

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace, at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with memories of joy,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
All these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,  
My life's been full, I've savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*In Loving Memory*

*of*

*Dennis W. Giddens*

*Sunrise*

*January 15, 1955*

*Sunset*

*December 22, 2021*



# Obituary

Dennis Giddens was born on January 15, 1955 to Willie and Lottie Smith Giddens in Florence, Arizona. Dennis was the twelfth of fifteen children. He took his last breath in the home he shared with his wife on December 22, 2021.

Dennis graduated from Gray High School in Idabel, Oklahoma. He was seventeen years old when he then joined the United States Army. After serving in the military, he then enrolled at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. It was there he would earn his Bachelor's degree.

Dennis married his first and only wife, Carla on the 29th day of December, 1978. They went on to raise three children and six grandchildren. He enjoyed being a father, but he LOVED being a grandpa aka Papi. He also loved spending time catching up with his siblings as well as his many nephews and nieces. He loved to laugh. His smile warmed up a room.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Lottie Giddens; sisters: Burnett Rhynes, Annie Asare and Elma Giddens Smith; brother, William Giddens.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Carla Giddens; daughters: Melinda Grant-Wells and Candice Giddens-Hines; son, Malcolm T. Poe; grandchildren: Andre Grant, Miles Schon, Diamond Hines, Ariana Poe, Mekhi Poe, and last but not least, Dallas Dennis Hines; daughter-in-law, Raven Poe; sons-in-law: Jay Wells and Reggie Hines. Also left to cherish his memory are, brothers: Clemmie (Frankie) Giddens, Martin Giddens, Donald (Maude Ann) Giddens, Wash (Regina) Giddens, Charles Giddens, James Giddens, Willie B. Giddens; sisters: Velma Moseley, Zelma Polk, Dorothy Giddens, Esther (Richard) Johnson, America Giddens; as well as a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, cousins and friends.

Coach left this world loving the Lord. His love of Basketball led him into a professional career with Coach Donny Tuley. Their personal relationship was to be admired. They were not only colleagues they were family.



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# Order of Service

Processional ..... "You Know My Name"  
Tasha Cobbs w/Ft. Jimi Cravity

Scripture Reading ..... Dr. Kelly R. Booker  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Remarks ..... Limit to 2 minutes or less please

Song ..... "He's An On Time God"

Eulogy ..... Dr. Kelly R. Booker

Video Tribute

Viewing ..... Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessional ..... "Rough Side Of the Mountain"  
Reverend F.L. Barnes  
Reverend Janice Brown

## *As I Sit In Heaven*

*As I sit in heaven and watch you everyday,  
I try to let you know with signs, I never went away.  
I hear you when you're laughing,  
and watch you as you sleep.  
I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away,  
begging to have me home.  
So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.  
Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me.  
Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.  
So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.  
Then I know with every breath you take,  
you'll be taking one for me.*

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## *Services*

*Monday, January 3, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.*

*Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.*

*Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel*

*2801 North Kelley Avenue*

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

*Dr. Kelly R. Booker, Pastor - Officiating*

*New Union Baptist Church*



## *Acknowledgment*

*Because you care, you came to share beautiful flowers, and words of prayer. Because you care, we're grateful indeed, you've been a comfort and a friend indeed. On behalf of the family, we sincerely thank you all so very much.*

## *Pallbearers*

Andre Grant  
Malcolm Poe  
Patrick Rhynes

Martin Dale Giddens  
Reginald Johnson  
Eddie Joe Moseley

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Donny Tuley  
Michael Giddens  
James Giddens  
Charles Giddens

Jay Wells  
Reggie Hines  
Dee Giddens  
J.R. Giddens

## *Flower Bearers*

Markayla Patton

Courtney Small

## *Interment*

Resthaven Cemetery  
500 S.W. 104th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139

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*"We Care"*

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