

## *Obituary*

Orville Christopher Herd was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 27, 1953 to James and Augusta Herd.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Tabitha Baptist Church. "Chris" as referred to by family and close friends, attended Edwards Elementary, Kennedy Jr. High School, and graduated from Douglass High School in 1971. While at Douglass, Chris was a loyal member of the marching band and played the clarinet. Chris was named "Who's Who Among High School Students" in 1970-1971. He loved sports and had a heart for animals. As an adult, he loved to cook and specialized in grilling, often being asked to cook for BBQ cookouts and picnics. His soft-spoken manner and thoughtfulness were attributes that stood out to all who knew him. After being accepted into the University of Oklahoma (OU), Chris had dreams of being a medical doctor. His meticulous nature and attention to detail served him well.

With over 30 years of service invested at Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB), he held various positions but retired from TAFB as a Jet Engine Mechanic on June 30, 2014. Throughout his career, he continued his education earning an Associate Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rose State College in 2003, and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration Organizational Management from Langston University in July, 2009.

Chris' journey through life had many good times; one being, the birth of his son, Rashad and another being when he met and married the love of his life, Ofelia, seven years ago.

Chris was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. of which he spoke often and endearingly.

Chris is preceded in death by both parents: James and Augusta Herd; maternal grandparents: Dave Smith and Mary Key Smith, and paternal grandparents: Thomas and Bertha Herd. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ofelia of the home; one son, Rashad Herd of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two granddaughters: Rashara and Jamecia of Oklahoma City; one brother, James Herd and family of Oklahoma City; one sister, Adline Fuston and family of Oklahoma; the Herd family of Los Angeles, California; the Gopez Family of the Philippines; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.