



## Melvin Anthony Armour Sr.

February 27, 2024

Melvin Anthony Armour, Sr was born nine of thirteen children to the late Mitchell and Annie Armour of New Orleans, Louisiana. He has been married to Rosemarie Armour for 50 years to which they have two children, Maria and Melvin, Jr. Melvin attended Orleans Public Schools and in 1967, he enlisted in the United States Army and served the Vietnam War, where he was a communications Technician for twenty years until he retired.

Among his military citations and awards are the Army Commendation Medal, four Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, an NCO Professional Development Ribbon, an Army Service Ribbon, three overseas Service Ribbons, a Vietnam Campaign Medal, an Army Superior Unti Award and the Vietnam Cross and Gallantry with Palm.

His civilian affiliations have consisted of membership in the Frederick T. Hicks Lodge #117 Prince Hall, Aswan Temple #115, Junior Glenn Chapter of Roy of Arch Masons and Prince Hall Military Consistory #304. His honors included the Post Worshipful Master, Post High Priest Victor S. Baxter Commander of the Knights Temple, Post Eminent Commander, Post District of Knights Temple and Past Worthy Patron of Georgia M. Ellis Chapter #78 Order of Eastern Stars.

Melvin Armour Sr has been a Zulu member since 1992. Within the Zulu organization, he was a member of the Soulful Warriors and has had the honor of serving as Witch Doctor in 1996 and King Zulu in 2001. He is a past

Chairman of both the Lounge and Emergency Telephone Notification Committee. He also served as Financial Recording Secretary and Anniversary Fund Raising Building and Technology Committees.

Melvin is survived in life by his wife Rosemarie Armour, his two children, Maria and Melvin Armour, Jr. and his six grandkids. He's also survived by 8 brothers and sisters and a host of nieces and nephews and lifelong friends. He was an amazing Husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He will be greatly be missed.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125 on Friday, March 15, 2024 AT 1:00 pm. Visitation at 12:00 pm. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

### Funeral Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Rose, Maria and Melvin Jr., Anthony as we knew him was a long time friend, brother and mentor. I will miss his laugh and smile. He always looked on the bright side of life. He taught me so much about how deal with adverse conditions and to keep moving forward. I was always thankful of the way your entire family brought me in like your own family. He was wise beyond his years. The world will be a little less bright without him. I was glad to see him make his dream of being the Zulu King. He serve his country for many years and raise a wonderful family. I will always remember the lessons he taught and the smile he always had. The community he served in so many ways were outstanding and will always remember him as one of the greatest men of our time.*”

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**Raymond Canatella** - September 23, 2024 at 03:24 PM

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“ To the Armour Family (Rosemarie, Maria, Melvin Jr and the extend Family) of my Best Beloved Friend since November 1976. Melvin Anthony Armour Sr and my friendship could be compared to the relationship of between David and Jonathan mentioned in the old testament of the Holy Bible. Rosemare, I consider you a beloved sister, Maria and Melvin Jr you are very special and I watched you both grow from childhood to mature, responsible adults. Melvin Sr loved you all and words can't express the extent of his love, compassion, willingness to care for you all and provide for you all. He was a great example of a good father and Protector of his Family and Friends. He would not let anyone mess with his Family or his Friends. He served his country well as a Great Soldier. He served very well as a Prince Hall Affiliate, Free and Accepted Mason. He lived the life of a law abiding citizen and a respectable neighbor in his community. Melvin Sr life impacted not only mine in a positive way but many other who may not have the opportunity to acknowledge it. My hope and prayer is you all hold on to the special moments and memories of the laughter Melvin Sr generated. I extend my deepest regrets for not being able to attend. I would like to conclude by saying a few lines from an old song that might be befitting of my Best Friend's Life. "Make the Work I Done Speak for Me." I say of my Best My Friend may all the lives he touched in a positive way and positive accomplishments he made Speak for HIM. May God comfort. Bless, console and keep all in his loving care.

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Melvin and Janice Teel - March 14, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“*Rose, Maria, and Melvin, Jr., your husband and father was my long-time faithful friend and loyal brother. His love of life was exceeded only by his love for each of you. He was a very proud man. Not because of any personal vanity, he was so unapologetically proud of the family that God had blessed him with. You brought him unspeakable joy! I cherish the many miles and hours I was privileged to spend with him. Melvin unselfishly served his country, his community and cheerfully bestowed charity upon anyone in need. It's not enough to say that he was a great man, he surely was indeed, that. But at his core, he was a very good man, and he enhanced the lives of everyone he touched. Melvin Anthony Armour, Sr. will be sorely missed.*

*"Now cracks a noble heart. Good night sweet prince: And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"*  
— *Horatio, Hamlet*

*William A. and Carolyn (Faye) McQueen*

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**William A McQueen Jr** - March 14, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Anthony Armour Sr..*



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March 14, 2024 at 03:56 PM

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“*A great Father, husband, brother, neighbor, American. Had a great time over the years conversing with "Big Mel" will miss those interactions. Rest In Power...All Hail King Zulu 2001!*

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**Stanley Taylor** - March 13, 2024 at 12:51 PM