



Mr. Melvin James Reed

June 13, 1942 - October 31, 2024

Melvin James Reed, son of the late Ralph and Hattie Reed, was the youngest of their union. Born June 13, 1942, he grew up in Baltimore and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School. He then went into the United States Army and was honorably discharged. Melvin joined the Baltimore City Police Department (BCPD) and retired after 25 years of service.

Melvin married his adoring wife Angela September 11, 1971. They shared 52 years together until her passing last September 2023.

Melvin enjoyed talking about sports as well as current and historical events. He could cite awesome football statistics! If you are a fan of talk radio, you may have heard "Oscar" frequently on WOLB Talk 1010 and Voice of the Community on WEAA 88.9. He was always ready and eager to call in and debate with guests and hosts on political

commentary. His impeccable knowledge of current events (he never wanted to miss tuning in to MSNBC) spurred his conversations with people about experiences on race, religion, justice, culture and politics. Melvin was an avid reader and independent thinker.

Melvin was a cynophile. What is that? If you knew Melvin, you know the definition is “a person who loves canines; a dog lover”. Boy did he ever LOVE dogs! The love and care he showed them was amazing. For years he would have at least 2 dogs. He had several breeds over the years and loved them all dearly.

Melvin was preceded in death by his siblings: Ruth Stanley, Doris Helen Moore, Samuel Reed, Freddie Reed, Lucille Ziglier, Lavinia McCleary; nephews: Michael Reed and Mark A. Moore; and his niece Sandra L. Belin.

Melvin leaves to mourn his brother Thomas (Loretta), son “Kip”, grandson “Trey”, nieces, nephews, a host of great nieces and nephews, as well as his Bexhill neighbors, extended family and friends.

Melvin was deeply fond of his family and friends and often shared memories of living in Cherry Hill and on Windsor Avenue

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (est)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Wake

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Melvin James Reed*



March Funeral Homes - November 22, 2024 at 09:34 AM

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“ *I remember Mr. Melvin stopping by the house with his black Seville discussing the politics of BCPD with my father who was also an officer. Mr. Melvin you will be missed.*



Stephen Johnson - December 08, 2024 at 09:38 PM

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“ *To Louis Greene (Kip) and the entire Family of Melvin James Reed! It is quite painful to be separated from such a significant part of your family tree. God has reclaimed one of His own, a faithful, compassionate loving soul with a caring spirit, and kind heart. Family know that because of your strong family roots and faith in God you will be drawn even closer to each other. With Love and Prayers
Rev. Dr. Bess McCallister*



Rev Dr Bess McCallister - November 27, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ Karen & Ronda purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mr. Melvin James
Reed.



Karen & Ronda - November 23, 2024 at 10:43 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 - November 05, 2024 at 01:42 PM