

## *Obituary*

Mr. Jesse Melton, Jr. was born on July 22, 1943. He was the first born of three sons to Jesse Melton, Sr. and Ethel Pitts Melton, of Alabama. He made his peaceful transition early Monday morning, December 20, 2021.

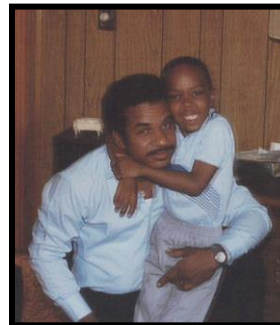
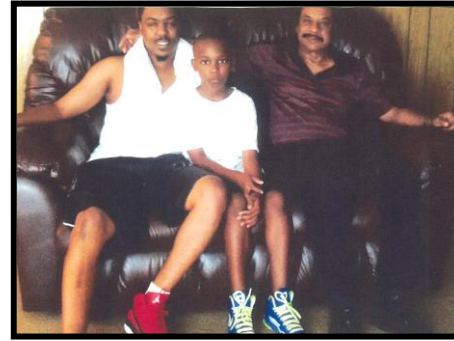
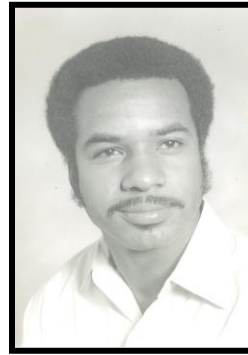
Jesse made his confession of faith by accepting Jesus as his Savior. He was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, located on Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC. He served as a member of the Senior Usher Board and Married Couples' Ministry.

Jesse was a graduate of Ullman High School, in Birmingham, Alabama, and Allen University, in Columbia, SC, where he received a degree in Business Administration. He joined the United States Army, and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam, after which he joined the United States Air Force. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the South Carolina Air National Guard, based in Sumter, South Carolina. Jesse was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal among others. After twenty years, he retired, and was honorably discharged in 1993. Jesse continued in a civil service role, and retired from the United States Postal Service, after thirty-eight years of dedicated service.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; Jesse, Sr. and Ethel Pitts Melton, and a brother, Chester Lawrence Melton, Sr.

Mr. Jesse Melton, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Vivian Bolton-Melton; children, Donnell Jesse Melton and Chastity Elise Melton, both of Columbia, SC; two grandchildren, Darrien Melton, of Clarksville, Tennessee and Kennedy Melton, of Columbia, SC; a brother, Daniel (Alfreida) Melton, of Fairfield, Alabama; and a number of brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all whom loved him dearly and will miss him very much.

## *Memories*



## *Order of Service*

Presentation of Military Honors

Call to Worship

Invocation.....Reverend Cole Weathers  
Associate Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Columbia, SC

Scripture Readings.....Minister Nancy Clark  
Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Warren Bolton  
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Camden, SC



## *Committal, Benediction and Interment*

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

## *A Hero's Welcome*

By: Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother  
Your tour of duty through  
You've given as much as anyone  
Could be expected to do.*

*Just a few steps further  
The smoke will start to clear  
Others here will guide you  
You have no need to fear.*

*You have not failed your brothers  
You dearly gave it all  
And through your selfless actions  
Others will hear the call.*

*So take your place of honor  
Among those who have gone before  
And know you will be remembered  
For now and evermore.*

## *Jr. Jesse's Words*

Find yourself.  
Look in the mirror.  
Who am I?  
What do I want to be?  
What can I do to make me a better person?  
Look at things in a positive manner.  
Believe in yourself.  
All these things build self-esteem.  
Surround yourself with good people,  
Who have positive attitudes  
And a bright outlook on life.  
Have a dream for yourself, and don't give up.  
Go back to that mirror smile and say,  
"Look what God has done!"

Written by: Jesse Melton, Jr.

## *Acknowledgements*

We, the family of Mr. Jesse Melton, Jr., would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

## **Services Entrusted To:**

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*Home Going Service  
In Loving Memory of*  
**MR. JESSE MELTON, JR.**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021  
12:00 NOON**

**FORT JACKSON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
4170 PERCIVAL ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND WARREN BOLTON  
-OFFICIATING-**