

*In Honor of Your Memory*

***Pallbearers***

Devron Drayton	Darrian Drayton
Kyle Henderson	DelvenMays
Karon Blackwell	Kenny Oliver

***Flower Attendants***

Sisters of the Church of Christ

***Acknowledgements***

The family of the late, *Melvin L. Dallas III* wishes to express our sincere thanks for the phone calls, visits, flowers, prayers and every expression of love shown during our time of bereavement.

***Interment***

Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

***Arrangements in Care of:***



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***Melvin Louis Dallas III***

***January 11, 1993 — February 22, 2015***

**AIR FORCE**



## Obituary for Melvin Louis Dallas, III

Senior Airman Melvin Louis Dallas, III, affectionately known as “Buddy” was born on Monday, January 11, 1993 at 0736, to Melvin and Karen Dallas in Jacksonville, Florida. On February 13, 2000, he was baptized at Northside Church of Christ. In May 2011, Buddy graduated from Jean Ribault Senior High School’s, Early College Program where he earned his Associates of Arts Degree.

On Sunday, February 22, 2015 Buddy was called home to be with the LORD. During his teens, he played baseball for many years with Normandy Athletic Association and football with Westside Athletic Association. Growing up Buddy matured into a dedicated team member. He was always there for his family and friends in his personal life. His core values that he developed at home, on the playground and on the field translated to a very successful military career.

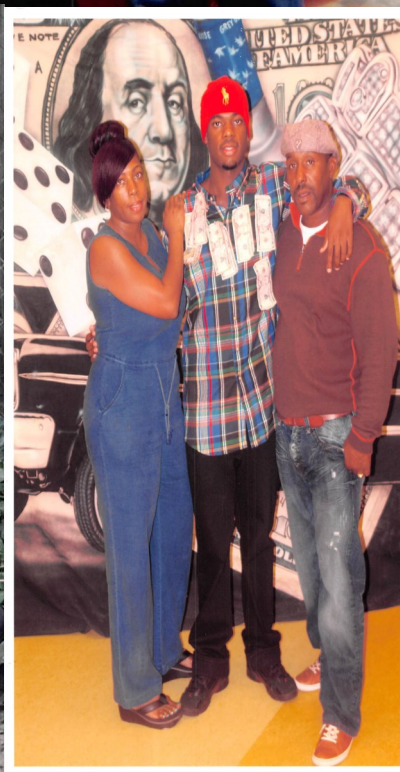
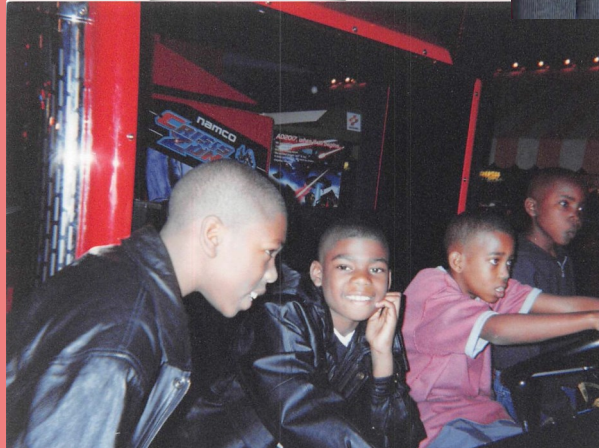
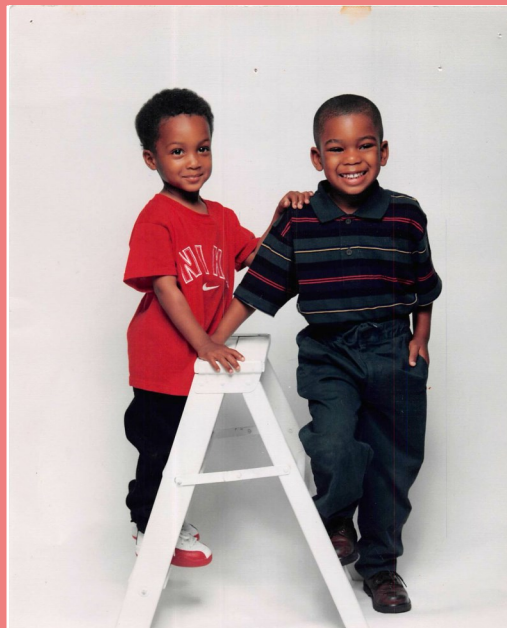
On November 13, 2012, Buddy joined the United States Air Force and graduated from the Lackland Air Force Base on January 11, 2013 (his 19th birthday). Buddy was a Senior Airman in the 78th Security Forces Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia, and was deployed to Ali Al Salem, Kuwait and served honorably until his death. He conducted physical security and law enforcement patrols protecting over 26K personnel and secured \$15B in Air Force resources. Not only did he inspire others in his squadron, but he also volunteered outside of work, he volunteered at the Macon Rescue Mission Shelter and build homes for “Homes for Troops” and even the Kuwaiti Animal Shelter. Wherever he went, whether at work or doing work in the community, he was always known to have a smile and a kind word. He earned many awards among which included the Below-the-Zone promotion, an honor bestowed on only the top 15% of enlisted force. One of his supervisors stated the following, “My first impression of Dallas was that he was a very humble and inspiring person.”

Buddy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Melvin and Mildred Dallas and Grady Sr. and Geraldine Sassnett.

Buddy is survived by his parents, Melvin Jr. and Karen; two brothers, Chris and Isaiah; aunts, Altamease Hines, Annette Dues ( Darnell Jr.), Sheree Faulk (Maurice), Cheryl Robinson, Tammy Sassnett, Michelle Gaston (Kenneth Sr.), Kim Hudson (Larry Sr.), and ThelmeCIA Cason; uncles, Leroy Brown, Michael Hines, Kenneth Hines (Seanda), Donnie Sassnett and Grady Sassnett Jr.; a special friend, Uniqua Shiquan Miles, and a godson, Karson Williams; five great uncles; four great aunts; many loving cousins, friends and his military family.







# Service Northside Church of Christ

4736 Avenue B  
Jacksonville, Florida 32209  
Charlie McClendon, Senior Minister  
Al Jackson, Minister

## Order of Service

Bro. Willie Crosby Jr., Officiating  
Bros. Richard Coffey Jr. & Kevin McCoy Sr., Song Leaders

Processional

Congregational Song..... "Hard Fighting Soldier"

Invocation..... Bro. Leonard Chatman Jr.

Scriptures

Old Testament Scripture..... Bro. Richard Coffey Sr.

New Testament Scripture..... Bro. Alan Thornton

Congregational Song..... "Mansion, Robe & Crown"

Expressions of Love (two minutes limit please)

As a Teacher.....Dr. Vandon White

As a Neighbor.....Angie Browning

As a Relative.....Lashana Hagan

Acknowledgements & Resolutions..... Sis. Mildred Nicholson

Congregational Song..... "Sing Hallelujah"

Words of Comfort..... Bro. Charlie McClendon

Senior Minister, Northside Church of Christ

Recessional





***“Don’t cry for me today”***

*Don’t cry for me today,  
I wouldn’t want it this way.  
Be strong and smile, for you will see me in a while.  
I know you miss me, but now in Heaven I will be.  
Do not keep your sad face, I am in a much better place.  
Do not let your tears fall, for I cannot wipe them all.*

*Yes, my life wasn’t long.  
But, I’m begging you to be strong.  
Live every moment as if it was your last,  
I won’t forget any memories that have passed.  
Cherish life and love as I watch you from above.  
As I remember all of the good things,  
I come to see I have gotten my wings.*

*It is time to go and fly, as your guardian angel I will try.  
Don’t cry for me today, I’m on my way.  
Soaring through the sky,  
I watch all of you telling me goodbye.*

