

Celebration of Life



Ronald
Calvin Hill

June 24, 1949 - January 2, 2023

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Funeral Services, Inc.

1830 S. Fuit Ave. - Fresno, CA 93706

The Life and Legacy of **Ronald Calvin Hill**

Ronald Calvin Hill Sr. was born on June 24, 1949, in Madera, California to his parents Thomas Roy Hill Sr. and Alberta Hill. Ronald was the 9th child born into this family of 7 boys and 3 girls of that union. On January 2nd 2023 at 1:35am, Ronald Calvin Hill Sr. was called home to be with his Lord and Savior.

Ron grew up in Fresno, California. He attended Sunset Elementary, Madison Elementary, and Central Union High School. Ron graduated from Edison High School in 1968. (Tigers For Life). Ronald also attended Fresno City College. While growing up, Ronald and his siblings were migrant farm workers in California's Central Valley in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Ronald and his siblings were placed in foster care when Ronald was 5 years old. They were all lovingly raised by Reverend James Seals "Pops" and Velma Seals "Mom". Ronald emancipated out of foster care when he was 18 years old.

Ronald and his siblings attended Trinity Church of God and Christ in Fresno, CA., under their father and Pastor Reverend James Seals. As a child, Ronald was also baptized in this church. Ronald loved to sing. He began singing as a young boy in the church choir with his siblings. Ronald and his brothers formed a group called "The Hill Brothers". They would go all around town singing in churches and wherever they were given an opportunity to showcase their talent.

Ronald would eventually end up joining a professional singing group called "Street Corner Symphony". He sang in this group alongside his cousin Lawrence Miller. He would often tell stories about singing in the group and meeting plenty of celebrities like Chakka Khan and Tina Turner. Music was his passion. Ron never did anything without music. He loved to sing and dance. Even while he was ill, and up until his last breath, music still played inside his home. He had many requests, such as Sam Cooke playing while he fought hard to live.

Ronald was given a fresh start and provided an opportunity by James and Octavia Moore to be a Greenskeeper at Palm Lakes Golf Course. Ron loved the Moore Family dearly and looked to them as his "Mom" and "Pop". This is where he would begin his love and passion for the game of golf. He also worked for The County of Fresno, Genesis and Promesa as a Drug and Rehab Counselor.

Ronald met the love of his life Debbie in 1995. Together they formed a loving union. They married on February 20, 2005.

Ronald found that he enjoyed washing windows and moved on to start his own business Squeaky Clean Professional Window Cleaning Service in 2002. He owned and operated his business for 20 years. He was extremely proud of his business. He built his business from the ground up on his own. He also built up a large client base of people who adored him, many of which he became good friends with. Ronald made friends everywhere he went. He employed family and would give anyone a chance who was willing to work hard. His heart was so big, and he had so much compassion that he

would often employ people down on their luck and offer them a second chance at life. He did this as a way for another person to feel valuable and worthy at life again. Ron ran his business with great pride and integrity.

Ronald was family centric. His family knew how much they were loved. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family. He was overly protective and would travel to the end of the earth for his family. He made sure to try attend all family events. Ron was the life of the party. He was always smiling and laughing, and ever so proud of any accomplishment (big or small) any of his family members achieved. He loved taking pictures of everyone. He treated everyone equally. It did not matter to Ron who you were or what you did. Family was family.

Ronald was also a loyal friend. His infectious jovial spirit and personality will forever be remembered. He spent his spare time playing golf with people whom he called his, "golf brothers". He was always eager to hit the golf course. Ron had a compassionate heart, unwavering loyalty, and he was especially supportive. He had zero tolerance for excuses and foolishness. Ron was quick witted, courageous, and strong. All of his friends would say that Ron was more like a brother than a friend. He will be greatly missed by the people of his town and especially missed on the golf course.

Ron managed to smile through his pain and instill a sense of comfort in everyone he was around. He was a fun spirited person who would dance the night away. As honest and direct as he was, he was never short of recognizing God's Blessings and give complete thanks for his life. He did not shy away from his past. He was an open book. He figured that if his story could help anyone overcome hardship, then he would tell it in hopes to encourage someone else to do the same. He understood that his life was nothing short of God's Grace and Mercy upon him.

Ronald especially loved his children and grandchildren. He would try hard to participate in as many celebrations and events as he could. They knew how much he loved them because he always made sure to tell them and show them. His eyes would light up whenever he saw his grandchildren and great-grand children. He wanted nothing more but for them to have a wonderful life. He was a proud dad and grandpa.

Prior to his passing, Ronald attended Family Community Church with his wife Debbie. Ron was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas Roy Hill Sr. and Alberta Hill. His 5 brothers, Glenn Arthur Hill, Nathaniel Hill, Jimmy Hill, Thomas Roy Hill Jr., and Raymond Hill.

Ronald is survived by his beautiful and faithful wife who stood steadfast by his side during his illness, Debbie Hill. His oldest daughter Ronnetra Lee(Chet) of Menifee, CA; Teya Woodman(Coney) of Houston, TX; Ronchelle Hill of Fontana, CA; Tuwanda Harris(David) of Fresno, CA; Ronald Hill Jr. of Fresno, CA; Gabriel Hill of Oregon. Two stepsons Jerry Lemons Jr.(Stephanie) of Hesperia CA; and Shane Kuykendall(Kristina) of Fresno, CA. 27 Grandchildren. 5 Great-Grandchildren. 1 brother John Hill (Mattie) of Friant, CA., 3 sisters: Laura Taylor (Robert) of Stockton CA., Janice Armstrong (Robert) of Fresno, CA., Doris Thomas of Fresno, CA. A host of nephews, nieces as well as a host of friends.

Life Memories

Family & Friends





Order Of Service

Officiating Pastor.....	Rev. Kevin Stafford
Processional.....	Rev. Kevin Stafford
Prayer.....	Rev. Kevin Stafford
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament.....	Donovan Harris (Grandson)
New Testament.....	Amara Hill (Granddaughter)
Musical Selection.....	Larry Flores (Amazing Grace)
Acknowledgements and Condolences....	Aayaila Hill (Granddaughter)
Obituary.....	Natalie Packer (Niece)
Musical Selection.....	Valerie Smith (His Eye Is On The Sparrow)
Remarks.....	Ronnetra Lee(Daughter), Tuwanda Harris (Daughter), Demamjee Dixon(Grandson), John Hill(Brother)
Poem.....	Cerrece Burks (Granddaughter)
Musical Selection.....	Kimberly Ellis
Remarks Friends and Family.....	Limit 2 mins
Eulogy.....	Rev. Kevin Stafford
Parting Viewing.....	Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Staff
Recessional	

Repast:

Hinton Community Center

2385 S. Fairview Ave.

Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Grandpa,

I love you forever and always! You stuck by me through it all and I am grateful to have known a man who was so thoughtful and gracious. I couldn't have asked for a better Grandpa, and I Pray for your guidance as I am on my journey to womanhood. Each day I will strive to make you proud. Until we meet again Grandpa.

-Yours Truly, Amara (Granddaughter)

To My Loving Grandpa,

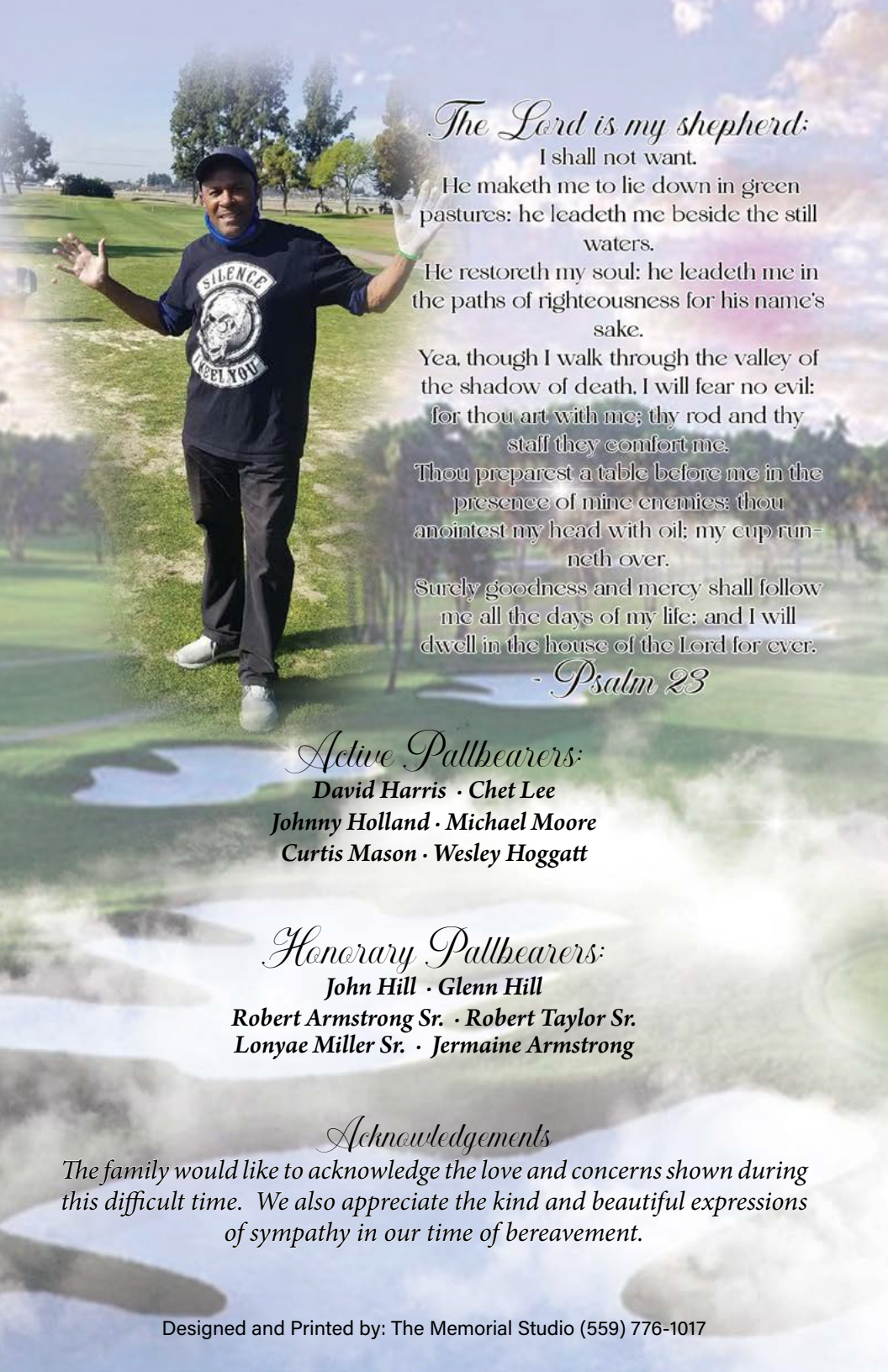
I first would like to Thank You for always being there for me, loving me, supporting me and always being just a phone call away. The day that you left was the saddest day of my life because I knew our everyday conversations would be no more, but I know you are watching over me as my life goes on. I will treasure the memories I have of you and with you. I love you and miss you so much already. I know you're not truly gone, because your memory lives on with all of us who loved you and you'll never be forgotten. I'm sorry this letter is so short, but the wound is still fresh. I guess I never thought about what I would say or that it would be like this, when you would no longer be here. I love you so much Grandpa. Things will never be the same for me, but I promise to stay strong as long as you are with me just please continue to watch over my Thyri and Me then I will get some sense of happiness knowing I've been Blessed with a Guardian Angel. This isn't a good-bye, but I'll see you later. Love Always,

-Your Granddaughter, Cerrece

Until we meet again Rennie
you are the sweetest, most loving, big hearted person that has ever entered my life. Truly we share a one of a kind love for each other. I am broken hearted, but I find strength knowing that you are with the Lord and are not suffering anymore. I will keep my promise and stand strong for both of us. We will be together again in heaven when the Lord allows. I love you so much and this is not the end, it's until, we meet again.

Love always your wife





The Lord is my shepherd:

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

- *Psalm 23*

Active Pallbearers:

David Harris · Chet Lee

Johnny Holland · Michael Moore

Curtis Mason · Wesley Hoggatt

Honorary Pallbearers:

John Hill · Glenn Hill

Robert Armstrong Sr. · Robert Taylor Sr.

Lonyae Miller Sr. · Jermaine Armstrong

Acknowledgements

The family would like to acknowledge the love and concerns shown during this difficult time. We also appreciate the kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy in our time of bereavement.