



Melvin McFarland Sr.

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Minister Melvin McFarland, 83, of Lufkin, will be buried in the Davis Memorial Garden. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Colonial Mortuary Chapel.

Bro. Melvin McFarland, Sr. was born on August 30, 1941, in Jasper, Texas, to the late Carlise and Irene McFarland, Sr.

He married Ivory Gene McFarland on May 21, 1962, and to this union, seven children were born. Melvin attempted to pursue a career in boxing but realized it would take him away from serving the Lord and spreading the word and the love of his family. At seventeen, he started preaching the gospel. He preached in Lufkin, Texas, (O'Quinn), Biloxy, Texas, Kirbyville, Texas, and Livingston, Texas, where he served faithfully for over sixty years. He had been employed by Lufkin Industries for 37 years, from which he retired in 2003. Melvin was a self-learned carpenter, electrician, and plumber. He built his one-story home from the ground up with the help of his brother Curtis. He added a second story to the home around 1978, to accommodate his growing family. Melvin also built approximately everything in it from the fireplace to dressers, beds, and headboards, enjoying it until he was unable to do so. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a faithful student of the bible.

Melvin is preceded in death by: his loving wife, Ivory; Parents, Carlise and Irene McFarland, Sr; Brothers, Charles, Cuffis, and Thomas and his sisters, Juanita and Jeridine.

Left to Cherish His Memories

Siblings, Carlise, Jr. (Geneva); Lloyd, Sr. (Lavonne), Herbert, Brinda (Jonathan), Linda, and

Barbara; His seven children, Melvin, Jr. (Anissa), Tammy (Gary), Antonio (Linda), Annie (Kenneth), Rachael (Byron), Fannie (Philip), and Joseph. Twenty-three



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grandchildren; Fifteen great-grandchildren; and A wealth of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family members.



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NA

Nikki Allen lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

February 1 at 4:52 AM



TB

Tevra Bogany lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 28 at 4:56 PM



CE

Carrie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 20 at 8:37 AM



EE

Ester Traylor Eging posted:

Praying for the entire McFarland family, may the Lord bless you with comfort, peace, and strength your cousin in Beaumont, Texas

January 19 at 9:36 AM

CL

Cousin Lita posted:

The loss of one of GOD's true warriors has left my heart shattered. Uncle Melvin, with his charm, humor, and boundless love, will be profoundly missed. His influence was pivotal in guiding me toward CHRIST, and the cherished moments spent with my cousins during our youth were largely thanks to his efforts. A devoted family man, Uncle Melvin's love for both his FAMILY and his FAITH is something many can attest to. Though I grieve deeply, I find solace in the knowledge that our FATHER GOD has welcomed a remarkable soldier into HIS KINGDOM. REST IN PEACE TO MY BEAUTIFUL UNCLE!! 🙏👉👈❤️

January 18 at 10:50 AM



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Cousin Claudia And Family sent an Amazing Arboricola to the McFarland family.



January 18 at 5:18 AM



Claudia Davis lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Uncle Melvin was like a second dad to me growing up. I've always remembered the good times and the lessons he taught me. All my love in this hard time. It saddens my heart that Uncle Melvin is no longer with us, but he will always be here in spirit. He was an inspiration to me growing up as a child. He would make us laugh every time we were around him. 😊 Great minister of God's word. Thank you Uncle. 😭



January 18 at 5:04 AM



Lolita McFarland Magee sent a virtual gift in honor of Melvin.

My heart breaks that I won't be able to make it down from Illinois. But I cherish the memories of time spent at Uncle Melvin and Aunt Ivory's house growing up. I'm so glad he and Daddy had the bond they did. May God strengthen and keep you...I love you all. Rest peacefully Uncle Melvin. ❤️🙏 -LoLo



January 17 at 2:04 PM



Leonard And Tammy Locks sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McFarland family.



January 17 at 1:18 PM



Leonard And Tammy Locks planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Melvin.



January 17 at 1:18 PM



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SB

Sherron Benton lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

My Deepest Condolences, Love & Prayers Family !!!

January 17 at 11:43 AM



CL

Charylone Lampkin lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

Charylone & Stacy Lampkin

January 17 at 9:47 AM



JM

James & Dylinda Mayfiled sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the McFarland family.

January 17 at 6:52 AM



HC

Howard J And Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 17 at 5:48 AM



CB

Cynthia And Michael Bogan sent a virtual gift in honor of Melvin.

Sending sincere condolences with prayers of comfort for the family of Mr. McFarland.

January 17 at 1:51 AM





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Lois Gipson Bell posted:

Bro. Melvin McFarland, Sr. was my minister while I was growing up in Livingston. He was a good minister and dedicated to the West End Church of Christ. Praying that God comfort the family at this time. Lois Gipson Bell Atlanta, GA

January 16 at 3:52 PM



Veatrice Gipson Cook January 17 at 6:41 PM

My deepest condolences to the family of this man of God. He ministered to the West End Church of Christ for over 60 years. I remember how much we enjoyed song services when the McFarlands came to church because all the children, especially Mevin Jr. could sing. Minister McFarland was a true servant of God and a generous man. My Dad, Mr. L.A. Gipson, Jr. would tell the story that every time the church would pay Bro. McFarland he would turn around and put it all back in the collection, not some but all. He preached hard and sometimes a little long, because he was on a mission to save souls. He was a true example of a loving family man, with the biggest smile to greet everyone. Bro. McFarland you will truly be missed. You have fought a good fight, kept the Faith, and may now rest in paradise.



Members At Westend Church Of Christ sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the McFarland family.



January 16 at 3:36 PM



Aaron Shepherd posted:

Melvin will be missed, great man and father, I grew up with him at Oquinn Church of Christ.

January 16 at 1:55 PM



Scharlotte Hackney lit a candle in honor of Melvin.



January 16 at 11:31 AM



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TJ

Teresa Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 16 at 8:03 AM



BE

Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 16 at 6:30 AM



WW

Winifred & Betty Watts lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 16 at 6:17 AM



LH

Lynda Kaye Grace-Holmes-Holmes lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 16 at 6:02 AM



OW

Odessa L Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Melvin.

January 16 at 4:58 AM



GM

Gwendolyn Moses posted:

My Deepest Condolences To The McFarland Family. Your Father Has Blessed Our Family With So Many Wonderful Memories. On His Visits With Us Were Always Filled With The Word And Letting Us Know How His Family Was Doing. We Grew Up At O'Quinn Street Church Of Christ. Your Family Is In My Prayers.

January 16 at 2:10 AM



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CE

Carrie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 6:18 PM



RH

Rose M Hadnot lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 5:13 PM



HC

Howard J & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 5:05 PM



DB

Dorothy And Clifton Brown lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 3:55 PM



VG

Virginia Garrett lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

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EC

Elaine Carrington lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 1:58 PM





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EC

Elaine Carrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 1:58 PM



LT

Linda Thompson lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 1:23 PM



AC

Annie Cole lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 11:21 AM



TJ

Thaniel & Robbie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 10:14 AM



GW

Gloria Webb lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

January 15 at 9:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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