

### *Our Gift From God*

*We will never say goodbye to you our Dad because we know this is not the end for us to see each other. You will only be going to a place where there's no pain nor suffering. We are happy for you, for you will be with God. We are very grateful and proud to call you our dad. Dad we thank you for always understanding, listening, caring and loving us. You were a faithful and dedicated dad to us. You took us to church and all three of us got Baptized two weeks ago. The greatest gift God gave us was you....Our Dad ....It's difficult to let you go but we must ..... We must return the Gift God gave us..... Till then we'll see you in Heaven ... Dad*



### *Pallbearers*

*Richard Clark  
James Young  
Stacy Smith*

*Julius Mills  
Douglas Singletary  
Johnnie Smith, Jr.*

### *Flower Attendants*

*United Baptist Church*

### *"When I Am Gone"*

*When I am gone, release me and let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
Be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".*

### *Acknowledgments*

*The family of Melvin Lee Byrd, Sr. wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to each of you for your cards, visits, flowers and any other way in which you have given us strength and courage to continue on in the loss of our dear loved one. May God bless each of you in His own special way.*

### *Repast*

*United Baptist Church  
296 Woodland Ave  
Jacksonville, FL 32204*

Programs by: LaTanya Capers & Dr. Denise Jones

## *Homegoing Celebration Of Melvin Lee Byrd, Sr.*

SUNRISE  
JANUARY 18, 1953

SUNSET  
JANUARY 24, 2011



*Saturday, February 5, 2011  
11:00 a.m.*

*Harambee Community Church  
1656 West Edgewood Ave  
Jacksonville, FL 32208  
Dr. Gary Hall, Pastor*

*Interment  
10AM, Monday, February 7, 2011  
Jacksonville, National Cemetery*

*Services Arranged by:  
T.S. Warden Funeral Home  
810 West 44th Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32208*

# Reflections of Life

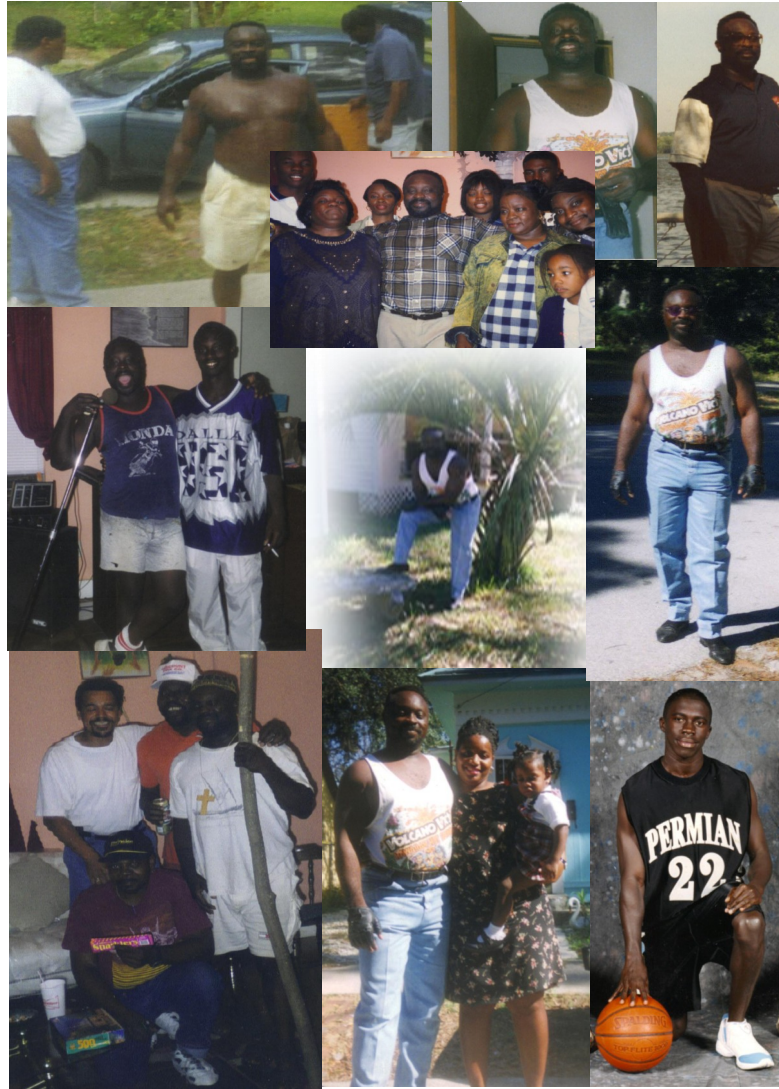
Melvin Lee Byrd, Sr. was born on January 18, 1953 in Jacksonville, FL to the late Izell and Carrie Mae Byrd.

He was educated in the public school system of Duval County and graduated from Stanton High School in 1971. Melvin attended Florida Junior College of Jacksonville where he received his degree in Carpentry. He served in the United States Navy for many years. He was employed at JEA and the Jacksonville Shipyard for over 18 years.

Melvin Lee Byrd, Sr. gave his life to Christ and was baptized at United Baptist Church where he was a faithful member. He loved to sing and give praises to the Lord.

He leaves to cherish his memories: **Brothers** James Byrd, Cary (Junior) Butler, Michael Butler (Valerie), Elder Bernard Byrd (Lisa), Timothy Byrd, Kenneth Byrd (deceased), Darnell Byrd of Daytona, FL, Emory Byrd of Virginia, Adolphus Byrd **Sisters** Jo Ann Austin, Sandra Smith, Stella Torrence, Idella Butler, Lucretia Byrd (deceased) of Daytona Beach, FL, Zella Byrd (deceased) of Daytona Beach, FL **Children** Melvin Byrd Jr., (Tonya), Valencia Byrd, Joseph (Jo-Jo) Byrd, Izell Byrd, Fannisha Byrd, Armina Byrd **Step-Children** LaTanya Capers (Anthony), Alicia (LaDawn) Cooper, Julia Thomas (Barris), Julius Mills, Douglas Singletary **Special Friends and Brother-in-Laws** Charles Clark, Richard Clark and a host of loving aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# Melvin Byrd, Sr.



We Will Miss You!

# Order of Services

Pastor Cedric Johnson Presiding

PROCESSIONAL ..... "I Believe"

PRAYER ..... Elder Leonard Jones

HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 23  
Pastor John A. Lowery  
Heaven Door Ministry, Inc.

NEW TESTAMENT ..... I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Rev. John Dorsey, Assistant Pastor  
United Baptist Church

SOLO ..... "Going up Yonder"  
Singus Henderson

REFLECTION & TRIBUTES (1 minute please)

"As A Member" The Chairman of the Deacon Board" Dea. James Savage

"As His Brother" ..... Pastor Bernard Byrd

"As His Sister" ..... JoAnn Austin

"As His Son" ..... Melvin Byrd, Jr.

SPECIAL POEM ..... Izell Byrd  
Armina Byrd  
Fannisha Byrd

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Margaret Bailey

OBITUARY ..... Silent Reading  
Selection—Melvin Favorite Song "Never Could Have made It"

RESOLUTIONS ..... Sister Tasha Buggest

SOLO ..... "My Help"  
Dr. Denise Jones

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Stanley Deverger  
United Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL ..... "I'll Fly Away"