



Melvin Reed Flowers

January 26, 1932 - April 5, 2024

Surrounded by loving family and in his home, Melvin Reed Flowers peacefully passed away in the early morning of April 5, 2024, his father's birthday. Melvin is remembered by his friends and family for his jovial spirit, quick wit, and enduring kindness. Meeting folks with a grin and a handshake, he loved to tell stories, crack jokes, and wouldn't miss a Braves game. From November to Christmas, you might confuse his beard and jolly demeanor for Santa Claus, who he often helped out at holiday appearances near his home in Terrell.

Devoted to service, Melvin was an active member of the Landis Lion's Club and later the Sherrill's Ford Lion's Club, serving as President of both many times across his tenure. His legacy of service is continued by his son Reed, a Lion and former club president, and his son Tim, a Master Mason. Melvin was also active in his congregation, a member of the Methodist Men and usher at Rehobeth Methodist Church.

In life, he was a charter member of the Carolina Travel Trailer Club, which he, his wife Audrey, and friends established in 1960 to gather for fun and fellowship. Holding "camping weekend" sacred for decades, Melvin and Audrey camped with the club across the southeast in their 1970 Holiday Rambler until nearly their 90th birthdays. Sixty four years after its founding, Melvin's children and grandchildren carry on the legacy with CTTC.

Across his 59-year working life, Melvin participated in construction projects that shaped the city of Charlotte and the infrastructure of many cities

throughout the region. After throwing an eraser back at an ornery 10th grade teacher, Melvin walked out of school in 1948 (although he would later earn his diploma, something he was adamant to achieve) and began his career working for his uncle at Charlotte Sprinkler Systems as a pipe-fitter's helper. Learning on the job to operate heavy equipment, Melvin left Charlotte Sprinkler and began working for H.B. Owsley and Sons Construction Company in 1952. During his 14 years with the company, he operated what was then the tallest tower crane in North Carolina, setting the roof structures for Presbyterian Hospital, the Charlotte Coliseum (now Bojangles Coliseum), dormitories on the campus in NC State, grading the banks of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, and many other projects. Following his work with H.B. Owsley, he worked with the sanitary district of Kannapolis, in sales with Southern Meter and Supply Company, and as a supervisor for D.C. Linn Construction Company, where he worked with heavy lift helicopters on the Piedmont Airlines expansion project at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. In 1990, Melvin took his last post, working as a supervisor for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department until his retirement in 2007 at age 75.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Bessie Louise Hampton, his father Ray Patrick, and his brother, Ray Patrick "June", Jr. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Audrey; his sons Melvin Reed "Reed", II and his wife Shirley, and Timothy and his wife Robyn; his grandchildren Melanie and her husband Ryan, Jennifer and her husband Dave, Jeremy and his wife Liz, Cindy and her husband Zach, Josh and his wife Michelle, and Jacob; and his great grandchildren Samuel and his wife Allie, Jackson, Mason, Bee, William, Isaac, Emily, and Everette.

Services will be held at Rehobeth Methodist Church in Terrell, NC on April 27th, beginning with a visitation at 2:00PM, followed by a memorial service at 3:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memoriam to Rehobeth Methodist Church (<https://www.rehobethumc.org/give>) , Camp

Dogwood (<https://nclionscampdogwood.org/donate/>) , and the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House (<https://apps.hoic.org/donate-now>)
Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Flowers family.
Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Rehobeth United Methodist Church

9297 Sherrills Ford Road
P.O. Box 356
Terrell, NC 28682

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

APR 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The best Father-in-law a girl could ever have! He taught me to water ski at age 13 and has always welcomed me as one of the family! His love for outdoors made all of us relish the outdoors and camping! I love that he, Mom Mom and some friends started a camping club in 1960! And we are proud to be still following his legend! I also love how he made over the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren! He really was Santa Clause in one way or the other! Glad we have the security of knowing we will see him again! We cherish you and will carry your memory forever! We Love You!*
Robyn Flowers

Robyn Flowers - April 25, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin Reed Flowers.*



April 25, 2024 at 11:25 AM

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“ *I have known Melvin for many years and we were neighbors who always lent a helping hand when needed. He will be missed by all of us.*



BOBBIE C. MOTLEY - April 09, 2024 at 12:49 PM