



I will learn to live in the
Sunshine of your life
Instead of the dark
Shadow of your death.
—Unknown



*In Loving Memory
of
Tommy Joe Jackson
"Rusty"*

SUNRISE
October 21, 1966

SUNSET
December 2, 2019



SERVICES

Saturday, December 7, 2019 — 10:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER BAPTIST CHURCH

701 South Sunnyslane Road
Del City, Oklahoma 73115

Rev. Dr. Edward L. Jefferson, Senior Pastor

Minister Micheal Chapman
Officiating

Obituary

Tommy Joe Jackson "Rusty" was born on October 21, 1966 to Betty Jo Rhodes Hanson and John Ester Jackson in Wewoka, OK. He was one of seven children.

Tommy attended Wewoka High School, Wewoka, Oklahoma where he graduated in 1983. In pursuit of learning and excellence, he advanced his knowledge and skills at Okmulgee Tech, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Gifted with his hands, Tommy worked for Pelco Industries, Edmond, Oklahoma, where he was employed until his transition. He was an exemplary employee.

Tommy loved and adored his wife, Tarsha Jackson. Their marriage of 33 years was good and honorable in the sight of God. They shared love, friendship, joy, and engaged in various events to include, participating in family reunions, friend gatherings, and rodeos.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Tommy "Rusty" said, "Tell it like it is." Hence, glimpses of his life continue to unfold a life well lived. Tommy "Rusty" remained a faithful role model, friend, guide, and teacher to those in his sphere of influence. He made a difference in the lives of many. A helper of mankind, he had a passion to assist any and everyone. He loved to barbeque and cook and loved every bit of it whether it be for home, church, employment, or events.

A kind and gentle person, Tommy "Rusty" loved his family and being with his grandchildren. He protected them and was a good provider.

Tommy "Rusty" was a faithful member of House of Prayer Baptist Church. Tommy "Rusty" united with his church in 2000. He was ordained as a deacon in 2010, serving diligently to his church and obedience to God all while accepting his call to ministry and stepping into this right before his transition.

Memories of Tommy Joe Jackson "Rusty" will remain in our hearts and spirit, reminding us that we are safe in our Heavenly Father's arms, because He is a Good Shepherd. On Monday, December 2, 2019, Tommy "Rusty" fell asleep, declaring "When will I see Jesus, Amen". Total peace and healing came and God dispatched his angels to usher Tommy "Rusty" to his eternal home.

Tommy "Rusty" Jackson was preceded in death by his father, John Esker Jackson; his mother, Betty Jo Rhodes; and brothers: Bobby Asberry, Carl Jackson, Cassious Jackson, and Issac Jackson.

Tommy "Rusty" leaves memories to his devoted, loving, and caring wife, Tarsha Jackson; Tommy "Rusty" fathered five children being: Krystal Jackson of Wewoka, OK, Briana Jackson-Adenusi, Kirah Edwards, Jeremy Jackson, and Deonna Jackson, all of Oklahoma City, OK; three grandchildren: Brylan and Ahnae Adenusi and Demar Durham of Oklahoma City, OK; goddaughter, Ajaleen Ray; four sisters: Kim Rhodes, Sammi Grant (John), all of Oklahoma City, OK, Polly Jackson, Molly Edwards of Wewoka, OK; six brothers: Larry Asberry, Johnnie Jackson, Sam Rhodes (Sonja), Patrick Rhodes, all of Oklahoma City, OK, Larry John Jackson, and Jeremy Jackson of Missouri; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

- Organ Prelude
- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Selection Community Baptist Church
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament Deacon Kenneth Chapman
House of Prayer Baptist Church
New Testament Deacon Paul Jackson
House of Prayer Baptist Church
- Prayer Rev. Dr. Edward L. Jefferson
House of Prayer Baptist Church
- Selection Community Baptist Church
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement Sis. Linda Chapman
- Words of Encouragement Bro. Larry Asberry, Jr.
- Solo LeQuetta Gordon
- Selection Community Baptist Church
- Eulogy Minister Micheal Chapman
Former Asst. Minister, House of Prayer Baptist Church
- Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Parting View Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Active Pallbearers

Flint Pattison • Elbert Thomas • Delbert Thomas
Richard Graham • Rodney Barkus
Carl Hardin • Leon Rowans • Wayne Long

Honorary Pallbearers

Kenneth Lovelace • Willie Kelly • David Ray
Clark Watts • David Flemming • Jeff Bennett
Kevin Futrel • Mike Jackson • Corey Wilson • Joe Cubit

Flower Bearers

Shelia Smith • Chanel Long • Treasha Jackson
Dee Dee Grayson • Lisa Futrel
Paula Island • Regina Ray • Connie Edwards

Honorary Flower Bearers

Kay Findley • Diane Burdine • Alleen Jackson
Shirley Madkins • Novella Small
Joy Jefferson • Cecelia Tucker • Martha Levier

Services under the direction of:

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Tommy Joe Jackson, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your presence today and for the many prayers and acts of love and kindness.

Sincere thanks to Pastor Jefferson, House of Prayer Ministries, and family who kept the bowls of prayers and intercession filled.

REPAST:

House of Prayer Baptist Church