

Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin

February 25, 1948 - February 28, 2021

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith... Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Melvin Lee Baldwin, Sr. fought many battles on and off the battlefield, but he fought his final battle on February 28, 2021. Melvin was born, the fourth of fourteen children, to Ivra Baldwin, Sr. and Beatrice Ivory Baldwin on February 25, 1948, in the small farming community of Altheimer, Arkansas. Melvin confessed a hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized at an early age at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Altheimer. He also attended Altheimer Public Schools where he graduated in 1966.

After graduation from high school, Melvin moved to Saginaw, MI. It was here that he met and married Gail Crittendon in 1970. To their union, one daughter, Melba Denise Baldwin, was born. Although he was employed by General Motors in 1966, shortly thereafter he was drafted to serve in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. After 18 months, he returned to Saginaw after receiving an honorable disability discharge due to excessive wartime trauma. Upon return, Melvin was being trained to work as a skills tradesman for General Motors, but the PTSD from the war forced an early retirement.

Melvin moved back to Arkansas in 1972 and it was there that he met and married Brenda Laws in 1980. To this union one son was born, Melvin Lee Baldwin, Jr. After 27 years back in Arkansas and overcoming many physical

and psychological battles from wartime injuries, Melvin moved back to Saginaw under the care of his sister, Etta and her husband Gary Hunt. He remained under their care for 15 years, with assistance from his “Irish Twin” Betty Mason and daughter Denise, until his failing health required him to move into Paradise Adult Foster Care (AFC) home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, M. Denise Baldwin; son, Melvin Baldwin, Jr., two brothers Keith (Latanza) Baldwin, Sr., Atlanta, GA and Roy (Evelyn) Baldwin, Sr., Saginaw, MI; five sisters, Etta (Gary) Hunt, Betty Mason, both of Saginaw, MI, Levonne Ross of Las Vegas, NV, Pamela Baldwin of Little Rock, AR, Patricia (Clarence) Oates of Pine Bluff, AR and Cynthia Baldwin-Ashford of Largo, MD; two grandsons, Akia and Malik Baldwin; a granddaughter, Nia Baldwin; a great grandson, Braylon Baldwin; an aunt, Ardelia Thomas of Pine Bluff, AR; a step-daughter, Lakisha Culclager, AR; two step-sons, Radhi Dulaney, NC and Tyrone Dulaney ,CA; a loving host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mr. Baldwin was preceded in death by his parents, Ivra and Beatrice Baldwin; four brothers, Albert, Ralph, Ivra Jr. and Bernard Baldwin; one sister, Linda Baldwin.

Visitation will take place from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. A private funeral will be held. Pastor Roy Baldwin will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Michigan 48442.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Browne's Mortuary - March 06, 2021 at 10:40 AM

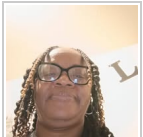
LB

“ *Sending sincere condolences to Evelyn/Roy Baldwin; May God's grace comfort you as you celebrate the life of your dear brother.*

Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams



Linda Berry-Adams - March 09, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences. Linda and Diamond Robinson*



Linda Burt-Robinson - March 07, 2021 at 03:03 PM

AB

“ *Angela Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Angela Bradley - March 07, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *To my family: Love from Aunt Ardelia*

Helen Ann - March 05, 2021 at 08:41 PM

AT

“ *Ardelia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Ardelia Thomas - March 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM

FS

“ *In Loving memories of Melvin' My deepest Condolences to family' There is a season for everything under the sun a time to laugh, love, cry, mourn. RIP Melvin.....*

Florida Tillmon Sadiki - March 05, 2021 at 05:04 PM

AP

“ *Ann M. Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Ann M. Patrick - March 05, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SW

“ *Sara Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Sara Walker - March 05, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *In His Honor Pedestal Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin.*



March 05, 2021 at 08:38 AM

BK

“ *Betty, Jean, Levonne, Roy, Pam, Pat, Cynthia, & Keit purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin.*



Betty, Jean, Levonne, Roy, Pam, Pat, Cynthia, & Keit - March 05, 2021 at 08:17 AM

AH

“ Albert&Frances Ham-Zackrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Albert&Frances Ham-Zackrie - March 05, 2021 at 03:41 AM

WL

“ Wanda Lusk-Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Wanda Lusk-Freeman - March 04, 2021 at 11:01 PM

BC

“ Denise, my prayers are with you and your family.



Barbara Carson-Shells - March 04, 2021 at 09:56 PM

GC

“ Gwen & Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Gwen & Larry Conway - March 04, 2021 at 09:55 PM

MC

“ *Marilyn C.Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Marilyn C.Sawyer - March 04, 2021 at 05:18 PM

CP

“ *Uncle Melvin you will be missed.*



Cassandra Phillips - March 04, 2021 at 12:56 PM

SC

“ *Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Silva Casey - March 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

GP

“ *Gail And Dennis Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin*



Gail and Dennis Porter - March 03, 2021 at 10:37 PM

RP

“ Rudy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Rudy Patterson - March 03, 2021 at 07:55 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Cheryl Payton - March 02, 2021 at 02:30 PM

PF

“ Pat Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Pat frazier - March 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

MG

“ Michael And Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Lee Baldwin



Michael and Delphine Greene - March 01, 2021 at 04:00 PM



Thank you ❤️

Melba Denise Baldwin - March 08, 2021 at 05:28 AM