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**LIFE**



Officiating: Reverend Franklin Rowls,  
Feed His Sheep Baptist Church, Clayton NC

Eulogist: Reverend John Thatch,  
Good Hope Baptist Church, Knightdale NC

Interment: Selma Memorial Gardens

Repat: 4400 State Highway 96N Selma NC  
27576

All are welcome!

*Pall & Floral Bearers*

David Waite  
Joey Hamer  
Ronald Kirby  
Kenneth Stancil  
Andre' Matthin  
Kareen Rowland  
Palmer Lisane  
Michael Bailey

Brenda Neal  
Voncilla Bryant  
Lisa Atkinson  
Gail Stanley

*Acknowledgment*

YOUR WORDS HAVE COMFORTED US, YOUR  
SUPPORT HAS STRENGTHENED US, AND YOUR  
LOVE HAS SUSTAINED US. WE EXTEND OUR  
DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS  
DURING OUR GREATEST SADNESS. WE  
APPRECIATE IT MORE THAN WORDS CAN  
EXPRESS AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED

The Family of  
Melvin T. O'Neal



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**OF**



*Melvin Thomas*  
**O'NEAL**

January 17, 1944 – June 7, 2024

Saturday, June 15, 2024 3:00 pm  
Burning Bush Tabernacle  
714 W Market St, Smithfield, NC 27577



# Order of Service

Processional  
Cergy and Family

Song of Praise  
Mrs. Alice Lee

Old Testament:  
Psalms 23 Symone Taylor

New Testament:  
Romans 14 7-9 10c-12 Marisa  
Gamboa

Prayer of Comfort  
Reverend Franklin Rawls

Song of Praise  
Mrs. Alice Lee

Acknowledgements  
Michael O'Neal

Obituary  
Read Silently

Song of Praise  
Mrs. Alice Lee

Eulogy  
Reverend John Thatch

Mortician's Brief  
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional  
Cergy and Family

# The Legacy of Melvin

Our Heavenly Father called Melvin Thomas O'Neal to his heavenly home on June 7th, 2024.

Melvin was born to Lovely and Tom Percy O'Neal on January 17th, 1944 in Selma, North Carolina. Melvin grew up in Selma and graduated from Harrison High School.

Melvin served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. Melvin was honored and proud to have given his best efforts. Upon return from his service in the Army, he married his lifelong friend; Dorothy W. O'Neal. From their union, they had four children: Tisha O'Neal-Gamboa of the home, Melvin Derrick O'Neal (Toni) of Raleigh, NC, Stella Michelle O'Neal (Patrick) of Knightdale, NC, and Kathryn Vanessa O'Neal of Selma, NC.

Melvin took pride in being a good provider beginning his work career at Burlington in Smithfield and continuing with Cutter Laboratories, Miles Laboratories, Bayer Corporation, and Telecris Pharmaceuticals all of Clayton, NC. Melvin retired from Grifols in Clayton, NC.

Melvin attended Feed His Sheep Ministries of Clayton where he served as a Deacon for many years. In his retirement years, Melvin enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family and friends. Melvin was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan; and enjoyed constructing race tracks, model trains, and completing puzzles. His favorite pastime was breaking bread and eating with family and friends.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Paul, Neavell, and Billy Ray O'Neal, and a sister, Diane Bookman.

Melvin leaves to honor and cherish his name his four children, a sister Betty Mance (Freddie) of Toccoa, Georgia; a brother Joseph O'Neal (Pat) of Willow Springs, NC; and five grandchildren (Marisa, Darius, Alana, Alicia, Symone); four aunts (Jersey Holden of Wendell, NC, Therlene O'Neal of Selma, NC, Elvaulia Mail of Raleigh, NC, and Elventa Thomas of District Heights, Maryland).

Melvin will be remembered as a loving and kind father and will be cherished forever.



## A Letter From Heaven

When Tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not there to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
Filled with tears for me  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me  
**AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU**  
And each time you think of me  
I know you'll miss me too  
When tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think we're far apart  
**FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME  
I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART!**