



Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin

July 6, 1942 - February 20, 2015

On Friday, February 20, 2015, Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin entered into eternal rest. He is the son of the late Simon and Bernice Porch Shearin. Melvin was born on July 6, 1942 in the Oak Grove Community in Northampton County, North Carolina. He received his formal education through the Northampton County School System. Melvin graduated from Gumberry High School in May 1964.

As a teenager, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Garysburg, North Carolina.

Melvin moved and lived for a while in New York City and Newport News, Virginia. After his brief employment there, he relocated to Richmond, Virginia. After moving to Virginia he was employed with Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) for 30 years and retired in 1998.

Melvin married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Avent on July 6, 1968. From this union they were blessed with identical twin sons, Melvin Fitzgerald and Kelvin Aubra.

In 1977 he and his family united with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia. As a member of Pleasant Grove, he faithfully gave of his time and talents. He served as a member of the Deacon Ministry where he

served as the Chairperson for a number of years, member of the Music Ministry serving in the Senior and Sanctuary Choirs, and the Male Chorus

Melvin was a devoted family man. He was also a dependable friend. His hobbies were carpentry, fishing, and listening to jazz music. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Reverend Lillian A. Shearin and son, Reverend Kelvin A. Shearin. He leaves to cherish his memories a son, Reverend Melvin F. Shearin, II; grandchildren Taj DeAndre Leake and Trey M. Shearin; his sisters, Susie M. Lee (Johnny Sr.), Elven S. Bridges, Minister Rosa E. Shearin, Dr. Pocahontas S. Jones (Randolph) and Linda Fitzpatrick; his brothers, Dr. Morris L. Shearin (Bertha), Walter L. Shearin (Clara) and Alva Shearin (Camilla); his sisters-in-law, Marjorie D. Boone, Jean A. Greene, Margaret Hayman (James), Zelia A. Carter (Norman); his brothers-in-law, Marshall D. Avent (Jacqueline), Garland R. Avent (Maggie), several nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

We thank God for his life and the lovely devotion and the inspiration shown to his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

Mechanicsville, VA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The Hicks Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin*



The Hicks Family - February 28, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear; just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. The Shearin Family has my heartfelt condolences during your loss. May your memories give you strength. Prayers, blessings, and courage; now and forever. Ruby Vincent Ward~ Class of 1963~ Gumberry High School*



Ruby Vincent Ward - February 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *B.wadey Sr. lit a candle in memory of Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin*



b.wadey sr. - February 26, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BV

“ May you be comforted by God's unfailing love and strengthened by the knowledge that He will never leave or forsake you. It is never easy to lose someone you love, and it is normal for you to mourn your loss. We hope you will find encouragement and reassurance in the words of Psalms 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

*The Vincent Family,
Wardie, Betty, Kimberly, Kenisha, and PJ*

Betty Vincent - February 26, 2015 at 02:12 PM

LS

“ LaTanya Shelley lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Melvin Aubra Shearin



LaTanya Shelley - February 26, 2015 at 09:45 AM

DS

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences. Dr. M. W. Putney Sr. and family.

Dr. Michael Putney Sr. - February 26, 2015 at 09:11 AM

SB

“ I am extremely sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the pain you have had to endure. May the God of comfort be with you now and in times to come. God's Word the bible promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 28,29 and also at Revelations 21: 3,4

Shane Briscoe - February 26, 2015 at 08:41 AM

LJ

“ To the Reverend Melvin F. Shearin and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May the peace of God and the love of Christ surround you and bring you comfort in the midst of your sorrow.

With deepest sympathy,

*Lisa R. Janes
STVU Class of 2008*

Lisa R. Janes - February 26, 2015 at 05:07 AM

JW

“ *Wishing God's strength for each of you. May you find comfort in blessed memories.*

Josefa and Bryon Wall - February 24, 2015 at 02:51 PM

HR

“ *To the Shearin Family,
We pray the Comfort of the Holy Spirit to rest upon each of you as needed.
With our Love and Prayers.
The Children of the late Ella Lashley. -Gaston, NC
Walter (Sambo), Oteria, Flora Lee, Dorothy, Richard, Christine,
Helen and Evelyn*

Helen Lashley Reed - February 24, 2015 at 09:28 AM

JU

“ *So sorry for the lost of your dear brother. The Shearin's family is in our prays.*

Joyce Underdue - February 23, 2015 at 01:43 PM

AJ

“ To Melvin and Children; Morris, Walter, Alva, Susie, Elven, Rosa, Pocahontas, Linda and your respective families:

Words escape us at this moment, but our hearts are grieved to learn of the transition of your father, brother and our longtime family friend. For years, the Shearin Family has been an intricate part of our lives, and we are grateful to God for the relationship.

Death comes sometimes expected and unexpectedly, but when it summons a true servant of God, a lover of all mankind and one who possessed the fruits of the spirit and so many other genuine characteristics, it uniquely brings a smile and a sense of relief, to know that one has lived, loved and tried to live a life pleasing to Almighty God.

We regret we are not able to share with you during the Celebratory Worship for the life of Melvin A. Shearin, but please know and be comforted that family friends share your grief.

*"Be not dismayed, whatever betide,
God will take care of you.
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you."*

*In love and sympathy,
The Cofield Family
Bettie Grace, Zenobia and Augustus
Weldon, NC*

Augustus C. Cofield, Jr. - February 22, 2015 at 10:01 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 - February 21, 2015 at 07:54 PM

TF

To Melvin and a all of the Shearin family, our sincerest condolences. Melvin A. was very special and a true man of God. He will missed but remembered with love always

Evelyn, Herbert and Martina Hicks. 02/28/2015

The Hicks Family - February 28, 2015 at 03:57 PM