



## Anthony Ray Melvin

November 11, 1957 - June 10, 2015

### Life Reflections

Celebrating the life of “Tony aka Smiley” – Anthony Ray Melvin

Anthony Ray Melvin Sr. transitioned his life at Washington Hospital Center on Wednesday June 10, 2015, after a short stay. He is resting at peace after his life was tragically snatched from him by assailants.

Tony was born November, 11, 1957, to the late Charles Ray Melvin and Addie Lee Melvin in Washington, D.C. He was the second oldest of six children - Two sisters: Janice Melvin and the late Barbara Jean Melvin-Hammett (Ricky) and three brothers: the late Morris Ray Melvin (Marcelle) and the late Emmanuel Melvin and Jeffrey Melvin).

He was educated in DC public schools. He graduated from Cardozo High School in 1976 where he got his nickname “Smiley”. Soon after, he went to St. Augustine University on a baseball scholarship. During his college years Tony played baseball for the University. He later attended University of Maryland – Eastern Shore. Tony was steadfast in his work ethics and believed in a hard day’s work to ensure he achieved the desires of his life. He made several contributions to various organizations through reliability and dedication: The Washington Post, Super Shuttle, and U.S Postal Service. Also, he worked for twenty-one years as a driver for the Department of Human Resources Public Assistance Program.

Tony became a father of two lovely children: son Anthony Jr and daughter Nicole. Eventually they gave him four grandchildren that he adored and spent

time making them smile. He was able to spend time with them whether it was a sleepover, horse riding, a cookout or just a surprise visit to see Cedric, Nikaya, Marsean, and Javate'.

Tony was a sports fan and favored football over all sports. He played quarterback position for the Cardozo clerks and semi-pro Team DC Stonewalls. Taking a break from sports, Tony went to a Valentine's Day dance and that's where he was introduced to Donna Valentine – Feb 14, 1985. She became the love of his life and they married June 4, 1988 and continued to be true friends and supportive of one another. They enjoyed life together with family at the house (Greg, Nicole Mosley, and pets: Maxx and Montana), gave praise to the Lord at church, and offered whatever they could to help others. Tony was a true man who ensured his wife and home were well kept. They both loved traveling socially or visiting family in North Carolina, entertaining friends at their home, and Tony was good at home improvements. Tony also continued a special relationship with the Lord and eventually joined the male course after transferring membership from Mt. Sinai in DC to Mt. Ennon in Clinton. We all know Tony truly knew and loved the Lord.

Anthony Ray Melvin Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted and loving wife Donna V. Melvin, one son Anthony Ray Melvin Jr, one daughter Nicole Leann Melvin, step son Gregory Reid, four grandchildren: Cedric, Nikaya, Marsean, and Javate' one brother Jeffrey Melvin, one sister Janice Melvin, three nieces: Vanity, Melissa and Nicole, two nephews: Emmanuel and Marcus, Aunts, Uncles, two in-laws, and a host of cousins, and good friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church, 9832 Piscataway Rd, Clinton, MD 20735 at 10 am, Service from 11 am.

Interment will follow to Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Blandensburg Rd, Brentwood, MD 20722.

Arrangements by Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc..

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Rd  
Brentwood, MD 20722  
(301) 864-5090

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Ennon Baptist Church  
9832 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

## Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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9832 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

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