



Melvin Hilliard Jr.

March 3, 1947 - November 20, 2019

Melvin Hilliard Jr. was born March 3, 1947 to the late Melvin Hilliard Sr. and Lillie Mae Hilliard of Portsmouth, Virginia. He departed this life on November 20, 2019 in Connecticut Hospice, Branford Connecticut.

He attended Boys High School in Brooklyn New York. Melvin graduated from The City College of New York with a degree in Anthropology. He served his country and was honorably discharged on January 20, 1971 from the Army.

He was employed as an insurance adjuster and was deployed during many major storms. He spent three months in New Orleans on storm duty during Hurricane Katrina.

Melvin loved football and basketball. Every Sunday you would find him watching his favorite (and not so favorite) teams. He would talk about football with his sons. Melvin collected pocket watches, coins and Chinese snuff jars. He maintained a large collection of Jazz albums. As a young man he loved to play handball and paddle ball and bid whist. Melvin had a great love for sweets; the refrigerator was always filled with cake, pies and ice cream.

He was always a willing baby sitter. He could be found wrapped in gauges and bandaged from head to toe while playing doctor and patient with his granddaughter Taylor.

Melvin is survived by his wife Joan, children Robert (Suzannah), Jamel (Whitney), Jasmine, Jared (Porsha). Grandchildren Elijah, Xavier , Taylor, Khloe, Alexander, Samuel, Josiah and Regan; sisters Catherine Barnwell, Patricia Hilliard , Shirley Hilliard, Constance Sawyer, one brother, sister-in-laws Constance Cooper, Natalie Barnwell, and one brother-in-law Melvin Barnwell , and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

God's blessing and peace to you Melvin. You will be missed

Cemetery Details

Veteran Memorial Cemetery

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Hillard Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *RIP Melvin. To the Family, we will be praying for comfort to your grieving hearts.*

*Neighbors,
Thomas & Julia Ficklin*

Julia Ficklin - November 25, 2019 at 05:10 PM