



Mr. Melvin John Chaney

October 8, 1948 - July 31, 2024

Born October 8, 1948, in Sumter South Carolina, Melvin John Chaney was the second of six of the Late Mrs. Estelle Ballard Chaney and Mr. Francis Chaney, Sr. He lived by the principle, "If I can't help you, I won't hurt you."

Known affectionately as "Bubba" or Mr. Chaney, Melvin began his education at St. Jude Catholic School and graduated in the Class of 1966 and furthered it at Benedict and Morris Colleges. In 1967, he enlisted in the United States Army and served honorably until he was discharged in 1969, due to severe injuries sustained during the Vietnam War. He was born Christian raised and educated in the Roman Catholic Faith. His family were lifelong members of St. Jude Roman Catholic Church and he served as an Altar Boy and Crucifer. On November 7, 2020, he was united in matrimony to Lourena Nelson and their union blended a family of six children. In May of 2022, he felt inspired to become a member of Mechanicsville United Methodist Church following his union with his wife, Lourena N. Chaney. He was also a committed member of the St. Paul Lodge Prince Hall affiliated (PHA), the oldest active lodge in the state. Melvin J. Chaney was recognized as a lifetime member and played a pivotal role in the mortgage liquidation of St. Paul Free and Accepted Masons. Melvin had a passion for deep-sea fishing, playing pool, traveling, motorcycling, and engaging in lively conversations with friends. However, His favorite get away was Aruba.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his cherished wife, Lourena Nelson

Chaney; Gable, SC; daughters, Natasha Chaney of Sumter, SC, and Lastelle Nicole Chaney of Columbia, SC; son, Melvin Keith Chaney of Columbia, SC; three stepsons, Fancy (Mary) English, III, Sumter, SC, DeVane (Monica) English of Panama City, Panama, and Kenneth (Nicole) English of Elgin, SC; five grandchildren; brother, Donald Chaney of Sumter; sister, Celestine Jackson of Sumter; two brothers-in-law, Otis J. Nelson, Jr. and Rev. Dwight A. (Flora) Nelson; a close friend Col. Temple Evans and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Shervy Lee, Francis, Jr. and Charles Chaney.

Melvin passed away on July 31st at 6:25 am in the Warriors Walk Wing of Dorn Veteran Medical Hospital in Columbia, SC. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and all who cherished him. He will remain forever in our hearts.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 11. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Masonic Rites

AUG 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Mechanicsville United Methodist
184 Lake Ashwood Road
Sumter, SC 29153

Burial

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Florence National Cemetery
803 East National Cemetery Rd
Florence, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and relatives.* ”



Tammy Harrison Edwards - August 09, 2024 at 11:48 AM

FL

“ *Rest in peace Melvin. I've known you since i was a child (over 54 years) and always enjoyed talking to you. You were like an older brother and mentor.I know you and Voicelle Barno ("Lip") are having one of those deep conversations up in heaven right now. Farewell my old friend.* ”

Frankie Loney - August 06, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin John Chaney.* ”



August 05, 2024 at 07:16 PM

CM

“ *Melvin was a brother to us in many ways. We will miss him. We send our love and prayers to the family. Sal and Cindy Macias* ”

Cindy Macias - August 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Brunson-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Melvin Chaney



Dorothy Brunson-Thomas - August 02, 2024 at 08:35 PM

MC

“ Prayers and Love to Mrs, Chaney and family ,We will miss him dearly with so much fun. He is now resting in Love. Mae Ruth and family

Mae Cooke - August 02, 2024 at 08:10 PM

WW

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers are being submitted unto the Families/Friends of Our Cousin. Rest-in-Peace. Blessings & Peace,
~wmw~ (Wonda Dianne Maple Williams) Stone Mountain, Georgia

Wonda Dianne Maple Williams - August 02, 2024 at 07:48 PM