

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and no years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost,
and he was loved so much.

By: Ellen Brenneman

**Flower Bearers
Family and Friends**

Acknowledgement:

The family would like to thank everyone
who took the time to reach out, whether a card
was sent, a text was typed or phone call
was placed.

Arrangements Entrusted To:

R. A. Prince Funeral Services
16222 Broadway Avenue
Maple Heights, OH 44137
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In Loving Memory of Melvin Oatman



Sunrise
May 17, 1943

Sunset
December 18, 2021

Homegoing Service

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Wake 10:30 A.M.

Funeral 11:00 A.M.

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Pastor Horace Glover, Officiant
Leviticus Sweet Pilgrim MBC

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture

Old Testament/New Testament

Minister

Prayer

Pastor Horace Glover

Selection

Sister Sylvia Benford

Acknowledgement/Resolutions

Reading of Obituary

Read silently

Selection

Sister Sylvia Benford

Eulogy

Pastor Horace Glover

Recessional



Obituary

MELVIN OATMAN was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 17, 1943 and was nicknamed “Spoke” at an early age. He was the 8th oldest child of Glover & Sallie Mae Oatman’s fourteen children. He grew up in “The Village” in Miles Heights, Ohio.

MELVIN discovered & received Christ as his Lord and Savior as a young boy and was baptized at Canaan Baptist Church in Cleveland.

MELVIN attended Cleveland Public Schools where he learned a trade. Early in his adulthood he learned how to do masonry work, repair cars and repaired many things around the house.

MELVIN started his work history at Alcoa but was most known for working at the family store called the Oatman Store in “The Village”. This is where he worked, supervised and managed a neighborhood mini-mart for well over 20 years. After his tenure there, he landed a job at Finast Grocery Store, which was later named Tops Friendly Market. He worked there as a Cashier until his retirement in 2005. He “enjoyed” his retirement years as he saw fit. Thomas Chapman was his “partner-in-crime” until his death in 2017. Whenever you saw one, you saw the other.

MELVIN departed this life peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, December 18, 2021, and is survived by his beloved children Melveta “Pearl” Smith (Larry), Carla Oatman and Melvin King; 4 beloved grandchildren Melvin King Jr, Jeffrey Stringfield, Melika King and Emelie Tracy; 2 loving sisters Mary Miller (James) and Mildred Avery; and a loving brother Louis Oatman, as well as over 40 nieces and nephews, countless cousins and extended family and friends.

MELVIN was preceded in death by his parents: Glover Sr. and Sallie Mae Oatman; Sisters: Lula McKenzie, Norma “Tootsie” Reynolds, Marjorie Redmond, Floreen Birts & Nancy “Teenie” Montgomery. Brothers: Glover Oatman Jr., Charles Oatman, Raymond “Doe” Oatman, Frank Oatman Sr. & Calvin Oatman.



