



Deacon Melvin Edward Crawford, Jr.

February 8, 1958 - August 2, 2024

Life Reflections

Deacon Melvin E. Crawford, 66, of Highland Springs, VA (formerly of Richmond, VA), lovingly called “Pop”, was born to Melvin E. Crawford, Sr. and Cleo V. Crawford on February 8, 1958. He gained his wings on August 2, 2024, surrounded by his beautiful wife, sons, daughters and prayer warriors at his side.

Melvin loved the Lord and accepted Jesus Christ joining New Elam Baptist Church in New Kent, Virginia. He was called to serve as a deacon, ordained May of 2015. He also served as Chairman of The Deacon for New Elam Baptist Church. Deacon Crawford was a humble servant of God. He was a living testament, not allowing the rocks to cry out in his place. Deacon Crawford seized every opportunity to give his praise to God.

Deacon Crawford was educated in the Richmond Public School System. After high school he started working for Standard Furniture Company, where he remained employed for 10 years. Deacon Crawford later started a career with Supervalu (Richfood) as an order selector then moved up the corporate ladder to become a trucker driver. He served this company for 31 years and retired, February 2019 due to health challenges. After retirement, he still wanted to serve. He pressed forward obtaining employment with Bay Transit, as a driver,

serving the New Kent and Charles City community. He provided transportation for locals to/from work, medical appointments, etc.

Deacon Crawford was preceded in death by his father, Melvin E. Crawford, Sr. and brother Marvin E. Crawford. He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife of 24 years, Joyce D. Crawford; four sons, Melvin E. Crawford III (Ariel), Antoney L. Goode (Wanda), Carroll Randall Jr., and Mekel Crawford; three daughters, Shannon Nichole Arnett, Tiffany Randall (Lamar) and Brittany Randall-Alvarado (Erick); eleven grandchildren, Kye, Isley, Melvin IV, Antoney Jr., Josiah, JaMari, Jade, Serinity, Kaylynn, Jasmine, and Eli'shah; God-daughter, Alicia Brown; two brothers, Cedric Crawford and Curtis Thorton; one sister, Monica Crawford; two devoted sisters-in-love, Minister Selda Johnson, and Teresa Dobson-Brown (Floyd); devoted brother-in-love, Alvin Dobson; devoted mother-in-love, Jacqueline Dobson; great uncle, Jerry Thorton; uncle, Otto Watford (Gloria) and Ernest Crawford; and a great host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

New Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8101 Cumberland Road
New Kent, VA 23124

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WA

“ Wanda Akrie-Feltus lit a candle in memory of Deacon Melvin Edward Crawford, Jr.



Wanda Akrie-Feltus - August 18, 2024 at 08:24 PM

LA

“ Wow Junie this was really shocking to hear when I was calling to check on your mom and i got the new you received your wings You were always the guy that was funny and could talk hours about that bike and the laughter we had at richfood when you came around those were good days and times yes so much fun you were truly a kool dude

Lucille Peterson family and friend and - August 15, 2024 at 09:23 PM

JW

“ I am extending my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to you and your family. He was a kind and compassionate man. He will be missed by our community! Love and continued prayers,
Joyce Williams



Joyce Williams - August 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM

RG

“ our sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family from the Gresham family 🙏🙏

Roland Gresham - August 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MH

“ I was shocked to learn of Deacon Melvin Crawford, Jr.'s passing. He was the quintessential Deacon and Christian Man of God who faced every challenge with resolute confidence in God. His love for his family, his church, and his many friends was surpassed only by his love for Our Lord. Family, please know that our loss is Heaven's gain, and we have the promise of Jesus that we will see Deacon Crawford again when our work is done.



Dr's Milton & Sylvia Hathaway and Family

Milton A Hathaway - August 09, 2024 at 12:25 AM

KC

“ I'm sending my deepest condolences to the Crawford family. My childhood friend got his wings. May you find peace in heaven where there's no worries nor pain. God bless you dear friend.



Kate Crawley - August 08, 2024 at 09:02 PM

VB

“ Deacon Crawford’s profound faith resonated in our spirit as he sang his songs of praise, shared his testimony, and offered prayers of thanksgiving to Almighty God. We are thankful for the fellowship we shared in worship with him at New Elam Baptist Church. God will strengthen and keep your family through this difficult time. He has counted all of your tears. “Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.” (Romans12:15)



Larry Woodson & Valerie Braxton

Valerie Braxton - August 08, 2024 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ Prayers to the entire Crawford family. I had the pleasure of working with Melvin as one of his dispatchers at SuperValu. May he rest in Peace...

Jennifer Sampson

Jennifer Sampson - August 07, 2024 at 10:29 PM

CB

“ Carroll Jr., Shay, Tiffany and Brittany purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Deacon Melvin Edward Crawford, Jr..



Carroll Jr., Shay, Tiffany and Brittany - August 07, 2024 at 12:51 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.

March Funeral Homes - August 06, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SV

Heartfelt Condolences Tp The Crawford Family. May the Lord Comfort You and Give You Strength In Your Hour Of Bereavement!.

Sharon Vandervall - August 07, 2024 at 10:11 PM

NC

Deaon Crawford will be greatly missed. He was a dedicated member and greatly loved the Lord. He brought much to this body of Christ. The New Elam Family

New Elam Baptist Church - August 08, 2024 at 12:41 AM