



RET 1SG Grady Mims

February 20, 1943 - August 26, 2023

Grady Mims was the son of Bernie Mims Davis. He was born in Augusta, Georgia on February 20, 1943. He joined Second Missionary Baptist Church in 1990 in Fayetteville, NC. He was married to Ms. Lynnette Livingston on the 7th of September of 1962 in Lawton, OK.

Deacon Grady graduated from High School, and completed over 100 college credits. He was employed as an ROTC Instructor at North _____ from 1990-1991, Statesville 1991-1993 and Red Springs 1993-1995.

He Honorably served in the US Army from 1960 -1990 as a Squad

Leader, Section/Team Chief, Platoon Sergeant, Electronic Communication (NSO), Drill Instructor and First Sergeant.

He was a member of many organizations and affiliations to include: North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), Prince Hall Military Lodge, Orders of the Eastern Star, Donald H. Coleman Consistory #329, Faisal temple #192, National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Disabled American Vets (DAV) and Deacon of Secondary Missionary Baptist Church.

He received numerous awards: Commanders Award (Camp Victory) Ft. Jackson, SC. Bronze Star Vietnam Service Medal. Army _____ Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, US Army _____ Medal, NC Order of the Long Leaf Line. Teachers of America (1996).

Deacon Grady was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Reatha Mims Thomas.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mrs. Lynnette; sons, Andre and Scott Mims; granddaughter, Andrea Williams; great grandson, Nicholas; great granddaughter, Annice; great great granddaughters, Olivia McDowell; niece, Carol Hughes, nephew, Grady Thomas; great niece, Tia Lane; great great nieces, Zoe and Amber; great great nephews, Keshawn, Gavin, Lushawn, Tair and Jacen; Zoe; and other family and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 1. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

2nd Missionary Baptist Church
522 Old Wilmington Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 30, 2023 at 03:21 PM

RJ

Saying Goodbye to Deacon Grady Mims. I have always considered him a friend and a man of God. I bid you farewell as heaven welcomes you there. Rest well sir. I'll see you in the morning of that great getting up day so that we can Crown our Savior ❤️ family just know God has him in perfect peace. Many prayers for Mrs. Lynette and family. I ❤️ love you all. Our last moments were at Timothy Stropshire comedy act.

Rosa Farmer Jones - August 30, 2023 at 10:45 PM

BM

*Thank You Grady For All The Great Advice And Leadership.
Rest Easy King 🙏❤️
Bonita Muhammad*

Bonita Muhammad - August 31, 2023 at 02:27 PM

GT

Love you Uncle Grady

Grady Thomas - August 31, 2023 at 02:47 PM

CR

A Beautiful Tribute for a Beautiful Soul, Always in Our Hearts, We Love you Uncle Grady.

Carole Ricks - August 31, 2023 at 03:06 PM

WM

Sorry to learn of your loss. Be assured that God knows how much we can bear and that He will take care of you.

William and Joyce McLeod - August 31, 2023 at 07:49 PM

CL

Uncle Grady Mims, it was always huge laughable and teaching moments with you during family gatherings that I'll remember for a lifetime. Live you❤️. Youngin- Cherise Livingston

Cherise Livingston - September 02, 2023 at 11:39 AM

LA

My Deepest condolences and prayers for the family. He will truly be missed. He was a kind and loving man always willing to help and teach others. You have earned your wings Decon Grady Mims, now Rest in Heaven . Love you, Linda Anderson

Linda Anderson - September 09, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JF

*I just recently found about the loss of 1SG Mims. I had the HONOR & PRIVILEGE if working With him in W.Germany (210th FA BDE Herzo Base) for 3 years EVERY DAY. 1 of the BEST NCO's I ever worked with.
R.I.P.*

james ford - July 13, 2024 at 01:54 AM

EL

“ When I was in highschool he was over JROTC and enjoyed hearing him talk/teach. I just thought of you and wanted to say even 24yrs after graduation I still miss our talks. You will be truly missed 1st Sgt, my condolences to family.

Elijah Locklear - August 17, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JF

“ I recently was thinking of MSG Mims and to my Dismay I have seen he has passed away. I had the HONOR & PRIVILEGE of working with Msg Mims in West Germany(1981-1984 210Th Fa BDE) I was a Very Young man and my 1St Overseas duty, I left My wife And 1st Born back in the States and MSG Mims took me under his wing and Helped me be a BETTER Soldier, Husband and Father. I was only 23 years old at the time. He helped me Get my Family over to W. Germany and we Had a 2nd Child when I was still over there. I Arrived at Herzo base a Young E-3 and left there 3 years later as a Confident E-5. I often thought about Msg Mims over the years and it breaks my Heart that I NEVER got to Reconnect with him, He was like a Father to me, But don't get me Wrong, He Expected every soldier in his Platoon to do there Job and do it Efficiently. Save a Seat for me MSG Mims at the Next "Hail & Fairwell". God Bless you and your Family. SGT James P. Ford Sr and as our Company motto said "Controlling The BEST".

james ford - July 30, 2024 at 11:37 AM

MP

“ I grew up being back door neighbors with Deacon and Mrs. Grady. He was always kind, encouraging, and listened to my "preaching" in my backyard. I am grateful he was able to see me preach my initial sermon. He, and his voice on WIDU will be missed.



Markesce Patton-Williams - September 02, 2023 at 07:14 AM

MW

“ We been calling you out every week on the radio broadcast because you were one of our faithful listeners you would often call in telling us to keep doing what we were doing and that you enjoyed our show I sent out a shout out to you last Saturday and GOD sent one out as well you answered the master we wont hold it against you you were faithful to GOD as well we will always remember you Deacon Grady your Saturday morning Host of Faith On Fiya

Mark Whitsett - September 01, 2023 at 07:31 PM

SE

“ Sonya Edmonds lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Sonya Edmonds - September 01, 2023 at 07:00 PM

JA

“ Joann Adams lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Joann Adams - September 01, 2023 at 06:59 PM

LF

“ TO THE MIMS FAMILY, TRULY YOU HAVE OUR CONDOLENCES. DEACON MIMS HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON OUR LIVES, A VERY FRIENDLY PERSON, HE WILL BE MISSED YES, BUT HE LEFT HIS IMPRINT IN OUR HEARTS.WE SAY REST ON OUR FRIEND. SINCERELY WITH LOVE, MRS.FLOWERS

LEEANNA FLOWERS - September 01, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CG

“ Cheryl Flowers Gainey lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Cheryl Flowers Gainey - September 01, 2023 at 05:03 PM

RF

“ Rev Parker and Family lit a candle in memory of 1SG Grady Mims



Rev Tillie Parker and Family - September 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RET 1SG Grady Mims.

September 01, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET 1SG Grady Mims.



September 01, 2023 at 10:57 AM

DE

“ *Deborah Elliott lit a candle in memory of 1SG Grady Mims*



Deborah Elliott - September 01, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PD

“ *Pastor Greg and 1st Lady Monica Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of RET 1SG Grady Mims.*



Pastor Greg and 1st Lady Monica Davis - September 01, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of RET 1SG Grady Mims.*



August 31, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of RET 1SG Grady Mims.*



August 31, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DJ

“ Douglas & Jeannie E. Jones lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Douglas & Jeannie E. Jones - August 30, 2023 at 04:42 PM

DJ

My Friend was "Robed and Ready. " He left this world a better place because he shared his. Wisdom in so many walks of life. VOTE PRAY JOYFUL NOISE BEAUTY IN NATURE LOVE

Douglas & Jeannie E. Jones - September 06, 2023 at 03:46 PM

RJ

“ Ruby. C Jones lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Ruby. C Jones - August 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM

SM

“ So many great things SGT MIMS helped us with in JROTC. He taught us valuable lessons before we graduated from RSHS. He was like a school dad for many. He will truly be missed. Our prayers go out to Mrs. MIMS and her entire family.

Sharon Metcalf - August 29, 2023 at 08:47 PM

BF

“ *Barbara. Feemster lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims*



Barbara. Feemster - August 29, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of RET 1SG Grady Mims.*



August 29, 2023 at 08:28 PM

YH

“ *We would like to offer our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your wonderful husband (Grady Mims), who was not only a loving partner but also a true friend. May the memories of Grady help you find peace. We loved him and will miss him. May God's love and grace surround you and the family during this sad time. Frederick and Yvonne Hodges*

Yvonne & Fredrick Hodges - August 29, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LJ

“ To the Mims and Extended family members I extend my condolences to you Mrs. Mims and children. From this forward may God our Creator and Father shower your family with Love, Comfort, Unity and the Peace that Surpasses All Understanding.

Ms. LaVonna A. Johnson (aka youngun his favorite word for all of us)



LaVonna Armstrong Johnson - August 29, 2023 at 03:50 PM

DH

“ Deacon Frederick Hodges lit a candle in memory of RET 1SG Grady Mims



Deacon Frederick Hodges - August 29, 2023 at 01:20 PM