

In Loving Memory
of
Billie Ray Garrett



Sunrise
June 26, 1940

Sunset
June 30, 2014

Services

Saturday, July 5, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

2801 North Kelley Avenue

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Brother Randy Harrison - Officiating

Obituary

Billie Ray Garrett entered into eternal rest on June 30, 2014, surrounded by his wife and children. He was the first child born to Billie and Marguerite Garrett on June 26, 1940 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by both parents and his son, Darrell Lamont Garrett.

Billie accepted Christ into his life and was baptized at Britton Road Church of Christ in 1994.

Billie attended Oklahoma City Public Schools and graduated from Douglass High School in 1958. Considered to be the class clown among his classmates, he was best known as "Fat George". After graduation, Billie moved to Seattle, Washington to work for Boeing Aircraft, but immediately moved back to Oklahoma City and began working for the United States Postal Service until his retirement in 2002.

Billie met and married Mattie Hill in 1994, and remained with her until his death.

Billie was somewhat of an icon at the Martin Luther King Station Post Office. He never met a stranger and didn't let one customer leave without saying "Hello" or striking up a conversation. He had an extreme passion for jazz music, sports, and was an avid collector of several hundred jazz albums. Billie placed great value and was very proud of his family. He believed in capturing memories with photographs and never hesitated to snap a picture of anyone who stopped by to visit.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Mattie Garrett of the home; his mother-in-law, Geraldine Johnson of Spencer, Oklahoma; two aunts: Ann Stephens of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Ruby Smith of Chicago, Illinois; two sons: Steven Craig Garrett of Rowlett, Texas and Randall Gerald Garrett of Edmond, Oklahoma; two daughters: Ginaraye Garrett-Cox and Natalie Lynn Mitchell, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one sister, Blondene Taite of McKinney, Texas; and three brothers: S. Garrett McDowell of Taipei, Taiwan; Ronnie Garrett and Richard Garrett, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; four brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law; he grew up very close to Mattie's children: Kevin, Donald, Stephanie and Angela; one God-daughter, Ashli Tate of McKinney, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren and several great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many classmates and longtime friends.