



### *ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

*The Family of Melvin Burnett Scott wish to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for all the kind deeds and other expressions of sympathy during their bereavement.*

*Funeral Arrangements by  
California Cremation and Burial Chapel  
5880 El Cajon Boulevard  
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## *Celebration of Life Melvin Burnett Scott*



*Sunrise: November 5, 1937*

*Sunset: May 13, 2020*

*Officiating Officer  
Reverend Milton Chambers Sr., Pastor  
New Hope Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
I Corinthians 15:50-58  
Friday, May 22nd 2020  
Service 1:30 pm  
Viewing 3:00pm*

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## Obituary

*On November 5, 1937 in Magnolia Mississippi, Obie and Edna Scott had a set of fraternal twins and one of them was Melvin Burnett Scott. Melvin attended and graduated from Url Bates High School, where he met his first wife Irene McClendon.*

*Melvin and Irene married in the early 1960's, took a leap of faith and moved to Chicago, Illinois for a few years where they had their first son, (Everett). Shortly after, they moved to Los Angeles, CA., and they added a daughter (Valerie) and another son (Burnett). In 1971, Melvin and Irene dissolved their marriage and he moved to San Diego, CA.*

*After getting settled, Melvin united with The New Hope Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. James Allison, Sr. Pastor. Melvin was on the Usher Board, a dedicated Deacon, a Sunday school teacher and he was loved by so many for his wit, his smile and his charm. Melvin was a man of integrity, whose faith never wavered, and he loved the Lord with all his might. "He always said his job was to lead souls to the Lord" and that he did!*

*A few years later, Melvin and Irene reconciled, she moved to San Diego, adding son, (Sterling) and daughter, (Florence) to the family. Some years later, the marriage was dissolved indefinitely.*

*In 1984, Melvin reconnected with a middle school sweetheart (Claretha Baker), who lived in Oxnard, CA. with her 5 children. After a few years of dating, Melvin and Claretha united in marriage on February 27, 1988 and she moved to San Diego.*

*Melvin worked as an Office Manager at The Boatyard in Point Loma for many years. In 1986 Melvin decided to start his own courier business called Fastway Express. This was a major milestone for him because so many doubted him due to his physical disability.*

*Melvin was born with a rare disease called Hip Dysplasia, that caused an infraction in his hip joints. Over time, he had several operations, but nothing worked. Eventually, the doctor's fused both hips and one of his knees. Because of the fusion, it altered the way he walked, but it never stopped him. Others felt sorry for him and thought he was handicap, when in fact he was HANDY CAPABLE!*

*As of January 2020, after 34 years of service to the greater San Diego County area, Melvin was forced to retire due to his declining health. After a 30-day stay in the Hospital and fighting for his life, he was released under hospice and returned home with his daughter on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. They spent several hours laughing and talking to catch up. However, as the evening progressed his health started to decline. The hospice nurses came and stayed with him, making him comfortable as possible. His daughter never left his side.*

*On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, the spirit and soul of Melvin Burnett Scott departed this life and was called home to be with the Lord. We know that he is a peace and is no longer in pain.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents Obie and Edna Scott; and his loving wife Clarethia Baker Scott.*

*Melvin leaves to mourn his loving memory: Sister, Melva Claudette Dillon, Sons Everett N. Scott (Shelly), Burnett Scott, Sterling D. Brown, daughters Valerie Scott, Florence I. Basden, (KD). Grandchildren: Latonjila S. Freeman, Everett Scott Jr., Christopher Scott, Sterling D. Brown, Alecia G. Sharpe, Adjah A. Mangum, Darrius A. Mangum, one unborn great grandchild. Stepchildren: Lisa McBride (Clearance), Georgia Williams (David), Willie Chester Jr., and Marcee Mack (Leslie), and Scottie Chester, and host of Nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, family and neighbors.*

*The way he touched everyone's life will always be cherished, and we ask you keep his memory alive by keeping your faith and getting a closer relationship to the Lord!*





*Mel's Notorious Quotes*

*Yo Fingers Broke?*

*You can't call nobody?*

*Imma put you over my knee!*

*You and what Army!*

*You like chicken? Grab a wing....*

*Hey ug mo!*

*I love you and there's nothing you can do  
about it!!*

*Order of Service*

*Processional.....Still Here  
By The Williams Brothers*

*Scripture  
Old Testament.....Deacon Kenneth Wright  
New Testament.....Deacon Kenneth Wright*

*Prayer .....Deacon Willie Wright*

*Song.....Something About The Name Jesus  
By Kirk Franklin and the Rance Allen Group*

*Letters of Condolences and Resolutions  
Glenda Taylor*

*Poem..... Latonjila Freeman*

*Ministerial Reflections*

*Acknowledgement/Obituary  
Glenda Taylor*

*Video Tribute*

*Words of Comfort .....Rev. M. Chambers, Sr.  
Senior Pastor, New Hope Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*

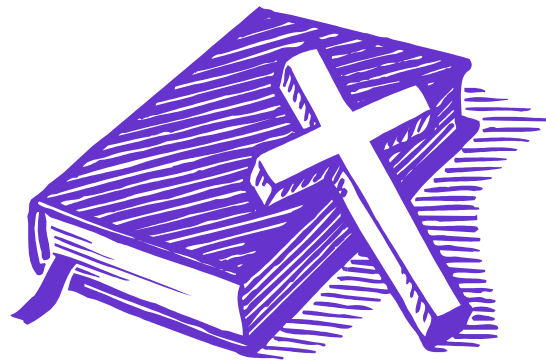
*Invitation to Christ*

*Benediction*

*Recessional..... I Won't Complain  
By Rev. Paul Jones*

**Psalm 121:1-5 King James Version (KJV)**

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither  
slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper:  
the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.*



**Proverbs 3:5-6 King James Version (KJV)**

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not  
unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct  
thy paths.*

**Dear Dad,**

*The pain that I am feeling  
Never seems to go away  
I wish I could visit Heaven  
If only for a day  
I know that you would hold me  
And whisper in my ear  
“Don’t think of me as gone away  
Because I am near”  
I know you’re in a better place  
Where you are at peace and free  
To be happy in eternal life  
And can still watch over me  
Although the door between our worlds  
Is closed and we’re apart  
Until the time God opens it  
You’re always in our hearts.*