



Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr.

January 25, 1956 - December 22, 2022

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; And He delighteth in His way."

Psalm 37:23

Melvin Delyle Givens, Jr. was the first child born to the union of Melvin D. Givens, Sr. and Barbara J. McDowell (nee Hudson) on January 25, 1956, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. What a joy and blessing he was to his parents. Melvin accepted Christ at an early age. He was baptized a Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Melvin J. Battle. Laying an active role in his church became important, initially in the Youth Choir, Baptist Youth Fellowship, as a Jr. Deacon transitioning to a trial Deacon in preparation for ordination, and finally in the Men's Ensemble and Men's Fellowship until his health no longer allowed his participation.

Melvin received his formal education in the Milwaukee Public School System, graduating from Custer High School in 1974. He furthered his education in the University of Wisconsin system, beginning at UW-LaCrosse and completing at UW-Milwaukee.

On June 16, 1979, Melvin united with the love of his life, Susa M. Johnson, in holy matrimony. To their union, they were blessed with 0 children, Melvin D. Givens, III, and Danyelle S. M. Givens.

Melvin lived a life of service. He found peace and joy in serving God everyday, according to God's plan. God made sure his service fit his personality, gifts,

and abilities. That is why he enjoyed his profession as a City of Milwaukee Police Officer. He loved serving the people he encountered and tried to convey the importance of making appropriate choices. Community policing was a delight to him. It allowed him to do his job "to protect and serve" with honor and integrity.

Melvin loved being active. He enjoyed swimming, diving, running, boxing, golfing, and bowling. He loved football and his Green Bay Packers! Tinkering with cars was a gift from his younger years. Traveling with family and friends always brought a smile and laughter with every new experience. Music was his favorite pastime. He was a drummer and loved attending concerts of all genres of music, in and out of the country. His favorite group was Earth, Wind & Fire. His gospel music, though, always brought him much comfort. Melvin loved his God, family, and friends in actuality, he just loved people! He was a true fighter. His faith was strong, and he believed his health would improve so he could have an amazing testimony. Melvin was selfless ... helping, mentoring, and encouraging others, but being direct when necessary. As a social butterfly, his humor and quick wit shined. He would meet someone for the first time, and you would have thought he had known them for years.

Melvin Delyle Givens, Jr. was called to his heavenly home on December 22, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Herbert Hudson and Magdalene (nee Grayer) (Namon) Blakely; paternal grandparents: Craig Sr. and Elotty (nee Alexander) Givens; father, Melvin D. Givens, Sr., and his brother Steven C. Givens.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 43 years, Susa M. Givens; a loving son, Melvin D. Givens, III of Seattle, WA; a loving daughter, Danyelle S. M. Givens of Atlanta, GA; proud parents, Barbara and Billy McDowell of Milwaukee, WI; brother, Julius D. (Cheri) Smith of Casa Grande,

AZ, sisters, Meta

C. Givens, Nora (Marlon) Shumpert, and Antoinette McDowell, all of Milwaukee, WI; uncle, David (Victoria) Blakely of Caledonia, WI; aunt, Zelma Hudson of Detroit, MI; brothers-in-law, George (Vernice) Johnson and Johnny (Josephine) Johnson; sisters-in-law, Rita Johnson, W. Mary (Charles) Jones, Florida (Billy) Smith, Minerva Johnson, and Margaret Johnson; special cousins Willie and Annie

Alexander and Pamela Turner; goddaughters, Nicole Norris of Milwaukee, WI and

Christian Parker-Lowery of Harrisburg, NC, along with a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, extended relatives, and loving friends. Special friends with whom he had

a brotherly bond include: Calvin Allen, Ocie Cook, Rufus O'Neal, Anthony Parker,

Gregory Prince, and Mark Robinson.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
2959 N. Teutonia Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2959 N. Teutonia Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

LI

“ *Melvin brought a smile to everyone knew. He may have gone home, but will never be forgotten.* ”



Lisa - January 17, 2023 at 10:39 PM

MD

“ *Mary E Davis-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr.* ”



Mary E Davis-Smith - January 06, 2023 at 06:09 PM

MD

My best friend who cheered me up every time I saw him. The son who could never stop shopping for gifts for his mom. He was generous and a special child of God.

Mary E Davis-Smith - January 06, 2023 at 06:15 PM

LD

“ *Melvin was not only a great tribute to his family. He was indeed a great tribute to the City of Milwaukee as a diligent public servant. I pray that God cradles his family in his ever healing restorative arms. I had the privilege of attending Junior High School with Melvin and later working with him with the City. He had a good heart and served the citizens well. Well done MG, truly a man of God.*



Leon Davis

Leon Davis - January 04, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr..*



January 03, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr..*



January 01, 2023 at 01:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr..*



December 31, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *WRISA Board purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Givens Jr..*



WRISA Board - December 30, 2022 at 10:50 AM