



Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.

February 13, 1953 - April 25, 2025

Melvin Donald, Jr. was born February 13, 1953 in Sallis, Mississippi the son of Melvin Donald, Sr. and Annie (Campbell) Donald. He passed away Friday, April 25, 2025 at the age of 72 years.

Melvin was affectionately known as "Redbone" and he had a favorite saying that everybody would say when seeing him "RITE NOW"!! He loved to cook and hang out with his family. His hobbies were fishing, playing dominoes and watching cowboy movies. Melvin was an excellent mechanic who could fix anything. He especially loved talking on the phone with his mother and putting a smile on everybody's face who he came in contact with. Melvin will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Annie Donald of Saginaw, MI; seven daughters, Thabitha (Charles)Williams, Kimberly McDonald of Arlington, TX, Melva Long, Dorita Adams, Tanisha Buitron, Nickole Washington and Octavia (Westley) Pulliam; two sons, Richard Long and Marcus (Latisha) Washington; 17 grandchildren, including special granddaughter, Ebony Washington who he called #1 granddaughter and a special grandson, Rodney Turner, Jr. who he called #1 grandson.

Melvin also leaves behind nine sisters, Evangelist Diane Holliman, Emma Donald, Evangelist, Ella (Isaiah) Smith, Maggie Donald, Delphine Donald,

Pastor Martha Jones, Mary Greer, both of Sallis, MS, Bernadette (Jamarquis) Jones and Velma (David) Samuels; three brothers, Dennis (Glenda) Donald, Earl (Christy) Winters, both of Sallis, MS and Derek Evans; three aunts, Emma Newton, Ressie Burnside and Nettie (Charles) Huley, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; three uncles, Sam, Dan and Mitchell Campbell, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Vaughn, Larry, Shawn, Kenny, T-Baby and Calvin.

Melvin was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline Washington Donald; father, Melvin Donald, Sr.; brothers, Eddie and Lonnie Donald; grandparents, Melvin and Wardine Donald, Mike and Magnolia Campbell.

The family wishes to thank Covenant HealthCare staff and the care team who took especially good care of Melvin.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2025 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Evangelist Ella Smith will officiate. Visitation will take place 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
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Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - May 12, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Phyllis Thorne - May 30, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ *JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



JoyReeves - May 13, 2025 at 06:59 AM

DS

“ Dorothy Harvey Sam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Dorothy Harvey Sam - May 12, 2025 at 07:11 PM

LL

“ Hello family and friends I'm grateful to have known Mr Melvin Donald and I will be sending my love and prayers and a financial gift at the earliest of my convenience God bless you all Ms Lorraine

Lorraine I Long - May 12, 2025 at 12:35 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Louis Weems - May 12, 2025 at 08:43 AM

DJ

“ Doris J Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Doris J Jones - May 10, 2025 at 08:59 PM

PR

“ *Paula Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Paula Rogers - May 08, 2025 at 04:11 PM

HF

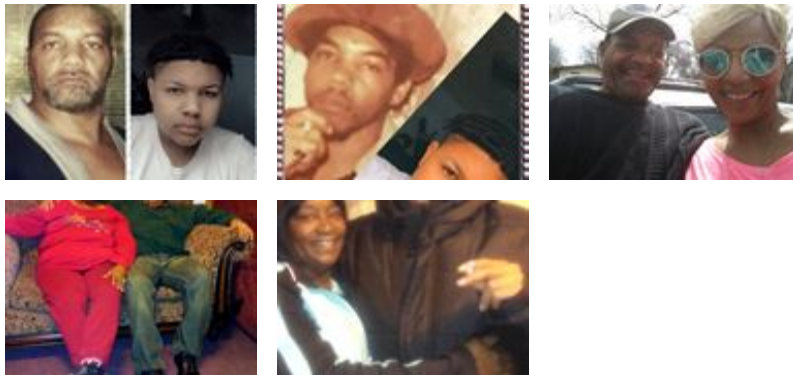
“ *Hollis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Hollis Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM



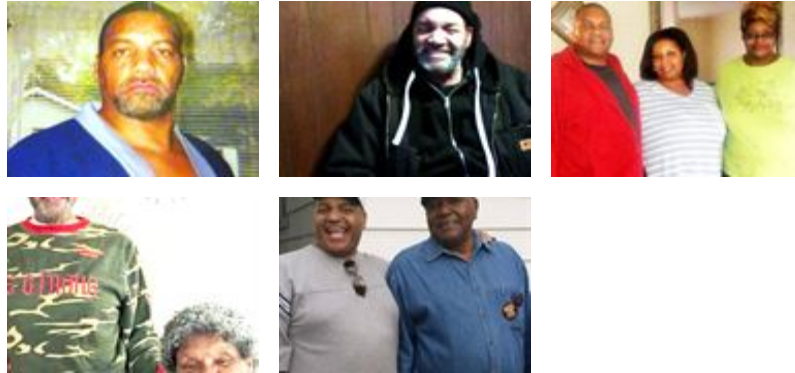
“ *15 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - May 08, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - May 07, 2025 at 01:29 PM

MT

“ Mr. & Mrs. Milton, Catherine Townsend sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. Milton, Catherine Townsend - May 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM

TT

*Our sincere deepest sympathy to the entire family.
Milton and Catherine Townsend & Family.*

The Townsends - May 06, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BF

“ Brother And Sister Townsend & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Brother and Sister Townsend & Family - May 06, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SD

“ Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Sandra Dillard - May 06, 2025 at 12:36 PM

VR

“ Sending prayers love and condolences to the family 🙏🙏💔💔



Veronica Nikki Roby - May 05, 2025 at 09:23 PM

CS

“ Praying for the Donald and extended family.

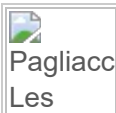


Colleen R SMITH - May 05, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LP

“ I don't know what to say, except it's another sad day, when someone you grew up/hung out with pass away. (Now)!

Lester Peoples - May 05, 2025 at 10:05 AM



<https://youtu.be/cSukIb167f0>

Pagliacci Les - May 05, 2025 at 02:13 PM

MH

“ It's been a long time.I always thought you a nice guy.May God lift you up.Your buddy Milt.

Milton Hollins - May 05, 2025 at 07:41 AM

ZD

“ Zina Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Zina Davis - May 04, 2025 at 10:20 PM

BU

“ Buffy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Buffy - May 04, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LJ

“ Laura Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Laura Jackson - May 04, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DT

“ DENECHO TURNER sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



DENECHO TURNER - May 03, 2025 at 10:14 PM

BT

“ Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Bobbie Turner - May 03, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Louis Weems - May 03, 2025 at 08:49 AM

TN

“ Thomasine Nickleberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Thomasine Nickleberry - May 03, 2025 at 08:42 AM

CL

“ *Cousin red we will be so so miss I'm going to miss your love and your smile I never thought he would tell somebody this is a cousin not to mess with so my papa hi and my mama and tell Uncle sucking Man fight you I love you so much and I'm going to miss you but I'll see you fly high cousin fly high* ”

Casandra Luke - May 03, 2025 at 06:54 AM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.* ”



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - May 03, 2025 at 05:56 AM

EM

“ *Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.* ”



Earl Martin - May 02, 2025 at 07:32 PM

VR

“ *Sending prayers love and condolences to the family* 🙏🙏🙏 ”



Veronica Roby - May 02, 2025 at 07:24 PM

BM

“ Bobby Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Bobby Myles - May 02, 2025 at 06:52 PM

WC

“ Wendy Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Wendy Christian - May 02, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LE

“ LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



LUCY ERBY - May 02, 2025 at 10:36 AM

RD

“ 1970. Kmart in Bay City. As we mostly browsed endless isles of merchantile, back when you could buy a pet live bird, fish, or turtle, a loose Parakeet doing a flyover, Reds right arm went up in a swinging motion & caught the hapless birdie. Wow. We were in awe with amazement at Red's quick thinking to save the birdie's life!

Rebecca Dycus - May 02, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ I love u pops get yo rest your number 1 son

Marcus Troy Washington - May 02, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Larry Kemp - May 02, 2025 at 01:47 AM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



frank johnson - May 02, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ Curine Berry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Curine Berry - May 01, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CT

“ *My sincerest condolences to his mother, sisters, brothers, kids, grandkids, friends and extended family. Prayers for you all for strength and comfort.*

Charlene Thomas - May 01, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LH

“ *My deepest condolences to all the family his mother , siblings, children,grandchildren especially Shawn my prayers goes out to all of you . Praying for your strength and healing of brokenness. The Lord is able to comfort you all. Sending our Love to you all.*



Leon and Regina Hollenquest - May 01, 2025 at 05:38 PM

GP

“ *Gerald And Alberta Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Gerald and Alberta Palmer - May 01, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RB

“ *Roosevelt Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Roosevelt Bell - May 01, 2025 at 03:12 PM

VR

“ Veronica Roby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Veronica Roby - May 01, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DD

“ My condolences to the Donald family.
Christ is a healer if your sorrow.
Hugs of comfort are sent your way.



Debra Ann Dillard - May 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Gary McClain - April 30, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TF

“ Turner Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Turner family - April 30, 2025 at 04:48 PM

ML

“ Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Margie Baty Lawrence - April 30, 2025 at 02:42 PM

FB

“ My condolences & prayers to the Donald family 🙏🙏🙏



Faye Burt - April 30, 2025 at 07:05 AM

CS

“ Chris Snow-Jeter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Chris Snow-Jeter - April 29, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BD

“ Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Brittney Donald - April 29, 2025 at 07:24 PM

LV

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Red Donald. Shawn you you have an extra portion of my prayers asking God to comfort you and your children and grandchildren. Love you much!

Linda McClain Veasley - April 29, 2025 at 07:01 PM

SH

“ Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the Donald family. May God give you strength and comfort you during your time of bereavement. With Love from Shadana Johnson Black & family & Bro. Harry & Sis. Barbara Johnson ❤️🙏❤️



Shadana - April 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM

LC

“ Larry & Carrie Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Larry & Carrie Campbell - April 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.



Lawrence Brooks - April 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ *May the family find comfort and peace for your loss. My classmate and life long friend you will be sadly missed Melvin. Josie Sherman-Cash*



Josie Sherman-Cash - April 29, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin "Red" Donald Jr.*



Lisa Brewer - April 29, 2025 at 11:02 AM

CS

“ *To the Donald and extended family so sorry for your loss. Praying that God will give you all strength to make it through this time.*



Colleen R SMITH - April 28, 2025 at 08:12 PM

PM

“ *My prayers and condolences to all his children his beautiful mother his siblings his neighbor's friends and everyone that love Uncle red grandchildren nieces nephews our families*



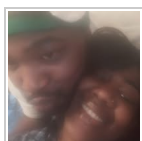
Pamela McDaniel - April 28, 2025 at 07:57 PM

PM

“ My prayers and condolences to Sean Troy and Suge into all of our families as a whole Uncle red was a pioneer and I will always love and respect him in life on earth and the life ever after he was a great man he'll fix your car right there on the spot he'll protect you hug you make you laugh smile to the deepest and pits of your soul and thank God for the time I've known him he was more than an uncle to me he was like a father my prayers and condolences to you all I know it's a very difficult time moms and pops may God cover you all in Jesus name blood and power



Pamela McDaniel - April 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ Suncia Bridges sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin Donald



Suncia Bridges - April 28, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TS

“ To my family,
I'm sorry for the loss of your son, brother, father , grandfather. Red was my cousin and he will be miss. He is with his wife Jackie, and father. Shawn, Delphine, Shemeka, Charles, Auntie Annie, auntie/cousin Ella, Niya, diamond, Ebony and the rest of the family my family I love y'all



Tequila Sidney - April 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Donald family. May you find comfort, peace and our heavenly father. He will give you strength in your time of sorrow. Hugs are sent y'all's way.*



Debra Ann Dillard - April 28, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DM

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers*



Delphine Martin - April 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM