



## Melvin Leon Brandford III

July 31, 1970 - June 21, 2021

Melvin Leon Brandford III, affectionately known as “Mel”, was called home on June 21, 2021. Mel, was born July 31, 1970, to the late Melvin Leon Brandford II and Clarissa Daniels in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mel attended Kent County High School in Chestertown, Maryland where he was known for his witty personality and sharp sense of humor. After completing high school, he joined the United States Navy where he served abroad in Holy Loch, Scotland, onboard the USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33) in the Boat Operations Department.

Mel was full of life and always had a smile on his face. He genuinely loved people, especially his family. Mel was most proud of his ability to show love through his cooking, artistic skills, and his unwavering love and support for his younger cousins. He was also a dedicated and loyal Redskin’s fan.

Mel was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Leon Brandford II; grandmother, Lucy Daniels; great aunts, Lilian Blake Bartley and Ida Burke; and uncle, Mark Daniels.

Mel leaves to cherish his memories, his one and only daughter, Precious Bess (Ricky) of Suffolk, VA; two grandsons, Ryder A. Bess and Rylan L. Bess; sister, Keela Daniels of Chestertown, MD; brother, Dante Brooks (LaKisha) of

Warner Robins, GA; three nephews, Isaiah Brooks of Atlanta, GA, Nathaniel Brooks of Warner Robins, GA, and Kayden Jones of Chestertown, MD; maternal aunts, Veronica Rochester and Merial Mathews; first cousins, Ronald Rochester, Jr., Toyé Norris, Roneise Moore (Stephen), Chantrese Daniels, NeKia Johnson (Donte) and Kiana Thomas (Jarman), and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition, a lifelong friend, Chandra Sampson and her two daughters, Sha'Mira Butler and ShayQuan Sampson, along with bonus grandchildren, Jay'on Taylor, Aaliyah Emory, Journey Sampson, Aryn Sampson, ZayMere Jackson and Sincere Jackson, will cherish memories of Mel as well.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown  
855 High St.  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-2161  
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - June 29, 2021 at 05:38 PM

MR

“ *With deepest sympathy, sorry for your loss from The Ringgold Family*

**Michelle Ringgold** - July 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM

MO

“ *Monika lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III*



**monika** - July 16, 2021 at 01:16 AM

SW

“ *Sherry (short) Williams lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III*



**Sherry (short) williams** - July 05, 2021 at 06:27 AM

TT

“ He was a friend in school.He will be miss.  
Rest in peace my friend.



Tracy styons taylor - July 04, 2021 at 09:33 AM

DW

“ Dawn White lit a candle in memory of Melvin  
Leon Brandford III



Dawn White - July 04, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ Areatha Perkins lit a candle in memory of  
Melvin Leon Brandford III



Areatha Perkins - July 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

LF

“ Latiya Frazier lit a candle in memory of Melvin  
Leon Brandford III



Latiya Frazier - July 01, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Always had a smile on his face*

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**Areatha Perkins** - June 30, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Annette Beck Turner lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III*



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**Annette Beck Turner** - June 30, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *One of my funniest memories is the water fight the boys had in the hilltop. Everybody was a victim that came out side. I can see Mel now laughing as he wet us up. Mel will never be forgotten and will remain in our hearts forever.*

*HillTop4Life*

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**Annette Beck Turner** - June 30, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *My heart goes out to my old classmate Clarissa Daniel you keep your head up n keep on praying from the day u brought Mel around he always looked up to me as Aunt Diane n always was smiling n joking.he will b missed love always*



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**Diane Phillips** - June 30, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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June 29, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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June 29, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Your Friends at GMRE purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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**Your Friends at GMRE** - June 28, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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June 28, 2021 at 08:37 AM

KM

“ Melle Mel you will deeply missed.Hilltop for life 🙏❤️



Kyra Miller - June 27, 2021 at 03:27 PM

NL

“ Nika Lively lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III



Nika Lively - June 26, 2021 at 12:10 AM

LR

“ Levoun Rucker lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III



levoun rucker - June 25, 2021 at 06:23 PM

VC

“ Veterans High School Touchdown Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.



Veterans High School Touchdown Club - June 25, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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June 25, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Leon Brandford III.*



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June 25, 2021 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sharon McClinton lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III*



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**Sharon McClinton** - June 23, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Gwen Towson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Leon Brandford III*



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**Gwen Towson** - June 23, 2021 at 02:29 PM