



Melvin Robert Yates

January 16, 1947 - January 26, 2022

Obituary

Melvin Robert Yates beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend was born on January 16, 1947, and took his eternal rest on January 26, 2022. He was born in Washington, DC to the late Henry William Hall and Anna Yates Hall. He was the seventh of 12 children.

Melvin was educated in the District of Columbia Public School system. Growing up in Washington, D.C., he was affectionately known as “Bootney”. Melvin had a big heart, kind-nature and was very forgiving. With his protective nature, he always looked out for his family and friends. Anyone who knew him, knew that he was not afraid of a fight. He would not start a fight but sure would finish it.

Melvin had diverse employment opportunities over the years. Regardless of the job, he worked hard and gave it his all. Before he became ill, he worked in security at The Catholic University Basilica.

In search of the true and living God, Melvin accepted Jesus Christ and joined Meridian Hill Baptist Church (MHBC) in 1998, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Calvin E. Cage, Sr. He was an active member and served the Lord with the same zeal and passion that he lived his life. He served as a Deacon, participated in the Prison Ministry, and was licensed as a minister in January 2005. He was a vital part of the Education Ministry's annual reenactment of the MAAFA in his unforgettable role of the "white man". In this role he helped to empower and educate people about the rich African-American history. He served faithfully as a member of MHBC until his health declined.

In 2000, Melvin met his loving and devoted wife, Beany. They were married on November 17, 2001. They enjoyed their life together. She was his "Kitten", and he was her "Tiger". They enjoyed doing everything together. One of their favorite things to do was to have lunch in Rock Creek Park after Sunday worship service. They also enjoyed watching football games, family events, and fellowshiping with close friends.

Melvin leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Devonaline "Beany" Yates; two daughters: Michelle Davis Johnson and Letecia Yates Penn; two step-daughters: Kimberly Rawlings (Shaffers) and Sherry Garrett (Bobby); grandchildren: Jermaine Valentino Fontanelle (Yolanda), Tekia Deanne Johnson, Teivon Rozzell Johnson (Brianna), Michael Darron Penn, McKayla Danyelle Penn, Morgan Rawlings, Shay Rawlings, Christiana Lovitt (Devin), Jernelle "Pooda" Earby, Joshua Garrett and Ashley Davis (Robert); eight great-grand children; his siblings Delores Yates, Gloria Dukes (Louis),

Geraldine Yates, Mendoza Yates, Lawrence Yates (Mizuki), Ronald Yates, Gary Yates, and Pamala Hall; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Preceding him in death: his granddaughter Tenika Deanna Fontanelle; his sister Florence Brown; his brothers David Hall and Herman Yates, and two sisters-in-law Gwendolyn Yates and Hope Graham.

Services will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Meridian Hill Baptist Church, 5354 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. The viewing is 10:00am - 11:00am, followed by the Celebration of Life at 11:00am. Internment will be at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

"MASK REQUIRED" FOR FUNERAL HOME ENTRANCE

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Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Meridian Hill Baptist Church
5354 Sheriff Road
CAPITOL HEIGHTS
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Meridian Hill of Christ Baptist Church
5354 Sherriff Road
Chapel Oaks, MD 20743

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Robert Yates*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Remembering the family in heartfelt prayer. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - February 14, 2022 at 04:27 AM



“ *Each of us will share the tear and wish that he was here*

*Don't worry or wonder why
for He is in his home in the sky.
An angel came from heaven and said it's time to rest.
Remember, he was truly one of the best.
Enjoy the memories that you shared with him,
Realizing that he will always live within
Into our lives he bought Joy and love
Continue to be a family of One.
Keep on being strong
God's Will has been done*

Cousin Eleanor Brown Yates

Eleanor Brown Yates - February 04, 2022 at 06:58 AM

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“ *Eleanor Brown Yates lit a candle in memory of Melvin Robert Yates*



Eleanor Brown Yates - February 04, 2022 at 06:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



February 03, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



February 03, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



February 03, 2022 at 12:09 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *Sherry Garrett purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



Sherry Garrett - February 02, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Yates.*



February 02, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 01, 2022 at 11:44 AM

SG

Very nicely written. I'm sorry for the family 's pain but he is with God now. And will always watch over you all. Be well and blessed
Semuel Gaskins

Semuel Gaskins - February 02, 2022 at 08:54 PM