



## Melford Lee Pinchback

June 15, 1938 - March 26, 2018

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

In Loving Memory

Melford Lee Pinchback

Monday, March 26, 2018, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, reached out His hand for His son.....

Melford Lee Pinchback was born in Plymouth, North Carolina on June 15, 1938 to the late Walter D. and Marie B. Pinchback. He attended I.C. Norcom in Norfolk, Virginia. Subjected to a military draft in the early 1960's, he served in the United States Army. In a professional capacity, he worked for Pepsi-Cola and he was a Bus Driver for Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC). After several years, he decided to become an Entrepreneur and open Pinchback's Grill in the 1970's. It was a spot to be in Friday and Saturday nights with live band, food and fun!

After several years of past experience of Private Investigation, he became

Richmond's First African American Bail Bondsman. He touched many lives in this capacity of life. As he continued being an Entrepreneur, he invested in several properties that allowed people of all walks of life and nationalities to have a home, church, beauty shop and convenience store....just to name a few. Many, many years ago, he decided to open his own Event Hall naming it Pinch's Hall. Also, from the love of cooking, he established Pinch's Food Truck.

Socially, Pinchback had many hobbies. The biggest being the love of motorcycles. He was a full fledged retired member of "Cycle Kings Motorcycle Club" for over 30 years. Because of his love of motorcycles, he purchased and rode several motorcycles down through the years. He also liked to shoot pool, "Loved" watching old movies and listening to music. Liking to listen and watch both very loudly!! He also like to take photos of the different events that were held at the hall. Melford was known to many as Pinchback or Pkinch.

Melford gave his life to Christ at an early age. Even though he was not presently attending church, he still had a love for God. His favorite gospel artists were Lee Williams and James Cleveland. He loved to listen to "Peace Be Still" by James Cleveland. He was a caring and supportive person but also very serious. He was known to say what he meant and meant what he said. Everyone knew he wasn't to be messed with, he had protection with him at all times, for he was "never alone".

He married the love of his life, Barbara Mae Wilkerson on January 29, 1975. Being together for 50 years he was affectionally called M.L. and Tony by Barbara. His song for her was "My Girl". Pinchback was a great provider, wonderful husband, dedicated father, supportive grandfather, dependable businessman and friend.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and devoted wife, Barbara;

children, devoted Andre' Pinchback (Simone) and Michelle Pinchback Reyes (Walter); also Trilby David (Raynald) and Walt Mazyck (Jacqueline); grandchildren, Brandon & Samond Pinchback, Jaiden Reyes, Raynald II & Brandon David, Octavian & Indigo Mazyck, Sabian & Sakori Wilson; great-grandchildren, Raynald III & Rayah David; aunt, Elsie Moore of Morena Valley, California; devoted niece Ramona Coleman (Mathew); cousins, Eunice Speed, Cynthia James, Eula Moore Anderson, Brenda Moore, Jackie Asher and Randy Moore; special friends, John "Bubba" Thompson, Joseph Lyons, John Mines, Ronald Malbrough, Sr., Herman "Buck" Williams and James "Rabbit" Kidd (deceased); a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

MAR 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Pinch, I wanted to rent a hall for a Repass because my mom had passed Mar 13, 2024 and I needed to feed all those people before they went back home. I got a notice Pinch's Hall is closed. i rented from you several times in the past and trusted you to deliver the goods. I am so sorry to find out you have passed on to glory and I am praying you are in a peaceful paradise. You were the only person to rent to me on Thanksgiving Day twice and my family had a wonderful time. You were a big deal in Richmond!*

*Holy of Heaven, please look out for and protect Mr. Pinch and my Mama Liz.*

*Rod Dove*

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**Rod Dove Thompson** - April 11, 2024 at 11:28 PM



“ *Melford Lee Pinchback*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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“ *Thank you for always being there with great advise and wit. I have called you on your birthday for 20 plus years and each time you always thanked me for remembering that day.*

*I now "Thank You "for being my forever friend.*

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**Stephanie** - March 31, 2018 at 07:33 PM

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“ You will be greatly missed. You were always so sure and steadfast. Thanks for the advice you gave me.

L. Shirley Harvey



S. Harvey - March 30, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ Katrina Wilson lit a candle in memory of Melford Lee Pinchback



Katrina Wilson - March 28, 2018 at 07:35 PM



*Mr. Pinchback, I chose this yellow candle in representation of your friendship and kindness shown. Your strong but yet soft spoken voice I shall always remember. Rest in the love, peace and comfort of God. And to you Ms. Barbara and Family  
May the stars carry your sadness away,  
May the flowers fill your heart with beauty,  
May hope forever wipe away your tears,  
And, above all, may silence make you strong.  
Love you all....*

Katrina Wilson - March 28, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 28, 2018 at 05:39 PM