



## Melvin Leverett

December 24, 1946 - October 31, 2010

Melvin T. Leverett, 63, a native of Mobile, AL and a resident of Hammond, LA went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 31, 2010. A loving and devoted husband, father, son and friend, Melvin was a mentor to numerous entrepreneurs. A successful business man and real estate professional, Melvin was a graduate of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa where he received a B.S. in Management and Marketing. Early in his career as an employee of IBM, Melvin was the first minority office manager in Atlanta. He helped establish the first minority real estate school in Atlanta where he was also awarded Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He founded Century 21 Action Realty in Mobile, AL which became the city's first minority owned Real Estate Company. In Louisiana, Melvin was a former owner/operator of 10 McDonald's restaurants on the North Shore as well as 2 Sonic restaurants on the South Shore and he owned 2 Ace Cash Express franchises. He was a founding member of the Hammond/Ponchatoula Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was on the St. Tammany Leadership Board and a founding member of Leadership Tangipahoa. He served on many advisory boards including the National Association Board of Realtors, The Boys and Girls Club, Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Ginger Ford Habitat for Humanity, Lallie Kemp Hospital, Southeastern Louisiana University, AmSouth Bank, Deposit Guaranty Bank and Regions Bank. During his career, Melvin was recognized as Minority Business Person of the Year for the State of Louisiana and he was named the Hammond, Louisiana Citizen of the Year.

To cherish his memory, he leaves behind his loving wife of 18 years, Renetta Raby Leverett and daughters, Christina Alexis Leverett and Courtney Alana Leverett of Hammond, LA; mother, Ernestine W. Leverett, son Justin Wesley Leverett, granddaughter, Paris Leverett, and sisters, Patricia White and husband Clyde of Mobile AL and Angela Leverett of Slidell LA. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Bernice Raby of Hammond, LA; nieces, Amelia and Maggie, nephew Lee and beloved family pet, Diamond Ciarra.

Preceding Melvin in death was his father, Wesley Leverett.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Friday, November 5, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The visitation will continue at Word of Life Christian Center in Darrow, Louisiana on Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Leroy Thompson will officiate the services and interment will follow in Rose Memorial Cemetery in Hammond.

The family would like to say a special thanks to their devoted friends, Drs. Peter and Leslie Bostick of Baton Rouge and the transplant staff of Ochsner Medical Center, especially Dr. Hector Ventura and Dr. Humang Patel.

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Your Site Is Great,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 03:53 PM



“ *I like it so much,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 01:36 PM



“ *Help me to find the,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 11:18 AM



“ *Hi,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ *Nise site,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 06:41 AM



“ *Where it is possible to buy the,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 21, 2012 at 02:05 AM



“ *Incredible site!,* **##imported-begin##name##imported-end##**

July 20, 2012 at 11:48 PM



“ Best Wishes!,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 09:31 PM



“ Best Wishes,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 06:05 PM



“ Excellent site. It was pleasant to me.,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 03:52 PM



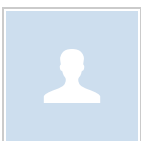
“ What?,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 02:46 PM



“ Thank You,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ Perfect work,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 12:33 PM



“ So where it to find?,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 10:17 AM



“ :-),##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ really great sites, thank you,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 08:01 AM



“ I bookmarked this guestbook.,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 04:50 AM



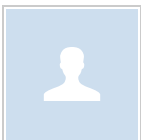
“ I have the same.,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 02:46 AM



“ Is it so important?,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 01:45 AM



“ What is it,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 12:43 AM



“ Very interesting sites.,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 09:38 PM



“ Beautiful site,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ can you do thi for me,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 04:27 PM



“ Good Job,##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 03:25 PM



“ What is it, <https://ie.contiki.com/people/6d1e9f4b57608cd1fbe6d723f901e8dd> bad credit student loans, 8-(,##imported-begin##bad credit student loans##imported-end##

September 24, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Your Site Is Great, <https://ie.contiki.com/people/6d1e9f4b57608cd1fbe6d723f901e8dd> bad credit student loans, 97422,##imported-begin##bad credit student loans price##imported-end##

September 22, 2011 at 01:26 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your lost, but remember God makes no mistakes, he is resting with Jesus, gone but never forgotten. I will keep you and the girls in my prayers.##imported-begin##Schwanna Brown##imported-end##

November 06, 2010 at 01:56 PM



“ Continue to look to the Hill. May God forever Bless U and your family. He will take care of you.##imported-begin##Margaret Brown##imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ Thanks for all the lives you touched during your involvement as an active member of the Boys & Girls Club of Hammond. You have been an inspiration to me.##imported-begin##Darrell W. Guy, Sr##imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 07:31 PM



“ May the sweet Holy Spirit overshadow and overtake you and the girls during your hour of bereavement. He shall strengthen you and the girls Mrs. Renetta. Just call upon Him.

Linda P. Melton##imported-begin##Linda P. Melton##imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 06:08 PM



“ Mrs. Renetta, Christina, and Courtney, We the Melton's are praying for you all to be strengthen with the MIGHT of the Lord. The Spirit of God is a very present Help and He shall speak a Word of Peace unto you. He shall perform His WORD and comfort, strengthen, and keep you all. I thank God He gave my daughter and her family the opportunity to look up to you and Mr. Melvin. You all don't know the impact you all have had on their lives. I just want to say thank you.##imported-begin##Linda P. Melton##imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 05:59 PM



“ With deepest sympathy for your entire family. We will be praying for the entire Leverett family.##imported-begin##VIVIAN C. MCGEE##imported-end##

November 05, 2010 at 05:41 PM



“ Gwenn and I are so sorry for your loss and our entire community's loss of such a fine family and community leader.##imported-begin##Dr Bill Black##imported-end##

November 05, 2010 at 05:28 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Rochelle D. Dillon##imported-end##

November 05, 2010 at 11:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Divetta Stallworth and Shelly Robinson##imported-end##

November 05, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ Renetta, We are praying for you. Constance##imported-begin##Constance Fox##imported-end##

November 04, 2010 at 11:05 PM



“ card6\fh##imported-begin####imported-end##

November 04, 2010 at 09:58 PM



“ We are so saddened to learn of Mel's passing. David and I are former McDonald operators and we were privileged to know and work with such a wonderful person. His accomplishments speak for his fine character and selflessness.##imported-begin##Linda & Dave Drain##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ Renetta & Family,  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this most difficult time. God's continued blessings to you all.##imported-begin##Belinda & Angel Monistere##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ "Look to the hills from whence cometh your help, your help cometh from the Lord." Just when you need Him most, that's when He's there-Jesus is here carrying you through these most difficult times, but you will make it because of Jesus.

Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Wanda Knighten##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 04:45 PM



“ It has been my honor and privilege to know the Leveretts for more than a dozen years, since they opened their first ACE Cash Express franchise. My sincerest condolences to the entire family. I will always remember Melvin as one of the truly good influences in my life. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Rudy Frederico##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 04:30 PM



“ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. May God be with your family in your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Ms. West##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ card9|fh##imported-begin####imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 12:25 PM



“ I'VE KNOWN MELVIN FOR 20 YEARS AND HE IS TRULY A VERY LOVING MAN. I WAS VERY SADDEN BY YOUR LOSS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY##imported-begin##REGGIE RUSSELL##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of Mr. Leverett's passing. We always enjoyed our conversations across the fence as neighbors. It is so sad that such an accomplished man was taken so early. Our sincerest sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Sandra and Bobby Morales##imported-end##

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November 04, 2010 at 10:37 AM



“ To Mrs. Renetta and the family of Mr. Melvin, I would like to convey my most heart felt sympathy for the passing of your loved one. I thank God for Mr. Melvin coming into our life when he did at such a young age and being a positive influence in my life. I pray God will continue to keep you in His care and give you strength in the days, weeks, months and years to come.  
With much Love,  
Elder Lionel Sutton, Sr.  
All Nations COGIC Co-Pastor  
L&R Catering  
Alma's of Amite##imported-begin##Lionel Sutton, Sr.##imported-end##

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November 03, 2010 at 04:55 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##LaSabra Cyprian-Harvey##imported-end##

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November 03, 2010 at 04:47 PM



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME.

LOVE & FRIENDS

JANET CANNON##imported-begin##Janet Cannon##imported-end##

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November 03, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ What a great man so kind and caring of others . He will be missed . We always enjoyed doing business with Melvin he was such a man of his word .##imported-begin##Donna Harris##imported-end##

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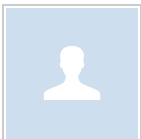
November 03, 2010 at 02:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gordon Anderson##imported-end##

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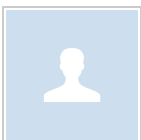
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“ We are so sorry for your loss. The Leverett family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Rusty and Jean Stewart##imported-end##

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November 02, 2010 at 10:02 PM



“ May his family find peace in their time of sorrow##imported-begin##Toni Jackson##imported-end##

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November 02, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. May God be with you and your family!*##imported-begin##**JOELLEN JUHASZ**##imported-end##

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November 02, 2010 at 03:11 PM