



## Mr. Melvin Bryant Richardson

December 30, 1942 - November 19, 2024

In Loving Memory of

Big Rich, Big Melvin, Rich, Richard, Uncle Melvin, Granddaddy Richard, no matter the name called or heard there was instant excitement, a smile, maybe even a laugh. The reasons vary, but there was no doubting his impression was ever lasting.

Melvin Bryant Richardson was born on December 30, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan to the union of George W. and Beatrice Richardson. He was the second of six children. His parents George and Beatrice; one sister Beverly; three brothers, George Jr., Leonard, and Albert; one brother-in-law Alfred; one sister-in-law Carolyn; one son Calvin and one niece Carol preceded him in death.

Melvin at an early age confessed Hope in Christ as his savior, under the pastorate of the late Bishop C.L Morton, Sr., at the Greater Mt. Zion Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan. Melvin was educated in the Detroit Public School System. After high school, he attended Cosmetology school, which he graduated before joining the US Army. He served for 3 ½ years and was honorably discharged medically, due to a condition in which was incurred in the line of duty.

Melvin lived his life unapologetically his way. He lived life to the fullest, and there was no denying that he Loved Family. Family gatherings were the best, he would cook/grill and be with friends and family. He was an artist, his drawings won him multiple awards. Most notably his first-place award for

drawing Domino Sugar. Often seen smiling and cracking jokes, even in his last days flirting with, and making the nurses smile and laugh. He made his transition from this earthy life on November 19, 2024, at 5:52am.

He leaves to cherish his memory one brother: Michael; four children: Debbie (Toney), Tanya (Derrick), Melvin, Jr., and Marc (Litricia); fourteen grandchildren: Letetia, Demarrio, Teena (Devyn), Tyra-Marie (Kyle), Tatiana (Aaron), Kia (James), Joedy, Marc, Makayla, Barry, Delana, D'Marco, Isiah, Kaleb; eleven great-grandchildren: Jessiah, Shai, T'nia, Damarri, Tearie, Teyonnie, Tyla-Marie, Cason, Colton, Avery, Cartier, Alante; three nieces: Doreen, Beatrice, and Beth; two nephews: Alfred (Melitta), Albert, Jr. (Nakita); five great nieces: Meritta, Doyonne, Georgio, Beverly, Christina; five great-nephews: Johnathon, Richard III, Honda, Jaylen, and Joshua; one great-great-niece: Amari; a host of cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Friday, Dec. 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Triumph Baptist Church East Campus  
2760 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48211

## Funeral Service

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## Burial

Friday, Dec. **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Melvin... “Gone from our sight, but never our memories—  
Gone from our touch, but never our hearts.” Hoping the memories of  
special times bring comfort and God’s presence gives our family  
strength, and hope for tomorrow.  
Love, Doreen, Doyonne & John

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**Doreen Jenkins** - December 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM