



Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley

December 17, 1946 - February 27, 2024

Melvia D. Hopkins Buckley was born on December 17, 1946, in England, Arkansas to the late George and Lee Bertha Strong Hopkins. She went home with the Lord on February 27, 2024, at UAMS in Little Rock, Arkansas.

She accepted Christ at an early age with the William Chapel Baptist Church in Cleveland, TX, and later united with First Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful member until her death. She attended Ouachita County School but graduated in 1965 from Douglass High School in Cleveland, TX.

She embarked on a diverse professional journey with various roles; however, her passion was being a caregiver. Through her unwavering commitment, she lived a life of meaningful work and brought purpose to the lives of others.

She was united in marriage to Roy L. Buckley for 28 years until he preceded her in death in 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Derryl Hopkins, George Hopkins, and Kevin Strong, Sr; two sisters, Lanell Cook and Phyllis Rone and stepbrother Dwight Wilridge.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, Steve Hopkins (Jackie) of

Cleveland, TX, Lavette Rayford of Houston, TX, Latrece Robinson of Bearden, AR, Montra Robinson (LaTronda) Fordyce, AR, and Donovan Robinson (Monica) Bearden, AR; two step-daughters, Teresa and Leticia of Monroe, LA; two brothers, Charles Hopkins (Keisha) Cleveland, TX, Curtis Hamilton (LaJuana) of Magnolia, AR; three sisters: Brenda Pogue of Camden, AR; Linda Harrell and Charlene Butler (Sammy) of Cleveland, TX; one step-sister, Vivian Johnson (New Caney, TX); step-mother: Irene Hopkins of Cleveland, TX, eleven grandchildren, Jameko, Naya, Trell, Jada, Javian, Isaiah, Austin, Terell, Kiara, Larry Jr, and Quetta; four great-grandchildren, Karsen, Kameron, A'Niya, Kandace, and Ny'Ellie; four sisters-in-law, Carolyn, Stella (David), Lois, and Tanisha; one brother-in-law, Arthur; two bonus kids, Montra and Chris, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, and many friends who will miss her dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, March 8th, 2024, at First Missionary Baptist Church in Bearden, Arkansas at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Moss Hill Cemetery in Bearden, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

Visitation will be Thursday, {Mar. 7th}, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas. A visitation will also be held Friday {Mar. 8th}, from 11:00 a.m. until service time, at First Missionary Baptist Church in Bearden, Arkansas. Minister Verna Thompson, Moderator.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

Moss Hill Cemetery

Ouachita 97
Bearden, AR 71720

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Viewing

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
701 N. Oak St.
Bearden, AR 71720

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
701 N. Oak St.
Bearden, AR 71720

Tribute Wall



“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Pamela Shaw - March 16, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Tonja Gill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Tonja Gill - March 09, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ Sophia Manuel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Sophia Manuel - March 08, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ The class of 1984 is praying for our classmate Steve Hopkins and Charles Ray Hopkins and the entire family.



Melanie Lynn Brown - March 08, 2024 at 11:59 AM

AE

“ Anita Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Anita Elliott - March 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

AE

My sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Ms. Melvia was a very sweet and caring person. We met when I worked at Millcreek in Fordyce. She definitely showed herself to be friendly and helpful in any way possible. She will be missed. Rest well sweet lady!

Anita Elliott - March 08, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ To Curtis Hamilton (aka grave digger) and family you have our deepest sympathy. We are praying for strength in you time of sorrow.



Margie Chappel Standoak - March 08, 2024 at 01:43 AM

CW

To the family, all the children we Love you and our prayers are with each of you during this time and always. Much Love Curtis and Clada Williams and family. 🌸

CurtisClada Williams - March 08, 2024 at 02:17 AM

A1

“ *Ann Foster and The Class of 1965 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.*



Ann Foster and The Class of 1965 - March 07, 2024 at 03:53 PM

SW

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. She was such a sweet lady.*



Shaniece Williams - March 07, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.*



March 07, 2024 at 01:41 PM

NR

“ We send our sincere sympathies to the entire family of Mrs. Melvia Buckley. We had the opportunity to met with her several times and found her to be a person of Christ and will be missed by not only her family but those of us who had the opportunity to be in her presence for a short time in her life.

Rev. Dr. Neich and Carol Robinson , Greenville Baptist Church, Stamps, Arkansas

Neich Robinson - March 07, 2024 at 12:31 PM

AF

Deanie, you were my high school best friend and we had a great time growing up together. I remember the time when I spent the night with you and your siblings at the 'Mill' and we went out on the highway and stood in the middle of it playing double dare with the oncoming vehicles. At the time we didn't realize how dangerous that was but God was with us. I'm going to miss hearing your voice even though we didn't talk all the time but when we did it was just like we had just talked the day before. When I got the news that God had called you home, my heart hurt so and tears flooded my eyes. But, I'm glad you're no longer in pain. I and the class of 1965 will miss you and that infectious laughter. Love you!

Ann Foster - March 07, 2024 at 03:31 PM

TA

“ Tunda, Latina and Alli purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Tunda, Latina and Alli - March 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM

OF

“ Oscar Lee Rayford, Jr. and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Oscar Lee Rayford, Jr. and family. - March 07, 2024 at 09:23 AM

NL

“ NeNoah and Lillian purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



NeNoah and Lillian - March 07, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



March 06, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



March 06, 2024 at 12:49 PM

RB

“ Rev. C.D. Stuarts to The Buckleys purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Rev. C.D. Stuarts to The Buckleys - March 06, 2024 at 08:31 AM

SF

“ *Symphonie (Rogers) Smith & Family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Symphonie (Rogers) Smith & Family - March 05, 2024 at 04:42 PM

SF

“ *Symphonie (Rogers) Smith & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.

Symphonie (Rogers) Smith & Family - March 05, 2024 at 04:42 PM

VN

“ *Victor and Angela Newton* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Victor and Angela Newton - March 05, 2024 at 12:53 PM

SC

“ Seed of Faith Worship Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



Seed of Faith Worship Center - March 05, 2024 at 12:45 PM

SC

“ Seed of Faith Worship Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.

Seed of Faith Worship Center - March 05, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DG

“ On behalf of the officers & members of the Seed of Faith Worship Center in Woodville, Texas, we embrace the family and all of her friends with love because we have this common bond that will connect us the rest of our lives. Death is one aspect of life that we can never prepare for, but we are reminded that earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Therefore, we would like to reassure you that we are here with you physically and spiritually. Love you!!
Pastor Grant

DeAndre Grant - March 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.



March 04, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CM

“ Cleveland ISD Maintenance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley.

Cleveland ISD Maintenance - March 04, 2024 at 04:31 PM

SG

“ Mrs Dena she was always helping out. She was wonderful person. I remember when I came home to Bearden haven't been home in years I preparing for my mom funeral, I ran into Mrs. Dena, she knew who I was I didn't know her she said I knew your mom and told about all them going to church at First Baptist . She so kind she treated like I been living in Bearden my whole life. My condolences goes out to the family.

sadette green - March 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BD

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. When I first met Melvia she became a friend. Such a loving and caring person. It was a long time before i knew her name was Melvia. It was always Deanie, to me. I pray that God will provide you peace and comfort during your time of bereavement. May God bless each of you and you will continue to be in my prayers. Love all of you.

Bonnie Daniels

Bonnie Daniels - March 02, 2024 at 12:56 PM

RC

*Prayers, love and condolences to the family of Melvia...
Such a kind, loving and compassionate person who was always
providing care for others, inclusive of my late brother, Deacon Mack
Newton.
She served on the OCHS Alumni Committee as well as in numerous
capacities in other organizations.
We truly loved Deena and will miss her immensely! Rest in love and
peace!
Family, know that I love you and know that "Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven cannot heal."
Rev. Alice Carruthers*

Rev. Alice Carruthers - March 04, 2024 at 07:06 AM

PL

*Sending love and prayers to the family. She will be truly missed, such a
sweet SOUL.*

Paula Gibson Love - March 05, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JT

“ I pray 🙏 for the First Baptist Church of
Bearden and the Buckley Family for there
Loss I'm standing with Lady Faye Nelson you
are loved and I pray 🙏 God will bless the
entire Family and Friends.....



Joey Templeton - March 02, 2024 at 08:53 AM

FN

“ Faye Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Melvia D. Buckley



Faye Nelson - March 01, 2024 at 04:05 PM

FN

My heart is truly broken but I know you're free. You're with your Lord and Savior. Stay strong family, because God will give you strength and comfort. Fly High my friend, until we meet again 🙏🙏🙏🙏😊😊❤️❤️

Faye Nelson - March 01, 2024 at 04:14 PM

TH

“ 🙏

Terrell Hines - March 01, 2024 at 08:24 AM

CB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family*



Charles Berry - February 29, 2024 at 10:52 PM

LT

“ *Prayers and condolences from Laraine Thompson and family, she will be truly missed, so sweet and kind hearted.*

Laraine Thompson - February 29, 2024 at 10:02 PM

AS

“ *I met Ms. Melvin over thirty years ago. She was a good caring woman with a humble spirit. After retiring from work, we would usually see each other at Walmart and just talk. Ms. Melvia was my friend and we learned that she and my daughters worked together and they loved her. Family, you have my deepest sympathy . Annie Stephens*

Annie Stephens - February 29, 2024 at 09:46 PM

KA

“ I met Mrs Melvia while working at Millcreek oh how I fell in love with this angel she was just a sweet soul I am deeply saddened and my prayers will be with the family may god give you all strength because this Angel on her will be missed

Krystal Anthony - February 29, 2024 at 09:26 PM

LF

“ Lashanda Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Lashanda Fears - February 29, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KC

“ The Family has Lost a Great Woman of God that loved Everyone...Rest In Love... Your Mission here on Earth was Accomplished.

Kelly Craig - February 29, 2024 at 12:27 PM

SH

“ Such a sweet lady. Always had a smile on her face. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.



Susan Holmes - February 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LM

“ *Melvia was such a blessing to my family. We loved her dearly and thank God she was a part of our lives. She was a precious and faithful soul who loved and served others. Our love and prayers are with her family and friends.*

Lori Marks - February 29, 2024 at 10:50 AM

GB

“ *To know Melvia was to love her. She fought the good fight and kept her faith! I will really miss her. She served her city well and will be missed by the whole community.*

Ginger Bailey - February 29, 2024 at 08:15 AM

WE

“ *I LOVED ME SOME MS.MELVIA EVERYTIME WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER SHE WOULD SAY HERE GO MY GIRL.SHE WAS SO SWEET.PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️*

Wanda Ellison - February 29, 2024 at 06:53 AM

EA

“ *Emily Brown Acklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley*



Emily Brown Acklin - February 28, 2024 at 11:42 PM

EA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Buckley’s passing! She was such a sweet lady and she will be missed! Praying for all of her family and friends! - Emily Brown Acklin*

Emily Brown Acklin - February 28, 2024 at 11:42 PM

TG

“ *Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the family.*

Tyrone & Ann Golden

Tyrone & Ann Golden - February 28, 2024 at 08:04 PM

SC

“ *Melvia will truly be missed. Sending sincere condolences to the family*

Sonja Coleman - February 28, 2024 at 05:38 PM

OP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Melvia was always such a sweet lady.*
Olivette Price

Olivette Price - February 28, 2024 at 05:37 PM

AN

My deepest sympathies to the family. Words can't describe how sorry I am for your loss. 🙏

Alice Norful - February 28, 2024 at 10:54 PM

FC

“ *The Caldwell Family extend our Prayers and Condolences to the family of Sister Melvia "Dena" Buckley.*



Forrestine Caldwell - February 28, 2024 at 05:15 PM

AL

I worked with Melvia for a good while. She was a very nice lady. To her family Prayers and Condolences

Alice.Gill - February 28, 2024 at 06:30 PM

LR

“ Rest on My Friend! Praying for the Family!💔
🙏💔



Linda A. Rogers - February 28, 2024 at 04:13 PM

MF

“ Mechell Flannigan lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Mechell Flannigan - February 28, 2024 at 03:52 PM

VR

“ We all love you sweet lady, you will be missed.

Veronica Rayford - February 28, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JC

“ Josephine Childs lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley



Josephine Childs - February 28, 2024 at 02:03 PM

SM

*My dear sister I'll truly miss you. Our calls. You're with God and Buck.
You're free from pain. I love you sister.*

Stella Morgan - February 28, 2024 at 03:51 PM

CS

“ *The hugs, cheek kisses, and that genuine soul will be missed!
Prayers to the family!*

Charneka Scott - February 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Melvia D. Buckley*



Dearlean Hughes - February 28, 2024 at 10:13 AM

TW

“ *Prayers for the family.*



Tonya Williams - February 27, 2024 at 11:59 PM

JB

Such a beautiful soul! Prayers for the family 🙏❤️

Jillian Belin - February 28, 2024 at 01:12 PM

PW

“ *Prayers and condolences to family. She was a
very sweet lady .*



paulette Wyatt - February 27, 2024 at 08:26 PM