

"You're Live On Open Mic"

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Mosby
Charles D. Alexander
Rodney Daniels

Nate Mosby
Joe Daniels
John Livingston

Flower Bearers

Class of 1969

Acknowledgment

The family of Fred Elkins, Jr. would like to thank you for your many act of kindness shown during this difficult time. A special thanks and appreciation to Kingwood Skilled Nursing and Therapy; the staff and the residents. May you continue to be blessed in a special way.

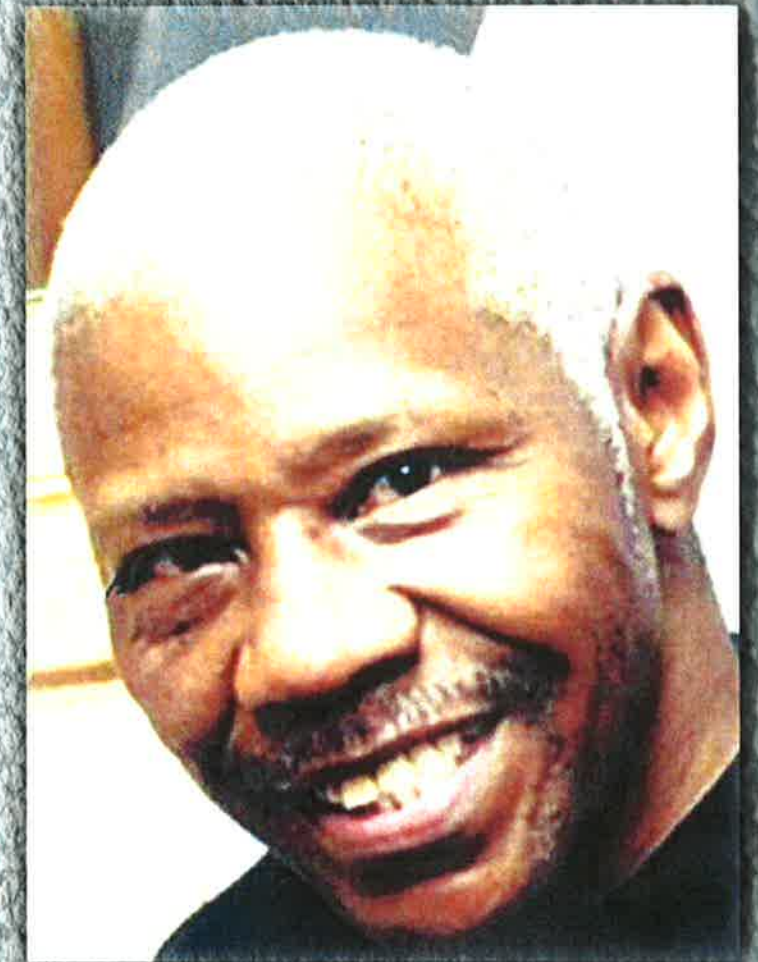
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"We Care"
II Timothy 4:8

Celebration Of Life

For

Fred L. Elkins, Jr.



*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."
- Psalm 30:5*

SUNRISE
November 1, 1951

SUNSET
May 24, 2019

Services
Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Street Baptist Church
801 Northeast 5th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend A. Byron Coleman, Pastor - Officiating

Reflections of His Life

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Fred L. Elkins, Jr., was born on November 1st, 1951, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Fred L. and Ardell (Wright) Elkins, Sr. Fred (family called him Jr.) was the 4th of 5 children born to that union.

The family moved to Oklahoma City and they settled in North Creston Hills, where he attended elementary school (Thomas Ava Edison). His childhood consisted of neighborhood fun with neighborhood kids. While living in North Creston Hills, he made some lifelong friends (Gary Kuykendall Stanley Griffin and Ronald Ware). He finished his education at Northeast High School, where he played football, basketball and ran track. He was a proud member of the class of 1969; he is forever a Vikings.

Fred accepted Christ at an early age and he had the pleasure and joy to be a member under his father's leadership at Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church. Fred had a deep love for the Lord; it was a love that was born out of adversity. It was an incredible journey that began on February 18, 1972, his life, as he knew it, was changed forever. On that fateful night, 47 years ago, he was involved in a car crash that left him paralyzed from the neck down. The doctors told his parents IF he made it through the night, he would never walk again BUT walk he did and as he took those steps with first his Canadian crutches and eventually with the aid of a cane; Fred saw his life, not as over but as interrupted and not interrupted for long. It was from that point, that Fred started his own relationship with God. Fred was always thirsty to read about the goodness of God and to talk about Him. Fred felt like his life spoke to the goodness of God every day. Although his wreck left his body paralyzed, his mind was free to roam. After leaving Okmulgee Rehabilitation Center, he had to think about what he would do for an occupation; that is when he set his eyes on broadcasting.

In 1973, he got his First Class Radio Telephone Operator License, having graduated from the Elkins Institute of Broadcasting in Dallas, Texas, and a year later (January 1974), Fred landed what was to become an eventful radio broadcasting career by taking a position, as an on-air personality, at KFJL Radio in Oklahoma City. He was there for two years, also serving as a weekend newsmen, before moving on to a Tulsa station, KKUL. At KKUL, Fred was the morning weekday on-air personality and music director.

It only took about a year for KTFX Radio in Tulsa to get wind of Fred's talents and to recruit him from KKUL. At KTFX, Fred was creator and host of "The Music Appreciation Hour," which was a one-hour review featuring a popular album, complete with personal comments from the artist of the album. Fred worked the evening shift on weekdays.

A year later he moved back to Oklahoma City and joined KAEZ-FM, as program director. As program director, he had the responsibility of creating and then implementing a sellable format, as well as managing a nine-member on air staff and a three-person news staff.

Two years later, he was on staff at KLNK Radio in Oklahoma City, not only as an on-air personality (working sometimes on weekends and weekdays) but also as assistant news director.

In 1982, Fred's talents as a radio broadcaster took him to Ardmore to station

KELS Radio, where he not only worked as an on-air radio personality but he also served as assistant news director. In 1983, he worked on a project with Crystal R. Co., as coordinating producer for a television program "Making It" for three years. This was sweet for him, getting to work with his friend, Steve Scott.

KPRW Radio in Oklahoma City prompted his return and he was named music director and signed on as morning drive on-air personality. In 1993, KPRW was acquired by Perry Publishing & Broadcasting and renamed the station to KVSP. Fred was hired on March 15, 1993, when KVSP went on the air Fred was there in the role of production director and on-air personality (one of the weekly segments that he developed was "two shot Tuesday").

When Perry Publishing & Broadcasting acquired KJMM-FM in Tulsa and KKRX-AM and KJMZ-FM in Lawton, Fred also assumed director responsibilities for these stations. Fred became the co-host of "The Open Mic", morning talk show, heard on KVSP and eventually KRMP-AM that is where he hit his stride. Looking back, he was able to see where his journey in radio, had taught him much. Fred loved being an on-air personality; however, he loved different aspects of broadcasting and excelled in all of them. It was masterful to watch him in the production room, creating those commercials, doing voice overs; how he maneuvered, in spite of his limitations; MASTERFUL!

While in radio, Fred received several awards that he was extremely proud of. A Proclamation was given to him by Mayor Patience Latting (1975), prompted by Councilman Goree James. The reason for the proclamation was Fred's ability to preserve against all odds. Fred received the NAACP Youth Council's Clara Luper Service and Achievement Award, in 1999. In 2018, he received the first Rita Washington Lifetime Achievement Award. Fred was also appointed, by Governor Frank Keating, to the Oklahoma Board of Rehabilitation Council and served as a representative for several years; he loved bringing his life experience to the table.

Fred is the proud father of Tamar Hinton, Darvis Adkins, Lamont Elkins and Brandy Elkins. In 1984, he married Raushanah Abdul Raheem; they were married for over 30 years. Fred retired from radio, after 38 years, on November 2, 2012 to take care of his wife.

Fred lived his life his way and he was unapologetic. He loved to play chess with his cousin Pervis, watch MSNBC, listen to Stevie Wonder, watch golf, cheer OU on (rather basketball or football and an occasion baseball game), watch tennis (especially Serena and Venus), eating a good seafood meal and watching a good movie. He always had time for a good discussion. Fred was loving, caring and kind; he was always accepting of everyone, "slow to judge, quick to help". Fred loved to teach and was able to interact with young, aspiring individuals; who were breaking into radio. Fred showed strength and tenacity and had a never give up attitude. He had an unforgettable voice, a smile that could light up a room and eyes that sparkled.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". On May 24th, Fred, surrounded by those who loved him most, took the hand of the God who loved Him more. Fred was preceded in death by his parents, a son (Lamont Elkins), a brother (Edward Elkins) and a sister (Leola Williams).

Fred is survived by his wife, Raushanah, of the home; two daughters, Tamar (Monroe) Hinton, and Brandy Elkins, one son Darvis (Carol) Adkins; seven grandchildren; Joseph Hinton, Isaiah Hinton, Elijah Hinton, Sharica (Carlos)

Robinson, Darvis Arnett Jr., Dasia Arnett, DeAndre Arnett; one great grandson Eli and another great grandbaby that's on the way; one brother Jesse Mathis Los Angeles CA; five sisters Lou (BJ) McCullough, Pat (Wayne) Wyatt, Louise Alexander; June (Ray) Elkins-Baker and Marilyn (Neil) Massong; a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. Fred had four special cousins; Joe Shaw, Pervis Shaw, Mike Marzett and Robert Marzett. Fred also had some special lifelong friends; Bonita Ridley, Steve Scott, Les Sparks (deceased), Darnell Swift, Harold Ford, Gary Kuykendall, Herman Simmons, Jr. and Ronald Ware.



Order of Service

Processional	
Congressional Song	..... "I Will Trust In The Lord"
Scripture	
Old Testament	..... Reverend Derrick Richardson
New Testament	..... Reverend Leonard Jones
Prayer	..... Reverend James Greenwood
Selection	..... Rochelle Mosby
Resolutions/Acknowledgment	..... Alan Washington
SPECIAL MEMORIES (DESIGNATED PERSONS)	
	Perry Publishing and Broadcasting - Russell Perry, Terry Monday
	Mark Lyons - Northeast High School (1969)
	Childhood - Gary Kuykendall, Ronald Ware
	Early Radio - Steve Scott, Darnell Swift
Selection	..... Chris Thompson
Remarks	..... Limit 2 minutes, please and thank you
Reflections	..... June Elkins-Baker (Baby Sister)
Pictorial	
Parting View	..... Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
Recessional	