



## Melvin Heard Sr.

February 15, 1937 - October 8, 2013

On February 15, 1937, Julius and Mary Heard became the proud parents of a son Melvin Heard. He lived the first 22 years of his life in Lee County, Leesburg, Georgia.

Growing up in Georgia, Melvin attended and graduated from the local schools. He relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1960 where shortly thereafter he met and later married Willie Frances.

Melvin made his dedication to Jehovah, symbolized his dedication through water baptism in 1976, and served Jehovah faithfully until his death. He availed himself to the needs of the congregation by serving as an elder. After examining his circumstances he responded to the scripture at Luke 10:2 "...Yes, the harvest is great, but the workers are few. Therefore beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" and Melvin became a full-time pioneer. His strongest desire was to teach all that he met how to be the sort of person that Jehovah approves and thusly putting them in line with the realization of "the hope of the everlasting life which God, who cannot lie, promised before times long lasting." (Titus 1:2)

On October 8, 2013, Melvin Heard Sr. fell asleep in death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Mary Heard; one brother, Ernest West; and one sister, Helen White.

Melvin leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 51 years, Willie Frances; four children, Melvin Jr., Eric (Vivian), Genise and Chenesha; three grandsons, Daniel, Jonathan and Josiah; one granddaughter, Kellen; six brothers, Walker L. Heard, Willie M. Heard (Joyce), Charles Heard, MacArthur Heard (Ira), Julius Heard Jr. (Diane) and John E. Heard (Camillia); four sisters, Ruth B. Murrell, Aldean Stoudamire, Annie Glenn and Brenda A. Shread (Walter); one sister-in-law, Juanita West; a dear friend who was like a brother, Paul (Margo) Clayton; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

We all look forward to when mankind's enemy, death, will be eradicated as Jehovah promises at Isaiah 25:8 which states: "He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces..."

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (124th)  
150 East 124th Place  
Chicago, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Heard Sr.*

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