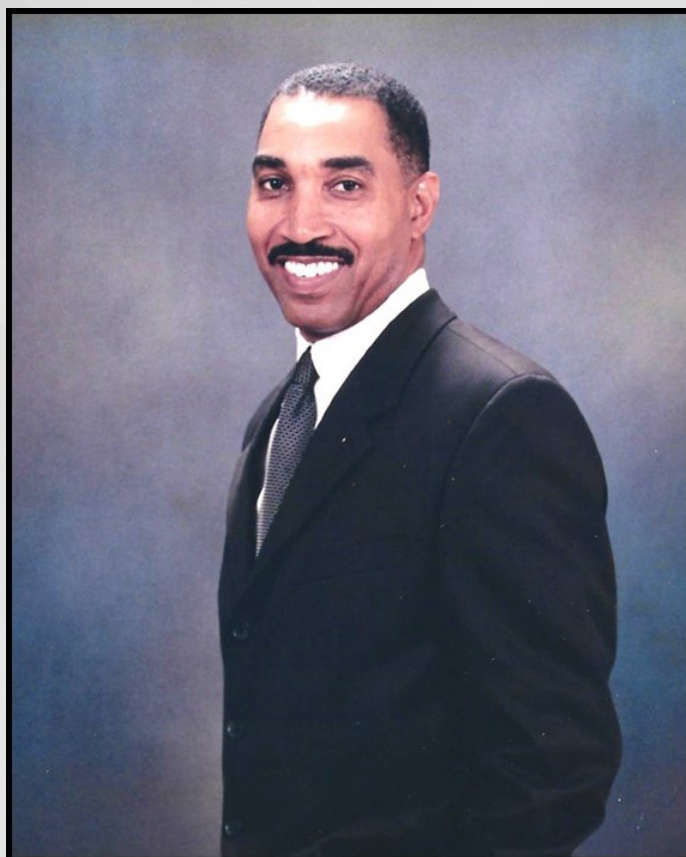


A Celebration of Life for

Melvin Postell



Sunrise
April 2, 1955

Sunset
February 25, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. ~ Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

OBITUARY

Reflections of Life

“His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord.” Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

Melvin Postell was born on April 2, 1955, to the late Earl Rufus and Vernell Parks Postell in Washington, DC. Melvin was the youngest child born to this union and he brought the family hope, laughter and stability. As the jovial child, Melvin was a ray of sunshine for his mother and father, with wisdom beyond his years, a loving heart for all, and a gleaming personality destined for greatness.

Melvin transitioned to be with the Lord in His heavenly realm on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at his home in Waldorf, Maryland.

Melvin accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 12 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church on South Carolina Avenue, S.E. As an adult Melvin joined From the Heart Church Ministries®, (formerly Full Gospel AME Zion Church). He enjoyed attending Men’s Retreats, fellowshiping, serving, and worshipping the Lord with the level of excellence demonstrated at From the Heart.

One of Melvin’s greatest accomplishments in life was the birth of his baby girl, Kia LaShaun Postell. Kia was his pride and joy and he provided his very best for her.

Melvin met his sweetheart and soulmate, Cordelia “Cordy” Sligh and took a leap of faith to marry “the girl from South Carolina” who accepted the “city boy who lived where the President lives!” “...*If God be for us, who can be against us?*” (Romans 8:31 KJV) was the foundation of the love Melvin had for his Cordy. Together, they joined New Hope AME Church in Waldorf, Maryland.

Melvin obtained his formal education from the District of Columbia Public Schools, then joined the United States Army. During his military duty, he served as a Chaplain’s Assistant which would later influence his path throughout life. Melvin went on to establish many alliances with Pastors throughout the country. Melvin’s aspirations were often beyond the average eye. He worked for the government at the National Science Foundation where he made lifelong partnerships but more importantly obtained life skills that would shape his career as an entrepreneur. Having the acumen and aptitude to engage the masses, Melvin’s comical personality could infectiously command the room and he was blessed with a gift to inspire anyone in his presence to strive for excellence. Melvin furthered his career and mastered the art of sales while working at Northeast Ford where he excelled and received numerous awards for Salesman of the Month, Quarter and Year. He remained ever so proud of his accomplishments; even having the opportunity to star in a commercial with the Redskins because of his engaging personality and outstanding sales abilities. When the time came, Melvin was the appointed child to assume the family business; Alexander Graphics, founded by his father in 1968. Melvin worked hard to obtain governmental contracts, commercial relationships, and lifelong client rapport. And through his efforts, the company became A-1 Type & Printing d.b.a. The Printing Clinic. Today the business continues as Affordable A-1 Printing in Waldorf. Many family and community members have interned in “the shop,” while learning career and life skills from the best!

Melvin was a sports enthusiast, supported all his home teams, read The Washington Post daily, and knew the stats of nearly every player! While Melvin played several sports, he excelled in bowling! He and Cordy traveled and competed in bowling competitions around the country. He bowled numerous 300 games. In all that he did, Melvin never wavered in his belief that he could WIN!

OBITUARY

Melvin's personal mantra was "Let Me Know If You Need Anything." He demonstrated God's word to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Donating to various charities and non-profit organizations annually was a priority he maintained. Remembering his upbringing, he always supported the Washington, DC based non-profit, S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). Melvin enjoyed hosting loved ones, making sure they were well fed and taken care of; just like he saw his grandfather Hezekiah Postell do so often.

Melvin received several awards for his entrepreneurship and community impact over the years. He was honored by Shipley Terrace, where he grew up, for his steadfast devotion to giving back to his community. In 2018, Affordable A-1 Printing celebrated 50 years of service to the community for which they received several commendations to include gubernatorial; US and state senatorial; and congressional awards. Melvin also received the NAACP Empowerment Award for Entrepreneur of the Year. Melvin charges the next generation to follow his legacy of generous and wholehearted giving within their family, community and country.

Awaiting Melvin in paradise are his parents, his brother Earl Postell, Jr. and his sisters, Gwendolyn Postell and Nija Postell.

Melvin leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Cordelia Postell; adored daughter, Kia L. Postell; brothers: Eric Postell, Barry Postell, and Devon Postell; sisters: Cynthia Harris, Michelle Postell, Barbara Postell, and Karen "KK" Mattocks (Frankie); brother-in-law, R. Darrell Sligh; sister-in-law, L. Elizabeth Jones (Stephen); uncle, James Postell; aunts: Eleese Postell, Beverly Postell, and Viola Parks; his beloved godparents, Purcell and Gloria Johnson and Robert and Mary Briggs; a lifelong friend, affectionately known as a brother, Allen Young (Ethel); and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, close confidantes, and friends.

HIS SMILE

Though his smile is gone forever, and his hand I cannot touch, I still have so many memories, of the one I loved so much. His memory is now my keepsake, Which with I'll never part. God has him in His keeping, I have him in my heart. Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Jesus the Light of the World”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-11
New Testament: I John 5:5

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Pastor Scot C. Moore

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Antonio Harris, Nephew
Commissioner Reubin Collins, Commissioner President
Senator Arthur Ellis, Maryland State Senator
Reverend Dr. Derrick N. Brown, Pastor, New Hope AME Church

Poem Mr. Antonio Harris, Jr.

Obituary (Read Aloud) Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jones

Song of Preparation Reverend Mary R. Smiling

Message of Hope Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

Call to Christ

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

Melvin's Favorite Scriptures for Encouragement "Winners Never Quit and Quitters Never Win"

IN CHRIST, YOU ALWAYS WIN

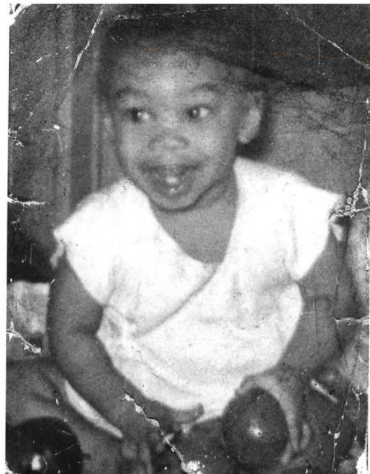
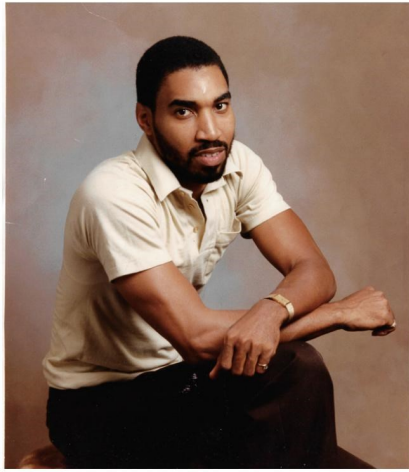
The Power That Brings the World to Its Knees

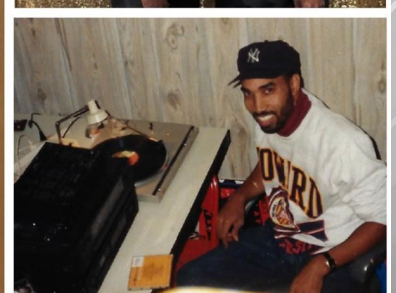
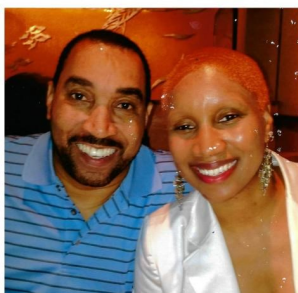
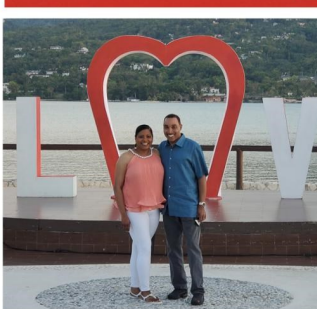
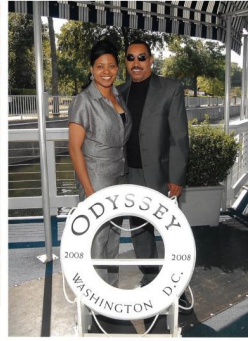
"Every God-born person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5 MSG

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

*"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
Psalm 91:1-7, 11 KJV*

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Psalm 23 KJV





Congregational Hymn

Jesus The Light of the World

Hark! The herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.

Chorus

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dew drops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.*

Joyful, all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world.

Chorus

Christ, by highest heav'n adored. Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord, Jesus, the light of the world.

Chorus

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace. Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

Chorus

Pallbearers

Anthony Branson, Steve Briggs, Antonio Harris, DeAndre Hairston, Eric Stevenson and Marc Westhead

Honorary Pallbearers

Randy Branson, Stephen Jones, Aaron Person, and Michael Rich

Flower Bearers

Yolanda Harrison, Mekayla Morgan, Sadé Morgan, Joy Mattocks, SháNai Stevenson, and
Tanya Harrison-Young

Acknowledgements

Our beloved had a way that was earnest, genuine and fulfilling; which made him so special to us. We know it was God's will for him to leave us and he will be greatly missed by all of us.

We the Postell family are deeply grateful for all the expressions of love in our time of sorrow. Every phone call, text, visit, gift, thought and prayer has indeed been a tremendous help. Melvin was a blessing to so many and we are grateful for the return blessings each of you has extended to us during this difficult time. Peace and blessings to each one of you.

Services Entrusted to:

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