



## Mr. Sylvester Dawson

May 22, 1948 - April 27, 2014

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings, Sunwards I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds and done a thousand things you have not dreamed of. Wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence. Hovering there, I've chased the shouting wind along and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air, up, up the long delirious burning blue I've topped the wind swept heights with easy grace, where never lark, or even eagle, flew; and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod the high untrespassed sanctity of space, put out my hand, and touched the face of God. "High Flight" by John Magee

Mr. Sylvester Dawson, Entrepreneur and Co-Owner of Evans Video Recording, Inc., graciously answered the call of the heavenly father on Sunday, April 27, 2014. Mr. Dawson, the husband of Lou Ella Spann Dawson and the son of the late Evans & Beulah Carryall Dawson was born May 22, 1948 in Sumter, SC. At an early age he accepted Christ as his savior, joining High Hills Baptist Church for instruction and fellowship. He served as an Usher, a Trustee Board member and as the Church Treasurer for over twenty-five years.

He was a 1966 graduate of Ebenezer High School and furthered his education at Sumter Area Technical College where he mastered the area of Tool and Die and Welding (Diploma and certificates). In addition, he completed an apprenticeship through the US Department of Labor and through continuing education earned certificates that furthered his career in the

maintenance/manufacturing area. He was employed by Yuasu Exide Corporation, of Sumter, SC.

He was a member of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, Post 0015, the Ebenezer Alumni Association and a life member of the NAACP.

Sylvester was a giant of a man who served his country honorably as a Sergeant (Security Policeman) in the United States Air Force. His tour of duty led him to Lakeland AFB in Texas, Wurtsmith, AFB in Michigan, Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam and Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota. On April 27, 2014, a Viet-Nam veteran, he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Sylvester and Ella had the honor and privilege to promote the late Mr. Bill Pinckey of the Original Drifters. Sylvester also worked with numerous individuals and groups to include: the Rev. Al Sharpton; the late James Brown; the Mighty Golden Bells; the Five Singing Stars; Boss-man and the Sunsets; and Tommy Ellison. Sylvester became known throughout the eastern part of the United States for his work with many agencies, families, and organizations. The highlight of Sylvester's video career came when he was afforded the opportunity to work with Miss America (1994) Ms. Kimberly Aiken; Miss Black USA (1997-1998) Ms. Caroline Mack and the honor to tape the 2008 Inauguration of our current President-President Barack H. Obama. He was excellent videographer and businessman. Sylvester proclaimed that "a great need of society is to preserve history through videography".

To the family, Sylvester (Bubba) Dawson was a jovial, kind, and giving person. He never met a stranger, always offering assistance and an invitation to family friends. He loved his family and his family loved him. He prided in sponsoring big cook-outs, spear-heading family gatherings and reunions, and sharing his love for his sweetheart Ella, "any Ella".

Sylvester's light will continue to shine through his loving and devoted wife of forty seven years, Lou Ella; his three children, LaJuana Dawson, and LaTia Dawson of Dalzell, SC; and Marcus T. Spann (Monique) of Greenwood, NC; his four grandchildren, Demarcus D. Carey, Demontrey E. Dawson, Davion L.

Dawson, and Taylor T. Ford of Dalzell, SC; a daughter-in-law, Kimberly Dawson; two sisters, Albertha Wade (Horace), and Beulah Floyd (George) of Dalzell, SC; a niece that was raised as a sister, Phyllis D. Hough of Dalzell, SC; two brothers, Deacon Isra Dawson (Evelyn), of Dalzell, SC, and Harold Alston of Harrisburg, PA, one sister-in-law Dr. Ora Spann; six brother-in-laws, Daniel Alston, Dalzell, SC; Joseph Spann (Ruth), Sumter, SC; Dr. Thomas C. Spann (Anne) Wayne, Michigan; Ransom Spann (Maedean) Dalzell, SC; Bobby Spann (Gertrude) Rembert, SC, and James Spann, of Hopkins, SC; a host of special nieces, nephews and cousins along with other relatives and friends. He was blessed to have known LaQuanda Davis, Carmen DeJesus, and Shirletha Abrams of Dalzell, SC, Alicia Pollard Grant of Charleston, SC, and all of his beloved co-workers at Evans Video Recording, Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## High Hills Missonary Baptist Church

6750 Meeting House Rd  
Dalzell, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Sylvester Dawson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To The Family of Sylvester Dawson, we the Mighty Golden Bells extend our sincere condolences to you at this time. We always loved being around him when we were in that area. His smile and kindness will always be in our hearts and the many wonderful things he done for us. He will truly be missed by many. May God continue to bless and strenghten you. (William Sanders & The Mighty Golden Bells, Raleigh, NC)*

**William Sanders** - May 06, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ *I grew up with Sylvester and family in Sumter County and High Hills Baptist Church and was so glad to see him last time I was there. I'm so sad to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to Ella and family.*

*Carrie Hunter*

**Carrie Hunter** - May 06, 2014 at 10:24 AM



“ *Nissi Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson*



**Nissi Jefferson** - May 05, 2014 at 07:06 PM

AN

“ with deepest sympathy to the Dawson family. I have shared many special moments with my family and Mr. Dawson. He taped everyone of my Mom's Birthday celebrations and her Homegoing service. Thanks to him I have every great memory of my Mom to watch forever. Anita Nelson and the family of the late Bessie Canty

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**anita Nelson** - May 05, 2014 at 08:02 AM

PW

“ He was always smiling and so very kind. Praying for his family. God bless.

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**Petrina Wiley** - May 02, 2014 at 08:23 PM

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**Petrina Wiley** - May 02, 2014 at 08:23 PM

VC

“ Vickie Croom-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson



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**Vickie Croom-Robinson** - May 02, 2014 at 06:36 PM

MA

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, To you and yours a message just to say that many warm and heartfelt thoughts are there with you today.  
God's Blessing  
Elsie, Marnita and Kara  
Baltimore, Maryland*

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**Marnita Anthony** - May 02, 2014 at 03:52 PM


TD

“ *Tonian And Frederick Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson*



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**Tonian and Frederick Davis** - May 02, 2014 at 03:02 PM

 Bryant  
Djlordjazz

“ *Bryant Djlordjazz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson*



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**Bryant Djlordjazz** - May 02, 2014 at 02:16 PM

AA

“ To My Family: I was truly sadden to hear of Sylvester's transition; he will truly be missed. He was a kind, loving and giving person and his loss will be felt in the Sumter community. I will cherish his memory and all of the Videos he has provided to me over the past years. I will also cherish our many conversations and laughs we had when he would stop by my office in Sumter, after picking up the grandsons from school.

Sylvester's spirit is still with the Dawson family, we all share the same D & A and will always be connected. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning! Its good to know that Sylvester is not suffering anymore. May the Peace of the Lord be with my family during this time. Sorry we cannot be there, but our spirit will... Henry and Ann Dawson August - Birmingham, Al.

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**Ann Dawson August** - May 02, 2014 at 12:40 PM

RC

“ I will miss you Uncle! I thank God for sharing you with me. See ya soon and love you. Richard Carryall

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**Richard Carryall** - May 02, 2014 at 07:42 AM

FD

“ During this time of sorrow, may the warm thoughts of those who care bring comfort to your heart. Mr Dawson will truly be missed.  
Frances N. Dixon

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**Frances Dixon** - May 01, 2014 at 11:57 PM

CB

“ *Carl Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson*



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**Carl Brown** - May 01, 2014 at 10:38 PM

KR

“ *Kevin Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Dawson*



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**Kevin Roach** - May 01, 2014 at 08:43 PM

CS

*sorry to hear the loss of your love one you all will be in our prayer and thought may god give u all the strenght to carry on carlie&ann and the singleton family*

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**charlie m. singleton** - May 02, 2014 at 05:46 PM

CC

“ *Bubba, you will be missed but not forgotten. Love you, Lynn and Preston Carryall*

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**C. Lynn Carryall** - May 01, 2014 at 07:31 PM

VG

*We were saddened by the illness and passing of our brother in Christ Mr. Sylvester. Our prayers are with you as we stand on 2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you is our prayer.*

*Minister Vivian Geter*

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*The Anointed Women Prayer Team*

*Durham, NC*

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**vivian geter** - May 02, 2014 at 10:04 AM