



# Melanese Ellington Cristwell

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## Her Life Story

Once spoken words, remember me as you pass by! As you are now, once so was I. As I am now, you too shall be; therefore, prepare yourself to follow me.

Melanese was born in Pompano Beach, Florida to the parentage of the late Charles and Emma Hawkins Ellington. Melanese grew up in a large but happy home filled with joy and traveling across the United States and Canada. Melanese's godparents the late Edgar and Minnie Goodrum of Pompano Beach played an integral part in her life as they watched her grow into adulthood. She would always say "Mom I love my Godparents. They give me everything, and I am truly blessed." As a child, Melanese attended Mount Calvary Baptist Church, along with her future husband Darryl Cristwell's family. Her current church family Cornerstone Chapel located in Leesburg, VA. Her educational path took her to Sanders Park Elementary, Coconut Creek Elementary, Margate Middle and Coconut Creek High School where she excelled in school and was captain of the cheerleading squad. Melanese attended Florida A&M University. She was enrolled in the (SBI) program where she excelled in her studies of business administration.

The love of her life, the late, Darryl Cristwell asked for her hand in marriage just before graduation. They were happily married for 40 years this past July. Sadly missed by her husband Darryl, her children Jordan, Andrew, Matthew, Michael and Victoria, extended family Thea, Derrick, and Bridgett. Grandchildren: Zane, and Jordan Micah.

Sisters and Brothers : Charles Jr (Wylene), Tanya (Tony), Carlton, Carlos, Julius (Tereena), Carelia,( David) Donnetta, Matthew(Mercedes) , Natasha, brother-in-law Henry Cristwell Jr, Uncles and Aunts: Shirley Barnes, Julius and Fannie Ellington, Marie Lovett, Dudley Knight, Cecil Hawkins (Kari Ann), Zachary Hawkins (Shane), Great Uncle Peter Lovett, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a special cousin Twannah Ellington, close family friend Nancy. Family Ties: Cristwell's,



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Collins', Taylor's Hepburn's, Perry's, Lovett's, McLemore's, Shower's, Johnson's, Barnes', Goodrum's, Adams', Nixon's and many more family members too numerous to list.

Melanese's life story closed by two of her sisters repeating the 91st Psalms, 23rd Psalms and singing How Great Thou Art. The last chapter was closed by a family friend brushing her long beautiful hair and her husband Darryl saying how much he loved her silently as she took her flight quietly and peacefully.

The End



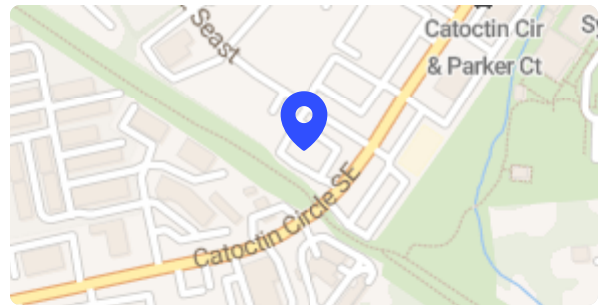
# Events

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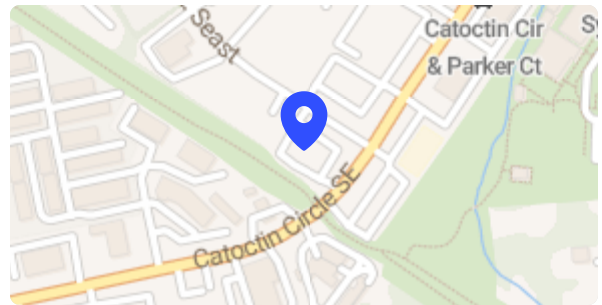
## Visitation

- Friday**, September 16, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA



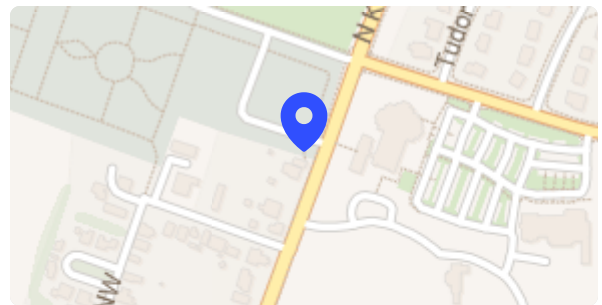
## Funeral Service

- Friday**, September 16, 2022
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
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## Cemetery Details

- Leesburg Union Cemetery**  
323 North King Street, Leesburg VA





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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 14 at 12:00 PM



**Barbara Mohorne** posted:

To my cousin melaniece you will be missed to my family the ellingtons I love y'all very much  
Barbara Jean

September 16 at 6:32 AM



**Danita Wisper** September 16 at 1:31 PM

My sincere condolences to my family! RIP to them both.



**Carolyn Blount** posted:

TO THE ELLINGTON AND CRISTWELL FAMILY. MY HEART FELT CONDOLENCES RIP CLASSMATE  
"80"

September 16 at 6:20 AM



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CH

**Charlene Edwards Honeywell** posted:

To the Cristwell and Ellington families, May your memories of Melanese and Darryl and God's peace comfort you during this time of bereavement. You have my deepest sympathy. Charlene Edwards Honeywell

September 16 at 5:43 AM

DC

**Dr. Carolyn Collins** September 16 at 11:03 AM

To Our Ellington and Cristwell Family With Love: To God Be The Glory for the love, legacy and Christian upbringing we were blessed with under our parents. Melanese and Darryl will be missed here at their earthly home, but Thank GOD we know they are resting in the hands of our Saviour - RIP. We are lifting up our eyes unto the hills from where our health comes from and send blessings to our Aunt Emma, Darryl's brother, Melanese's brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and all of our family and their friends. O Lord, we call upon You in our time of bereavement, that You give all of us strength and the will to bear our heavy hearts, as we are strengthened ourselves to bear their transitions and feel the warmth and Love of the Lord's divine intervention with compassion. The Collins Hepburns Taylor-Bailey Jeffersons FAMUANS & The Florida Family Members and Friends. Until That Great Getting Up Morning, With All Of Our Love, Dr. Carolyn Hepburn Collins Tampa, Florida

DB

**Daisy Bennett** September 16 at 6:47 AM

I am very very sorry for the sad time for your family but my prayers and thoughts are with you all God bless and my deepest sympathy love you from the Bennett Lattimore and Mincey family

NJ

**Novice Johnson** posted:

Our hearts are heavy today and we are sending prayers and love to the Ellington Cristwell families. Melanese's beautiful smile is now shining in heaven. We all have great memories of growing up together at Mt. Calvary. And Darryl, thanks for all the Nova High football game rides. You both are now angels in heaven. Rest in peace, Novice

September 16 at 1:09 AM

CF

**Cousin Bobby, Barbara And Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cristwell family.



September 16 at 12:00 AM



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LD

**Lewis & Carolyn Davis** posted:

Gone but never forgotten, always will remember the jumper you made for my daughter and you guys turn us on to favor coffee creamer that we still enjoy also remembering our time together while you lived in Alabama much love to the children. The Davis Family

September 15 at 8:09 PM

CR

**Cliffornia Rolle** lit a candle in honor of Melanese.

Sending Prayers to the entire family, from cousins Robert & Cliffornia (Perry) Rolle. You both will dearly be missed.

September 15 at 8:03 PM



SW

**Sharon Washington** posted:

My condolences to the Ellington's and Cristwell's Families. May you let God order your steps in this difficult time. I'm a co worker with Donnetta in Charlotte NC. She talks about her family all the time. Donnetta I'm here for you whenever you need me. Everyone is my thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️.

September 15 at 4:19 PM

SB

**Sarita Bethea** posted:

My deepest condolences to Darrell and Family at this time. You have my deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. I will miss the talks and laughter Melanese and I had over the years. She will truly be missed. God bless.

September 15 at 1:15 PM

SF

**Samuel And Taquesta Page And Family!** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Cristwell family.

September 15 at 11:57 AM





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**Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor Jones** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cristwell family.

September 13 at 1:47 PM



**Dawn Ball, Kathy Murphy, Mindy Sawyer** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cristwell family.

September 13 at 11:42 AM



**Rev. Leroy And Cassandra Green** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Cristwell family.

September 13 at 7:02 AM



**Your Pompano Beach Woman's Club Family** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Cristwell family.

September 13 at 5:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Cristwell family.

September 12 at 9:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cristwell family.

September 12 at 9:13 AM





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**Marty, Heather, And Jared.** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Cristwell family.

September 12 at 6:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cristwell family.

September 11 at 7:04 PM





Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Webcast Video**.

September 14 at 12:00 PM



**MJ**

**Marie Goodrum Johnson** September 20 at 8:13 AM

Melanese, my beautiful God Sister, I will truly miss you and our many, many prayers as well as keeping you uplifted with spiritual nuggets daily. You and Darrell will be missed from your earthly home. Both of you have entered the stair ways to Heaven. Mr. and Mrs. Criswell, RIP as you are with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My prayers are to comfort their children and other family members in prayer! ❤️❤️ I love you and will miss and remember you all forever!

**DW**

**Danita Wrisper** September 16 at 1:34 PM

Rest In Peace to Darryl and Melanese. My sincere condolences to family! 👤❤️👤❤️

**DC**

**Dr. Carolyn Collins** September 16 at 10:47 AM

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**EL Etheridge Glenn Lovett** September 16 at 9:14 AM  
 Death, you cannot keep my spirit, For the body is your gain, For my spirit must go, And seek my God, While the body's dust again. You rise up like a mighty foe, To strike a fatal blow, To grip the minds of mighty men, And never let them go. You come by morning, noon, or night, Taking whom you will, Caring not, if adult or child, All, must render still. Death, you cannot keep my spirit, For the body is your gain, For my spirit must go, And seek my God, While the body is dust again. Fly away, beyond this life, This place where mortal men live, To heaven's embrace, God's resting place, True peace, the Lord shall give. Death you cannot keep my spirit, For the body is your gain, For my spirit must go, And seek my God, While the body is dust again. To the Ellington family From Etheridge Glenn Lovett

**EL Etheridge Glenn Lovett** September 16 at 9:03 AM  
 Melanese... my cousin, I will always remember you as a spark of happiness and smiles. Sleep in peace, my beautiful cousin, for only God knows when it is time to give us our rest from this weary life. Aunt Emma, God has your daughter and son-in-law now. Know that God alone is the master controller over life, death, the grave, and resurrection...and there will be a resurrection in Jesus' name. Godspeed.... Etheridge Glenn Lovett Author, Artist, Inventor

**TS Toni Smith** September 16 at 8:15 AM  
 My thoughts and prayers are with you family. Rest in Peace, Darryl and Melanese! 🙏

**BJ Brigitte Johnson** September 16 at 8:13 AM  
 Our deepest condolences, family. Praying for you all. May God comfort you with his love and peace.

**CT Chris Tapia** September 16 at 8:01 AM  
 Much love to your family during this time. Thoughts and prayers

**AD Ade** September 16 at 7:37 AM  
 My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**TH Tia Hawkins** September 16 at 7:29 AM  
 Rest on... Family and Mount Calvary Family ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

**TL Torrey C Lee** September 16 at 11:26 AM  
 Rest in Peace, Darryl & Melanese, John 11:25 To my family. Weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning. My prayers are with you all. Torrey C. Lee

**CT Christine Tourville** September 16 at 7:19 AM  
 Sending all of my love and prayers to your family at this time. ❤️🙏

**GU Gurnoor** September 16 at 7:15 AM  
 Rest in Peace Mr and Mrs Cristwell ❤️❤️❤️



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**Malcolm Hepburn** September 16 at 6:56 AM  
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**Barbara Mohorne** September 16 at 6:34 AM  
To my family with love, Barbara jean



**Charmaine Williams** September 16 at 6:20 AM  
Rest in heavenly peace cousin 🙏



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Melanese by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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