



## Melvin Pierre Sr.

November 30, 2013

Melvin Pierre, Sr. 65, of Allen, TX died at 3:16 PM, Saturday, November 30, 2013 at the UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas, TX. He was born April 30, 1948 in New Orleans, LA to the late Willie Melvin Pierre and Rose Mae Preston. He is survived by his faithful devoted wife Patricia Penn Pierre, son Melvin Pierre, Jr., grandson, Melvin Pierre, III and a sister, Linda L. Swanson of Tacoma, WA.

Mr. Pierre was a long time resident of Louisiana before moving to Allen, TX in 2008. He attended New Orleans, LA public schools and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1966 as Valedictorian. He also attended Xavier University of New Orleans, University of New Orleans and Hampton University of Virginia. Mr. Pierre was the CEO of Pierre & Associates in New Orleans, LA, and District Manager for various insurance companies. He is the author of Increase Your Insurance Sales, Retention & Referrals Now! and co-author, with his wife, of A Message of Hope: From A 24 Year Cancer Survivor. Mr. Pierre is also survived by an aunt, Marion Williams, of Atlanta, GA, an uncle, Robert Preston (Gerry) of San Antonio, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Melvin Pierre, his mother, Rosa Mae Preston, grandmother, Esma O'Connor, uncle, Walter Preston and Stanley Williams, father and mother in law Samuel Penn, Sr. and Beatrice Scott Penn.

Employees of The City of New Orleans Family Services, Allstate, Metropolitan, Progressive, RBC, AAA and Nationwide Insurance Companies,

also pastors, officers and members of New Creation Baptist Church of New Orleans, LA, Christian Assembly Baptist Church of Burnside, LA, Victory Baptist Church of Stone Mountain, GA and Friendship Baptist Church, Colony, TX are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125 on Friday November 13, 2013 at 11:00 AM, viewing begins at 9:00 AM.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery and Mausoleum, 4400 Norman Meyer Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guidebook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I was a co-worker of Melvin at Family Planning in New Orleans. He was a good friend and very hard worker. Nothing but good things to say about him. So sorry for your loss.

Maxine J Gilpin - May 02, 2024 at 10:59 AM

DF

“ To Patricia and family, it hurts deeply in our hearts when we heard the news of Melvin's passing. What a great loss to everyone he has touched, especially Beverly and I. We have such fond memories of being on the road as associates of "Melvin Enterprise", Memories we will never forget. "Be strong"

Don & Beverly Fleming

Donald Fleming - February 20, 2014 at 12:42 AM

RM

“ To the Pierre family, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Melvin Pierre, Sr. I met him when he worked at AAA in Shelby Twp. MI. He was truly an asset to our company. He was a great man. My life has been enhanced just by knowing him.



Rosemary Smith, AAA Michigan - January 29, 2014 at 09:28 AM

 Walter Preston

“ This is to the Pierre family, just to let you all know that we are family also being close as a favorite cousin, Because as I can remember playing with Melvin, esp. on his football game table by his house in the project at 2819 6th. St. N.O. La.

Walter Preston - January 24, 2014 at 01:21 PM

RC

“ *This is a message of condolence to the family of Melvin. He was a classmate of mine and I graduated in the class of 1966. I have been out of touch with a lot of fellow classmates because I have been on the west coast since 1973 but will always connect with the lions of BTW. Accept my prayers and God's comfort.*

*Rosemary Cobb Donerson*

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**Rosemary Cobb** - January 02, 2014 at 06:26 PM

DO

“ *I met the Pierre Family in 2007 when they moved to the Dallas area. Senior and I immediately became friends. He soon became a father and Patricia became a mother. I have learned so much from them because they are the perfect example of a family that loves unconditionally.*

*your friend, your son,  
Donte*

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**donte** - December 20, 2013 at 02:04 PM

VK

“ *To Patricia and the entire Pierre family, Melvin was a wonderful man. He was my mentor, my teacher and my friend. He was my rock and helped me so very much in so many important career decisions... He was always there for me, and always had time. I am so very saddened by his passing. He was such a good person. I am so very blessed for having known Pierre.. My prayers are with you...I am so very sorry for your loss..*

*Vicki Kata*

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**Vicki Kata** - December 20, 2013 at 11:54 AM

 Sandy  
Garza

“ Dearest Pierre family. Melvin was an inspiration to me and my team at Nationwide. He helped me believe in the importance of asking a family about their plans in the event the breadwinner was lost. He alone is probably responsible for securing the lives of thousands of individuals by inspiring us to "just ask" I will miss Melvin very much and I am so very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Sandy Garza

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**Sandy Garza** - December 16, 2013 at 11:44 PM

AL

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you.

Grt. Aunt of Michelle Jones

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**Audrey Lackings** - December 13, 2013 at 10:03 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the Pierre family and friends. May God's blessings be upon you all at this time. You guys are in my prayers.

Joycelyn Green Knight

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**Joycelyn Knight** - December 12, 2013 at 12:27 PM

SG

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Melvin. He touched me greatly with his zest for life and ability to communicate so well. His life insurance training sessions he gave while with Nationwide Insurance were inspiring and helpful, and they increased my agency's success.

*To the entire family I extend sincerest condolences and pray God's peace be with you.*

*Suzanna Harrison Greer*

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (NIV)*

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**Suzanna Harrison Greer** - December 12, 2013 at 10:13 AM

MW

“ PAT ,LIL MEL my prayers are with you in the time of your lost. May God give you the strength you need. Your old Dante Street friends Marilyn and Brenda Wiltz

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**Marilyn /Brenda wiltz** - December 11, 2013 at 07:54 PM

AH

“ Mrs. Pat,

*May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you and now in the days ahead. Please know my loving thoughts embrace you and your family at this time.*

*I remember the time you and Melvin invited me over to your house for a Holiday Party. We all had the BEST time and this is what I shall remember most about him, laughing and such a gracious host to his guests*

*My sincerest condolences,  
Ms. Angela Huff*

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**Angela Huff** - December 11, 2013 at 10:50 AM

AJ

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of my dear friend. Melvin and I first met in 1999 as management employees of a Fortune 100 company. We became good business colleagues and good friends. We kept in touch over the years, as his career took him in a different direction than mine.

*A scholar in his own right, Melvin's business acumen was of the highest aptitude and his personality, preceded always by his radiant smile, in part defined him. He will truly be missed but certainly not forgotten.*

*To Patricia, Velinda's and my prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. We share with you and the family this passage from the Holy Bible, Psalm 121: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help: my help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."*

*Rest in peace, my friend,*

*Andrew and Velinda Hawkins, Jr.*

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**Andrew Hawkins, Jr.** - December 11, 2013 at 09:50 AM