



Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.

July 28, 1921 - August 6, 2020

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore for the former things have passed away." -Revelations 21:4

On August 6, 2020, Heyward Stanford Lovett Sr., 99, transitioned to eternal life. Mr. Lovett passed away peacefully at his home following a massive stroke.

Mr. Lovett was born to the late Leola Swann Lovett and the late Lewis Alexander Lovett on July 28, 1921. He was the oldest of five sons.

Mr. Lovett was married to the late Margaret Francis Winston and to this union were born four children: the late Patricia Leola Burwell, the late Bettie LaFrance Watford, Heyward Stanford Lovett Jr. (Yolanda Petersen) Diane Lynn Lewis (Elister Lewis). His youngest daughter, Michelle Leola Lovett, was born to the late Ivery Nell Woods Johnson.

An analytical and methodical student, Mr. Lovett completed his education in the Hampton Public Schools and went on to obtain an associate degree. He was actively involved with educational and community endeavors, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he served as a scoutmaster for Troop 39 and a leader in the Scout Youth Program. As a troop leader, Mr. Lovett

championed the virtues of fairness, honesty, combating racial injustice, and equal opportunities for all. In 2015, Mr. Lovett was honored for his more than 40 years of contributions to the community when Newport News Mayor McKinley L. Price bestowed upon him the Lifetime Citizenship Award.

Mr. Lovett was a longtime employee of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock, where he was the first Black Superintendent of Transportation. Mr. Lovett served at the shipyard from the time was he was 18 until his retirement. He was most admired for his strong leadership and fairness. He served as a mentor to many people from all walks of life.

Mr. Lovett had a strong faith in the Lord and enjoyed memberships at Queen Street Baptist Church, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Miracle Temple Baptist Church, and Second Street Baptist Church where he served as an usher.

Mr. Lovett was an avid reader and a lover of poetry. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, and spending time on his boat, "Miss Michelle." He liked many genres of music, particularly Jazz. He had an appreciation for art and loved to visit museums. His intelligence was complimented by a hearty sense of humor- you could hear his laugh from a block away.

Mr. Lovett had a very special bond with each of his surviving children. He adored Diane and admired her drive to get the task accomplished. He would always joke about her needing to sit her "hindpots" down somewhere. She was a devoted caregiver for her father in his last stages of his life.

Heyward Jr. called his father every single day. You knew who was on the other end of the line when Mr. Lovett answered the phone with "Hey Bubbo!!" They would laugh and talk for hours on end. Their favorite words to live by were the Serenity Prayer, which states "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to

know the difference."

Michelle was his baby girl and he would let anyone who would listen know how proud he was of her. One of his favorite photographs was of him and her when she was about two years old and he was "holding her little foot," as he would say whenever he looked at it. By the grace of God, Mr. Lovett survived long enough after his stroke to see each of his surviving children again before he passed away.

Mr. Lovett was preceded in death by his parents, Leola Swann and Lewis Alexander Lovett, two brothers, Lewis Franklin Lovett (the late Rozzie Elain Lovett) and A. Bernard Lovett (Emily Scarborough Lovett), and two daughters, Patricia Leola Burwell and Bettie LaFrance Watford.

He is survived by his brothers Dr. Walter Lovett (the late Lillian Williams Lovett) and Wilbert Lovett Sr. (Jeanette Conyers Lovett), his children, Heyward Lovett Jr. (Yolanda Peterson), Diane Lynn Lewis (Elister Lewis), Michelle Lovett, and son-in-law Joe Watford; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In a final act of selfless service, Mr. Lovett donated his body to science so that others may learn from him in death as they did in life.

Near the end of his life, Mr. Lovett received exemplary care from a host of medical professionals. The family is grateful to Drs. Mfone and Hoyt, Riverside Hospice Nurse Shelia Beacham, and Nurse Next Door Inc. under the direction of Kaylene Landers for their care and support. CNAs Melissa Applewhite, Electra Brooks, Angel Owens, and Adreinne Simmons deserve special acknowledgment for the love, care, and support they extended to Mr. Lovett and his family during his illness.

The family is appreciative of Mark Fisher and Valerie Glenn at the M.E. Fisher Funeral Home for their generosity and guidance during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Lovett Memorial Service

AUG **14**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CH

Will miss you dear friend

Charles Hayes - August 14, 2020 at 09:20 PM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2020 at 08:17 AM

DW

“ 9 files added to the album Mr.Lovett



Donald C Watkins - August 16, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DW

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



donald watkins - August 15, 2020 at 12:03 AM

DW

“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Donald C Watkins - August 14, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ I can absolutely adore my Uncle Heyward. I could see his big radiant smile right now once he saw me. He was always warm & loving to me, almost like a cool & hip big, big brother. When I was 16, in 1996, & was working at Coliseum Mall at a baseball cap kiosk after school, Uncle Heyward would come up to the mall to see me more than I could actually count, but a lot. He would stay, talk with me, people-watch, laugh with me, help me greet & converse with the customers I had that day; thus helping me to garner some good sales w/ his undeniable & infectious charm & sensibility. I would look forward to those days when he would come to the mall, & I cherished my special time with him; that was our time, & it made me feel great that he gave me those moments.

Uncle Heyward was like no other, & no other will ever be like him - a truest unique, one-of-a-kind.

I will miss my Uncle Heyward very, very much, but I rest easily knowing he lived an amazing & full life, & know without a doubt he will eternally rest peacefully.

Sincerely,

Marc Rashad Jones

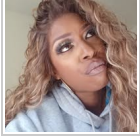
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Great-Nephew to Heyward Lovett St.

Grandson of late Brother, A. Bernard Lovett bka Bern

Son to his niece, Karen Lovett Davis

MarcRashad Jones - August 14, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Miss you Mr Lovett*



TherealCece Jones - August 14, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Kim Roland/Asheville NC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.*



Kim Roland/Asheville NC - August 14, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Michelle, I am praying for you and your family. I will always remember Mr. Lovett and the poems he would always recite to us. He was always so welcoming and would find a way to make us smile. I pray that you have the strength and peace to get through this difficult time.*

Eboni Knight Reece - August 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM

BJ

“ To Michelle Lovett...
My love is still here for you, BabyBear! You have been a strong and supportive daughter to your Dad. Take comfort in knowing that GOD will continue to provide what you need even after your grief subsides because of His love for you. Here's to the peace that only GOD can give as you live life knowing that your Dad had a very long and well-lived life and that he loved you so much!
From your own Mama Bear... I love you much!

Barbara Joyner - August 14, 2020 at 07:55 AM

MW

“ Our condolences to the Lovett and Winston families. May peace be with you during this difficult time.
~Merrie Winston-Council

Merrie Winston-Council - August 14, 2020 at 07:54 AM

BJ

“ To the entire Lovett Family...
My sincerest condolences are extended to you in the passing of Mr Heyward Lovett. I pray that GOD will continue to strengthen you during this time of grief and uncertainty. Please take some comfort in knowing that Mr Lovett's life, almost a century long, gave you memories to last also for a very long time. May GOD's love and peace keep you always!
Much love from Leon and Barbara Joyner!

Barbara Joyner - August 14, 2020 at 07:38 AM

SL

“ I'm glad I was able to visit Uncle Heyward not too long ago. He will be missed but our family is comforted knowing that 'Uncle Hey' is peacefully at rest. 🕊️💕

Susan Lovett - August 13, 2020 at 11:41 PM

ER

“ Michelle, I am praying for you and your family. I will always Mr. Lovett and the poems he would always recite to us. He was always so welcoming and would find a way to make us smile. I pray that you have the strength and peace to get through this difficult time.

Eboni Knight Reece - August 13, 2020 at 09:57 PM

CH

“ Celestine (Lester) Hardy (first cousin of Heyward) and family send condolences and prayers during this time of transition. We will miss him. Be encouraged.

Celestine Hardy - August 13, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LE

“ In memory of Mr. Heyward Lovett, Sr.

Mr. Lovett was my father's, Saint Louis Blizzard Sr. supervisor at NNS. He travelled to Surry County, Va. twenty six years ago to speak at his retirement dinner. He recited a poem about my father, we have it on VHS. I will never forget him. I was sorry to see that he passed away. Rest in heaven Mr. Lovett.

*Linda Blizzard Ellis and Family
Surry County, Va.*

Linda Ellis - August 13, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2020 at 03:42 PM

ER

“ My condolences to the Lovett and Winston families. May God be with you during this very difficult time. Love to all !
Eric Robinson

ERIC ROBINSON - August 13, 2020 at 03:15 PM

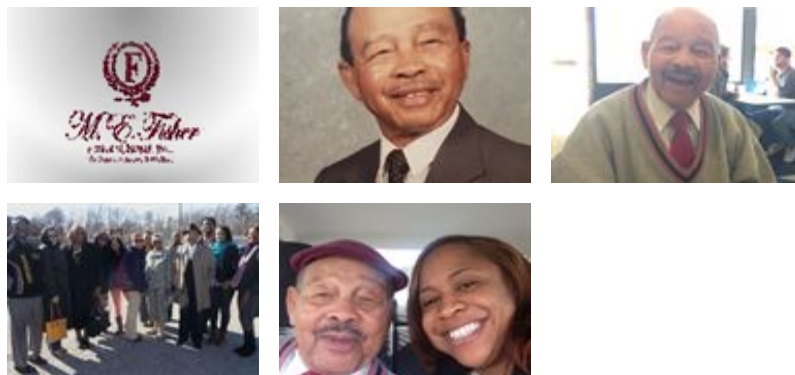
AW

My sincerest condolences to the Lovett family. Although I never met your father I feel like I knew him though you. May you have the strength of God and his love to carry on. God bless you and your family.

Aaron Woods - August 14, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr..*



August 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Clements Hanson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.*



clements hanson - August 12, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Gary Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.*



Gary Smith - August 12, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ *Rest in eternal peace. We will always remember your laugh, the poetry you'd recite and the many years we shared. We love you family..*

Uncle Walter and daughters

Gina L Lewis - August 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM

GS

“ To the Lovett Family My Family and I send Heartfelt Condolences from the Beautiful Mtns of Asheville NC Mr Lovett's Family was the first Family I met when I moved to VA in 1989 We consider him Our Family As Well My Gran's and Great Gran's called him Pop-Pop We All Have Precious Memories of Him ❤️❤️ Nestled in Our Hearts May You find Comfort in knowing that God will Strengthen You
Gloria Sandford & Family

Gloria Sandford - August 11, 2020 at 07:46 PM

SG

“ SCARLETTE GRANT lit a candle in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.



SCARLETTE GRANT - August 11, 2020 at 07:13 PM

KT

“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Heyward Stanford Lovett, Sr.



Kenneth Tabb - August 11, 2020 at 04:47 PM

LH

“Michelle, I send my condolences to you with love. You have been a wonderful daughter. Your Dad felt all of the love you gave him. Keep his memories close to your heart. Your weeping may last for a night but remember that joy comes in the morning. Love you Babygirl.



Ma Linda

Linda H.Hamlet - August 11, 2020 at 12:33 PM

WJ

My Condolences go out to the Lovett Family. May He Rest In Peace and eternal felicity

William David Jenkins - August 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM

EB

Michelle, You showed such love and care for your father. I know he loved you with all his heart. He is resting with the Lord now. Our prayers are with you and are her for you. Mama Gwendo and Pop EC.

EC and Gwen Burnett - August 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JR

My condolences to the Lovett's family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Jeannie Martin Russell

Jeannie Martin Russell - August 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM

CC

May God continue to Bless the Lovett family during this most difficult time.He was such a dear friend of mine.We. became friends at Miracle Temple Baptist Church some years ago.I will miss him but God loved him too and had a better home prepared for him

Clarice Chapman - August 12, 2020 at 01:11 PM

HD

I met Mr. Lovett at Miracle Temple and was drawn to him initially because of his first name. Then I was drawn closer by his warmth, wisdom and genuiness ! He will be missed !!

Haywood Davis - August 14, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SC

On behalf of the members & Pastor A.R.Cooper of Miracle Temple Baptist Church, we extend our deepest sympathy to the Lovett family. Mr. Lovett was always pleasant & a filled with joy during service. His smile was infectious. He will truly be missed.

Sarina Williams (Funeral Coordinator) - August 15, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 11, 2020 at 12:26 PM



Mr Lovett you are going to be miss I for every be grateful that I have met I miss my morning speaking to you have a conversation and you tell me about your life in the past but you will always be missed but never forgotten carry-on my angel fly away to the beautiful sky of kingdom

TherealCece Jones - August 14, 2020 at 03:10 PM

KD

Mr. Lovett always had a smile for you. He will be missed. May God Bless and Keep your family in the days ahead.

Karen Doswell-Pastor's Aid of Miracle Temple

Karen Doswell - August 14, 2020 at 05:42 PM