



Mrs. Melvin Armstrong

January 30, 1949 - March 30, 2026

Melvin Louise Armstrong was born on January 30, 1949 in Wilmot, Arkansas to the late O'Dell J. and Eula V. Bankston. She departed this life on March 30, 2026, at Conway Regional Hospital in Conway, Arkansas.

She was surrounded by her husband, close family and friends and a team of wonderful doctors and nurses. Melvin is preceded in death by her late Husband Jim Sankfield, her sisters: Erma Cole, Pearline Parker, Earnestine Bankston, Delois Bankston, brothers: James Bankston, Curtin Bankston and Fred Bankston and nephew, Andre Grant.

Melvin attended Wilmot Slack LeGrand Highschool and graduated in 1968. Also, she attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She was employed by General Electric Credit Service Catalog Department for 30 years. After retiring Melvin became a license day care provider for 25 years. She loved working with children and gave them amazing care. Melvin always greeted the parents with a big smile on her face.

Melvin met the love of her life Cecil Armstrong, and they were united in holy matrimony on September 3, 2016. She moved to Greenbrier, Arkansas after marriage. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Also, she loved celebrating the holidays where she would cook and invite family over for dinner. If asked what to bring for dinner, she would say

bring yourself. Melvin was a sweet and loving person. Her beautiful smile would light up everything in the room.

Melvin attended Solomon Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Twin Groves, Arkansas under the leadership of Pastor Willie Johnson. She loved church and was a faithful member until her health began to fail. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Melvin leaves to cherish her precious memories her husband for 9 years Cecil Armstrong of Greenbrier, Arkansas. Six daughters Luerona (Ben) Kansas City, MO, Sharon (Karl) Kansas City, MO, Angela (Curtis) Cincinnati, Ohio, Kim (Damon) Grandview, MO, Antoinette (Josh) Raytown, MO, and Lakeyshia, Kansas City, MO. Three sisters; Lillie of Little Rock, AR, Betty (Anthony) Santa Rosa, CA, Sandra (Vincent) Grandview, MO. Two brothers; Norman (Norma) Santa Rosa, CA, Alfred (Elaine) Santa Rosa, CA. Two Aunties; Cynthia and Pearline. Two uncles Matthew, Freddie Lee. A special friend, Geri of Grandview, MO. Seven Grandchildren, four Great Grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Interment: Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Visitation from 10 - 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Moriah Cemetery

10507 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones Funeeral Chahpels - Missouri
1800 East Linwood Blvd,
Kansas City, MO 64109

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Rod, S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvin Armstrong.

Rod, S. - April 11 at 09:58 AM

SG

“ We will miss you so much Auntie Melvin. Rest in Love Auntie 🌸 Nephew Rod Gee & Niece Shonda Gee, Jahron, Adyson & Destiny 🌸💕💕
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SHONDA GEE - April 11 at 09:51 AM

RG

“ When Rod & I were visiting Uncle Jim & Auntie Melvin & shared that we were getting married; Auntie Melvin asked did I have a gown in mind. I didn't but Auntie Melvin said "You need something Borrowed so you can wear my gown if you want"! Of course I Loved it & that became my Wedding Gown for our special day!💖🌸 Auntie Melvin was always so giving! She was my travel buddy when I had to attend State Farm conferences! She came to visit Me & Rod every time we were in the hospital. We will Miss You Auntie💕
#RestInLove 🌹 ☐💖🌸



ROD SHONDA GEE - April 11 at 09:38 AM

SG

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SHONDA & ROD GEE - April 11 at 09:29 AM

BF

“ Bridget and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvin Armstrong.

Bridget and family - April 10 at 01:21 PM

BF

“ Bridget and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Melvin Armstrong.



Bridget and family - April 10 at 01:21 PM

DJ

“ Nana adopted me as a grandson in her heart. She was a light I didn't know I needed in my life for the little years I knew her. She traveled 6 & half hours with Mr Armstrong just to see me get baptized, and that is something I will never forget, I'll miss your valuable information about parenting and things I didn't realize was needed. rest well NANA love you 🙏



Derrick Williams Jr - April 08 at 11:29 AM

VW

“ Oh what I'd give to pick peaches with you again! Rest easy, Nana. You will be missed ❤️



Victoria Williams - April 08 at 11:15 AM

LS

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LaKeysha Sankfield - April 08 at 11:08 AM

LS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lakeysha Sankfield - April 08 at 11:01 AM

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Lakeysha Sankfield - April 08 at 11:00 AM

LS

“ I love you, I miss you



Lakeysha Sankfield - April 08 at 10:54 AM

LT

“ Love, George, Sean, Jon, James and Tylor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Melvin Armstrong.



Love, George, Sean, Jon, James and Tylor - April 07 at 10:03 PM