



Melvin Lee Ray

March 11, 1948 - December 18, 2005

REVEREND MELVIN LEE RAY, JR., son of the late Melvin Lee Sr. and Mable Ray, was born on March 11, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland. The Lord called him home on December 18, 2005. He received his education at Dunbar Senior High School in Baltimore, graduating on June 6, 1966; the class consisted of six hundred and sixty six students. He matriculated at the United Baptist College and Seminary for three years, each year on the Dean's List. At Mt. Ararat Baptist Church he was an ordained Deacon and a licensed Minister. In order to assist his friend and Pastor Jerome McNeil, Sr., he was ordained Minister on July 14, 1999 at Temple Baptist Church. After his internship at Temple Baptist, he returned to Mt. Ararat as a faithful and devoted Associate Minister. He was employed by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons for twenty-four years until his retirement in 1991. Thereafter, he became employed by the National Federation of the Blind for twelve years until his retirement in 2003. He married the former Frances Williams, and out of this union came three children, Donnell, Karen and Sheila. On August 5, 1983, he married the former Sharon Lane and became a father to Eric. Melvin and Sharon have been happily married for twenty-two years. Melvin made friends wherever he went and talked to everyone that he met. He loved his church family dearly. He always had conversation for whomever and whenever. He loved the Lord and gave his time and talent every chance he had. Melvin loved to praise the Lord and loved his family dearly. He could never stop talking about his grandchildren. He was a true friend and devoted husband. He would say "I've

lost my sight, but not the vision". Melvin's favorite scriptures were Romans 8:28 and Psalms 103. He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Sharon D. Ray; two sons, Donnell Williams and Eric Lane; two daughters, Karen Morris and Sheila Cahill; two grandchildren, Ashley and Alex Cahill; three sisters, Rebecca (Albert) White, Barbara (Andrew) Moore, and Lolita (Antonio) Ferguson; a mother-in-law, Fraulien Patrick; one sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, quite a few adopted children and grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Lee Ray*

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“ *To Aunt Sharon, I praise the Lord for the life and legacy of your husband Rev.Ray even though I have only had the pleassure of knowing him for a short time, from what I do know is that he was truly a Man after the heart of God. I say to the family continue to look to the hills from whence commeth your help for all of your help comes from the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. Remember God will take care of you. be encouraged and know that I am praying for you during this time of sorrow. Rev.Brandi N.Foyles###imported-begin##Rev. Brandi Foyles###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 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 55:11 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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“ My condolences for the loss of your loved one. John 5:28,29 promises- "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." That is a promise that has encouraged me many times. May you also receive much solace and strength from it.##imported-begin##S. Hill##imported-end##

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“ To the Ray Family, I was sad to hear of the death of Melvin. He was truly a pleasant person to know. We can confidently look to the future when Jehovah God, the Giver of life, will bury death forever. What a blessing it will be when we can rightly ask: “Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”—1 Corinthians 15:55.##imported-begin##M. Douglas##imported-end##

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“ Sharon, Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I regret that I could not be at the service. I'll continue to pray for you. Eloise##imported-begin##Eloise Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Sharony my heart goes out to you. There are no words that could heal your pain, but you know our father in heaven holds you in the center of his heart in solace. We are here when you need us. Love Enga & Doug##imported-begin##Enga Archer##imported-end##

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“ My sincere sympathy and prayerful thoughts are with the family at this time. A friend forever.##imported-begin##Mamie McNeill Royster##imported-end##

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“ Sincerest Sympathy##imported-begin##Maureen O. Ray##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Rebecca, It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone that we love, however the bible reassures us in John 5:28,29 The hour will come in which all those in memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life. May you find comfort from the holy scriptures with the knowledge that you will see your brother again.##imported-begin##Ursula Young##imported-end##

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“ I thank God for the life of "Dr." Ray. In the short time that I've know him he has been an inspiration to me and my ministry of preaching and music. Please find comfort in Psalm 46:1... "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." I will be in prayer for you at this your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Eld. George E. M. Stanton##imported-end##

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