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Curtis Kemp
Felix Hinds

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Friends and Family

Interment

Beulah Land
Langston, Oklahoma

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Acknowledgment

The family of Dr. Phillip D. Birdine wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

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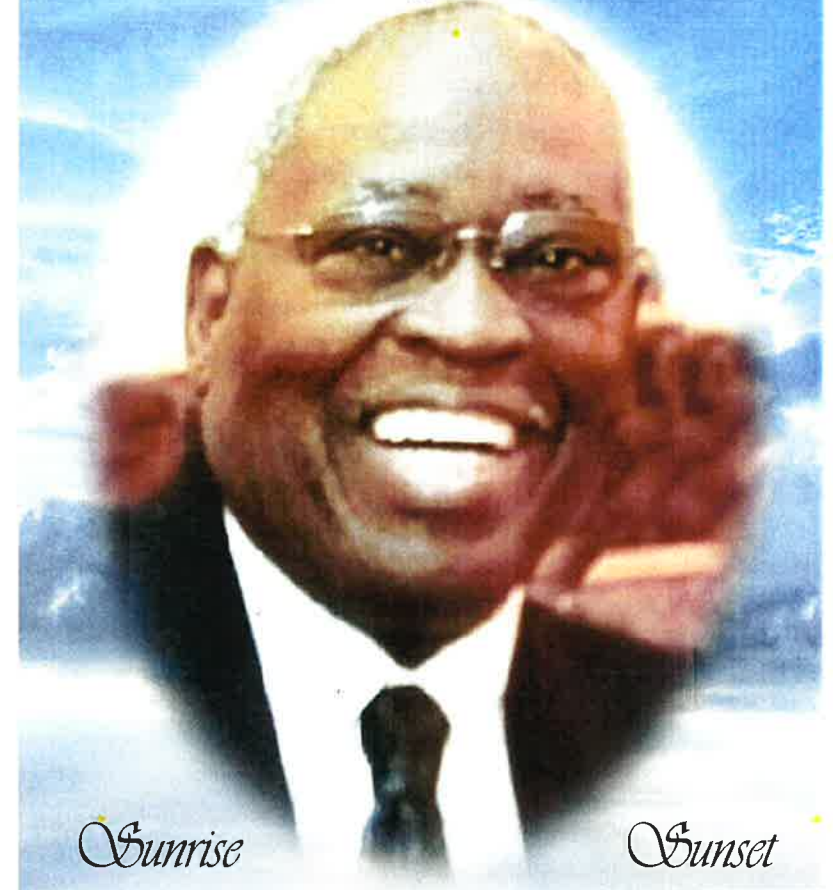
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In Loving Memory of Dr. Phillip Dwight Birdine



Sunrise
February 21, 1951

Sunset
May 16, 2020

Services

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Brother Mark Vaughn - Officiating

Obituary

Dr. Phillip Dwight Birdine, was born in Frederick, Oklahoma on February 21, 1951 to Era Bell Birdine (Carter) and Clayton Birdine; he passed away in peace May 16, 2020 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 69. As most children did in that day and age Phillip began working with his siblings in the cotton fields of Southwest Oklahoma at an early age to help provide an income for the household. He attributed his working in those fields, often in stifling heat, to what would give him the tenacity to work hard even under pressure and situations that were not ideal; some of those attributes were, being a provider for his family and making sure his family was well taken care of; as well as, being competitive, because as he would tell it, he wanted to pick the fastest and the heaviest bales, because he knew the faster he was finished with work the more time he had to play. Those attributions would carry over later in life as there were many economic and racial inequalities, he would have to overcome to reach his goals. Phillip was a very studious young man and credits several of his elementary teachers and siblings with challenging him to excel in his classwork. His favorite subject in school was History; his natural inquisitiveness, his curiosity about where his ancestors came from, why things were the way they were and the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement drew him in and helped to fulfill his ambitions about the knowledge of his Race and Culture. He grew up a Dallas Cowboys and St. Louis Cardinals fan, played basketball, baseball and was in his high school band.

Upon graduating from high school Phillip joined the United States Army where he would be stationed in Ft. Dix in New Jersey as well as Frankfurt Germany and would become an Expert with the M14 & M16 rifles and worked as an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist. Phillip was Honorably Discharged from the Army in 1972. After his service, Phillip enrolled at Langston University and during an outing with some friends at Sparks Cafe, he met his future wife and love of his

life Gloria. After their courtship, the couple wed on May 15, 1978 in Vernon, TX. Phil would go on to complete his Bachelors (Langston University), Masters (Central State University) and Doctorate (Ed.D) (Texas Tech University); there would be several relocations along the way as well, from Poteau, Oklahoma to Emporia, Kansas; Lubbock, Texas; Wichita Falls, Texas before arriving back to his beloved state of Oklahoma. Once back in his home state Phillip worked at Langston University, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater and finally Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, Oklahoma, where he retired as the only African American President of a Non HBCU in the state of Oklahoma. Phillip was blessed to have many mentors in his life and many great relationships with so many individuals and their families over the course of his career and life. He was also blessed to mentor several others and pay it forward. One of whom was his niece, with whom he built a unique and special bond; his niece Christy Houston-Porter began working on a school in his honor in 2019, the Dr. Phil Birdine Learning Center in Pittsburgh, PA will have its ribbon cutting ceremony in August of 2020 and will open in 2021. Phillip's spirit will be guiding the leadership of the organization.

In his passing Phillip leaves behind his beloved wife Gloria; Daughters: Janet and Jennifer; Sons: Christopher and Phillip; Grandchildren: Rebecca, Keila, Janay, LaDonna, Jarvis, Felipe, Cavacio, Tayvian, Amares, Zaila; Siblings: Charles Carter, Alfred Birdine, Larry Birdine, Lyndia Tarkington, Rodney Birdine and Phyllis Iverson. He was preceded in death by his mother Era Bell Birdine; father, Clayton Birdine; Brothers, Vernon Dale and Gregory Birdine; Sister, Patricia Houston. Phillip leaves behind a host of family, friends and loved everyone with whom he had built a relationship with over the years. Phillip will be greatly missed and will remain loved and embedded in the hearts and memories of us all.

Order of Service

Due to COVID-19, the services will be limited to 50 people. Funeral Services can be viewed online by selecting the "Watch Live" tab, on the Temple & Son's Website: templeandson.com

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Song Curtisia Battle

Scripture Reading Charles Carter

Words of Faith Charles Carter

Song Nona & Rochelle - Johnson Sisters

Eulogy Brother Mark Vaughn

Words of thanks Phillip Birdine

Reflections (Poem) Phillip Birdine

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