



## Melvin D. Pottillo

March 14, 1944 - August 22, 2005

On March 14, 1944, MELVIN DONAX POTTILLO JR. was born to Melvin Donax Sr. and Ruth Pottillo at the Altus, Oklahoma Air Force Base. He was the eldest of five children - Melvin, Willie, Patricia Anne, Linda Carol (deceased) and David. He was baptized at the Herberts Chapel A.M.E. Church in Fairfield, Maryland under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Wilson. He later converted to the Seventh-Day Adventist faith. In his early years, he loved being a boy scout and was very studious. He was an honor student at Polytechnic High School. He graduated in 1965 and continued his studies at the University of Maryland. He graduated in 1969 with an electrical engineering degree. He later returned to work on his master's degree. His love of engineering combined with his love of travel carried him many places, both far and near. He worked in Saudi Arabia as an engineering instructor and in Istanbul, Turkey as a consulting transportation engineer for the building of the second bridge over the Bosphorus. He was a man of many talents. His work ranged from consulting engineer for the D.C. Metro, designing engineer for the new addition to Prince George's Hospital, consultant for Mueller and Associates in Baltimore, and ultimately senior-level electrical engineer for facilities management at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He served briefly in the United States Army and was honorably discharged because of a painful and serious knee problem. He liked to sing, and he played several instruments; piano, however, was his "great love." He and his beloved wife, Donna, shared CDs, tapes and sheet music with his mom, Ruth, who has a

great passion for music also. Melvin was united in marriage to Donna Leigh Turbyfill on February 12, 1985. There were no children of this union; however, he fathered a handsome son, Virgil, through an earlier marriage. There was such a warm and loving relationship between Melvin and Virgil, whom he adored. Many cherished memories will be shared by: his devoted wife, Donna; son, Virgil; mother, Ruth; brothers, Willie and David; sister, Patricia Wilkins; three nieces, four nephews, ten great-nieces and great-nephews, many other relatives and precious friends and his church family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin D. Pottillo*

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“ *To Donna, Virgil, Cousin Ruth and family. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you all. May God comfort you during this time of breavement. God Bless You. Terry & Andy##imported-begin##Andy & Terry Potillo Jones##imported-end##*

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“ *Pleasst accept my regrets. We are comforted by God's promise in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 15:26: "The last enemy death is to be brought to nothing." The Bible makes it clear that death was not a part of God's original purpose for the earth. However, all sickness, old age, and death will be done away with. We anxiously look forward to that time.##imported-begin##lockley##imported-end##*

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“ Over my 37 years on this earth, I had few and fare encounters with my Uncle Melvin but when the opportunity presented itself I was always left with a since of self empowerment, pride and direction by his words. I was asked by him many times during my College years to take up Engineering and follow in his path. "I'll show you the way but you must study and really want it?" That was not meant to especially if a true Pottillo was to find his/her own way in this world by him/her self but led by God directions(Pottillo Pride). I thank God for my Uncles words of wisdom and look forward to the day we will continue our discussion on the steps of Heaven. God has Blessed... Uncle Mevlin by calling him home. Much blessing and love to Aunt Donna, Virgil and the Pottillo family. Pat###imported-begin###Patrick Pottillo###imported-end###

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“ Though a few months have passed since you lost your loved one, please know that the Almighty God has a time set when all those who lost their lives may have the opportunity to live forever on earth, as was God's original plan. God almighty will remove death and peace will reign (Rev. 21:3, 4). May you continue to find comfort in the Scriptures.###imported-begin###Mrs. Lewis###imported-end###

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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