one granddaughter Audrey Nichol Herran.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary ..... Nanetta Malone

Eulogy..... Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.  
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Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## Interment

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## ***Repast:***

*Stephen Crane Recreational Facility  
1 Stephen Crane Plaza  
Newark, NJ*

## To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you  
each have shown

But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me,  
I'll be near

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

### 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

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