



Melvin Hillman Sr.

September 28, 1923 - December 10, 2021

Melvin Hillman was born to the late Mack and Nellie B. Hillman September 26, 1923 in Eufaula, Alabama where they nourished him with Christian values which served him well from childhood through adulthood. Unconditional love for his family, a wonderful sense of humor, acts of kindness, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and the desire to serve came naturally.

Melvin spoke fondly of growing up with his siblings in Eufaula. In addition to the games they played, there were chores before and after school: tending the vegetable garden and fruit trees, helping his mother with canning, making great tasting apple and fig jellies and cooking. Just a few years ago you could find him in the kitchen preparing a meal. His breakfast special, of creamy, buttery grits, eggs, sausage, toast, and orange juice, was a family favorite.

Melvin attended the public schools of Eufaula and remembered his favorite teachers at Van Buran High School.

Once a month the family faithfully began preparations for Sunday service at Thankful Baptist Church in Eufaula. That early spiritual training never departed and years later Melvin joined New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, GA., where he continued to grow in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Melvin's work in construction took him from Eufaula to Rome, Georgia, Montgomery, Alabama, Florida and eventually Brooklyn, New York where he enjoyed a successful career in carpentry. After retirement in 1987, he relocated to Ellenwood, Georgia with his wife, Essie, daughter Latasha and granddaughter, Shiresse. Not long after moving to Ellenwood he drove to the family home in Eufaula, selected a fig tree and replanted it at their new home. When the tree produced its first fruits, he said the figs were "as sweet as ever." Neighbors he knew and people he did not know enjoyed the fruit.

On December 10, 2021, Melvin answered the heavenly call to come Home. Preceding him in death are his wife: Essie Scott Hillman; son: Melvin Hillman, Jr.; sister: Nellie Mack Hillman; brothers: Curline Hillman, Ulysees Hillman, Sr., and Solomon Hillman.

He leaves to cherish his memory : daughters: Lola Hillman, Irvington, N.J., LaVerne (Jesse) Redd, Freehold, N.J., Katrina Artist, Brooklyn, N.Y., Latasha Hillman , Lithonia , Ga.; son : Milbert Hillman, Durham , N.C.; grandchildren : Jessica Redd, MyAsia Beard, Christian Crabb , Makiya Hillman, Shiresse Gourdine, Rashaun Crawley , Tiffery Simmons , Sherina Johnson , Milbert Hillman , Eddie May , Keira Perry; great grandchildren , Xavier Williams, Noah Gourdine, Chloe Gourdine; stepchildren : Linda Gourdine (Steve) Hunt, Springfield Gardens, N.Y., Cynthia (Kennis) Kelley , Decatur, Ga. , Leon Gourdine , Brooklyn, N.Y., Harvey, Gourdine , Brooklyn, N.Y. ; nieces ; nephews : Ulysees Hillman , Jr., Solomon Hillman; sister in law: Katherine Scott McIver; brothers in law: Brooks Scott, Jr., Leonard (Gloria) Scott; cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

85 Nealouge Oak Rd
Eufaula, AL 36027

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2580 Snapfinger Rd
Decatur, GA 30034-2319
(404) 288-5675

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Lighting a candle on behalf of My Father
Melvin Hillman Sr. ~ This is Bessie A. Hillman*



Bessie A Hillman - October 28, 2025 at 01:32 PM

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*Melvin Jr. * correction*

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EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow.
May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of
prayer. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - January 03, 2022 at 05:56 AM

GI

“ *My condolences to my cousins and family. Great-uncle Melvin was
a special person with a warming smile and infectious personality. I
remember so well his Kangol hats that he loved when I was
younger. And the next to last time that I saw him he was going to
Eufaula at the same I was and he caught a ride with me and my
daughters. It was a fun drive. He also went fishing with us and his
brothers Sonny Boy and Billie. What a time!! He will be missed
dearly, but the memories will live on. Be encouraged. Love you all!
Gilbrina Dillon (Linda's Daughter)*

Gilbrina - December 20, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hillmon lit a candle in memory of Melvin Hillman Sr.*



Linda Hillmon - December 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM