



Pastor Melton Cleophus Harrell

August 9, 1926 - February 25, 2015

Pastor Melton Cleophus Harrell, 88, was called home to Glory on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

A native of Corapeake, NC Melton was born on August 9, 1926 to the late Melton Cooper Harrell & Estelle Parker Harrell. After the passing of his mother in 1941, his father re-married the late Bernice Boyce Harrell.

He was educated in the Sunbury Public Schools of North Carolina. He was the eighth of thirteen children: Dorothy Holley, Lucy Bagner, Evelyn Twine, Alphonso Harrell, Ernestine Smith, Robert Leon Harrell, Maggie Williamson, Delmar Harrell, Clifton Harrell, James Harrell, Shirley Dorsey and Lois Knight.

Melton married the late Marie Goodman on June 17, 1948 and celebrated 57 years of marriage until her passing on March 2, 2006.

He received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at the Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church in Corapeake, NC and he served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher for many years until he and his family moved to Philadelphia, Pa.

Melton, Marie, and their four children moved to Philadelphia, Pa. in 1956 along with Sidney & Idnonia Parker and their children, Not long thereafter

moving to Philadelphia, Pa they joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. M.L. Gayton, Pastor. There he worked in the Christian Education Dept. continuing to serve as a Sunday school teacher, song in The Metropolitan Males Chorus and he also served as a Deacon for 10 years until he received his call to preach the Gospel in 1969.

Winning souls for Christ was his focus with a passion for Evangelism and Street Ministry in Philadelphia during the 60's and early 70's as he served with the Men's & Women's Union, which also served as a Street Evangelist Ministry.

He then served as Youth Pastor at Green Grove Baptist Church in Berlin, New Jersey for two years under the leadership of Rev. Turner until he was called to Pastor the Wynnefield Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa in 1971. The church grew and they also purchased a new place of worship in 1973 with the help and support of his wife and family.

In 1983 Melton & Marie moved to Chesapeake, Va. where he served on the Ministerial Alliance at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Raymond Dean.

He was called to Pastor New Calvary Baptist Church in Suffolk, Va. in 1983. Under his leadership the church grew and they moved into their new sanctuary in 1991.

After retiring as a Pastor in 1996 they joined the First Baptist Church Bolling Brook in Norfolk, Va. under the leadership of Pastor Clifton Brown, and then in 2002 they became members of New Covenant Ministries under the leadership of their son, Apostle Arnold Harrell.

He and Marie shared a loved, devotion and dedication to God that was

revealed by their love and commitment to ALL people as they opened up their home to family, friends and even strangers who were in difficult places in their lives. He was a brilliant carpenter and the owner of M & M Renovations. He did numerous additions, renovations in the Tidewater area, and he even built Marie a home in Suffolk, Va. on route 32 in 1950, which still stands strong today. He was a man blessed with GREAT WISDOM and we cannot ever forget his sense of humor and smile that was matchless, along with his many terms of endearment that he shared with many people and in particular his grandchildren. He has truly left a legacy for all those he's encountered during his life's journey both publicly and privately through his Christ-like character, which he has displayed with everyone even during his stay at Chesapeake Healthcare & Rehab.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy 6 children, Samuel (Sherrie) Harrell of Colorado Springs, Co, James (Linda) Harrell of Norfolk, Va., Percy Harrell, Minister Olivia (Elder Robert) Thompson, Pamela (David) Scott and Apostle Arnold (Pastor Janet) Harrell all of Chesapeake, Va. 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grand-children Also he leaves his sisters Maggie Williamson, Shirley Dorsey and Lois Knight and his brothers Delmar (Dollie) Harrell and James (Wendy), one brother-in-law Larry Goodman, one sister-in-law Mary Thomas, two aunts Tabitha Harrell and Helen Harrell and godson Artie Burke of Philadelphia, Pa and a host of other relatives and friends. Rev. Harrell had a few people that were very dear to his heart, who also visited him often; Grover Eure, Jr., Rev. Ella Eure, Sarah Morris & her children, Robert Harrell, Bobby Harrell, Mary Hodge, Rosa Holley, Anne Norfleet, Joseph Holley, Paige Bond, Fannie Freeman, Eugene & Georgia Askew, Leroy Andrews and Sister Grant.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
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Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church South Hill
3633 Galberry Road
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Melton Cleophus Harrell



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 05, 2015 at 05:25 PM

SH

I will always love and miss my loving parents as they layed the foundation for my personal relationship with God and His son, Christ Jesus.

Samuel C. Harrell - March 05, 2015 at 09:14 PM

BS

“ We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the Harrell family. We regret not being able to attend the Funeral; but you will be in our prayers.

Bishop Moses L. Davis, Sr. and Evangeline M. Davis

Bishop Moses L Davis Sr - March 05, 2015 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Pastor Harrell's passing, and send our condolences to the Harrell family for your loss. Our family was blessed to have your parents as next-door neighbors from 1991 - 1998, and we will never forget the kindness they always extended to us during those years.

Dave, Belle, Gray and Jack Jones

Dave Jones - March 04, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 04, 2015 at 11:59 AM

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“ Felicia lit a candle in memory of Pastor Melton Cleophus Harrell



Felicia - February 25, 2015 at 06:05 PM