



Melvin Darden

May 18, 1938 - March 5, 2013

Melvin Darden-born May 18,1938 to Willie and Lucy Gray Daniel Darden. He departed this life on March 5,2013.

Melvin graduated from Savannah High School in Lenoir County,North Carolina,Class of 1957. He relocated to Richmond,VA in 1959 where he joined the Nation of Islam and served faithfully in the ministry. He married Mildred Robinson in 1966 and from that unio three daughters were born.

In his spare time,Melvin loved to sing. Some called him"Mr. Sam Cooke" or "Mr. Soul Stirrer". He was a member of two gospel quartets,the "Pearly Gates of Sandston and the "Silver Stars". His favorite songs were "Hem of His Garment", "Last Mile of the Way" and "Lord Remember Me" which he loved to sang. He loved to TALK ,eat,make jokes and be there for his family and friends. He was a dedicated father as well as grandfather. He was always there lending a helping hand or just a little advise. Everyone who knew Melvin loved and respected him.

Melvin retired from Purolator Courier and after retirement he worked part-time for VDOT in the mail room.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents-Willie and Lucy Gray Daniels Darden,his brothers Lee,Lymon,Chester,Douglas,Robert,J.C.,Raymond and

Marvin Darden, his sisters-Dorothy Perry, Lillie Mae Stevens, Bessie Foreman and Lucy Mae Darden Croom.

Melvin leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters, LaWeeda Darden, Zaneta Peterson and Davina Darden; nine grandchildren, Deondre, Ja'me & James Wilson, LaQuan & Charmine Darden, Aaron Simmonds, Chavis, Leonus & Eryka Peterson; five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 10. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
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Family Hour

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Darden*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the scriptures at Revelation 21:4 "he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

Ms. Howard - March 11, 2013 at 09:29 AM



“ *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 - March 07, 2013 at 12:59 PM