



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.



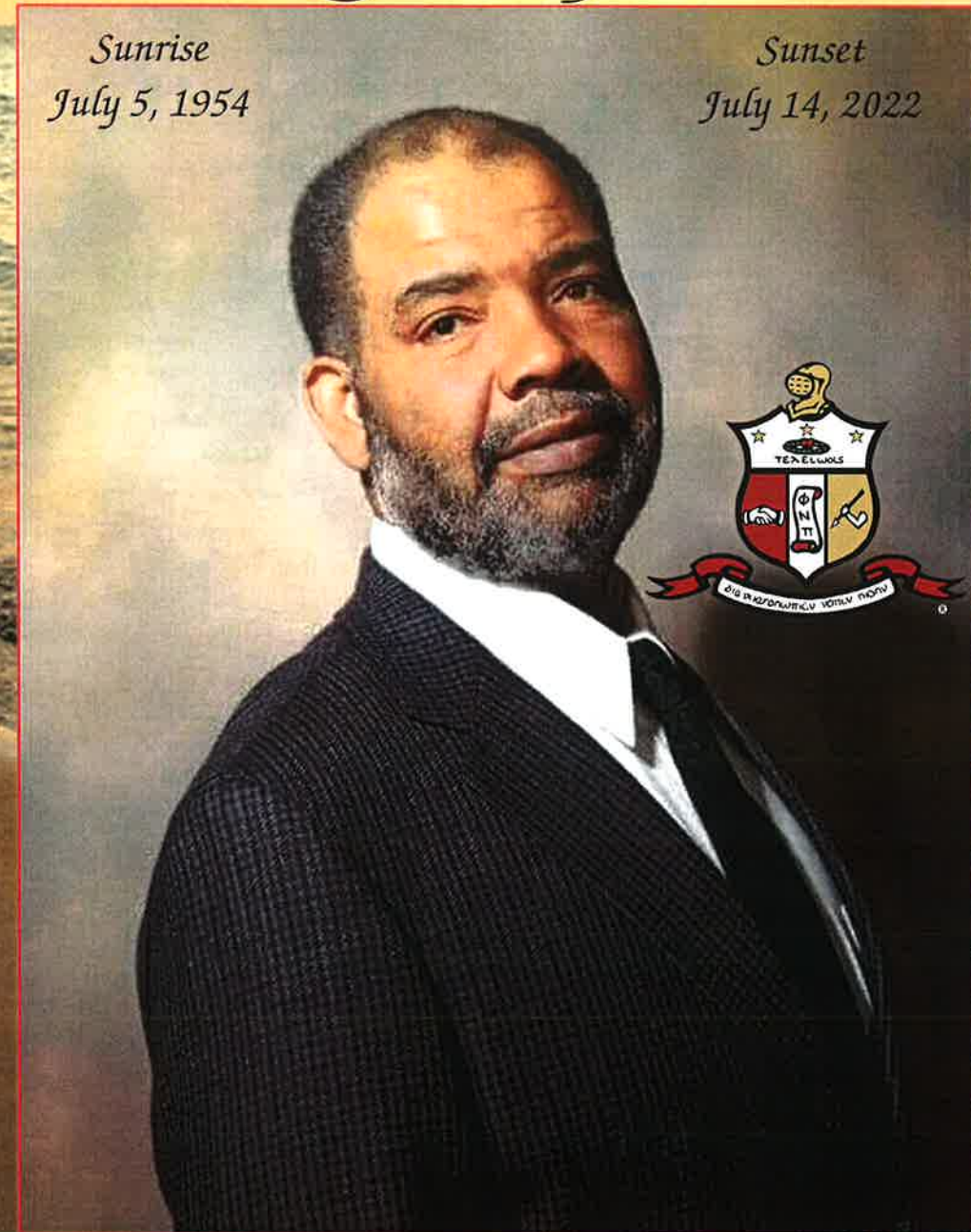
In Loving Memory

of

Gerald "Jerry" Tillman

Sunrise
July 5, 1954

Sunset
July 14, 2022



Services

Friday, August 12, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

2801 North Kelley Avenue

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend Johnny Nubine - Officiating

Gerald Tillman

Gerald Tillman ended his life's journey on July 14, 2022, peacefully in his home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with his wife, family and friends by his side.

He was the second of seven children born to Catherine and Harold Tillman on July 5, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois. His early years were spent with his family building a life where he enjoyed playing sports of all types.

Gerald completed his college education through a sports scholarship at North Park College, Chicago, Illinois. His career took off in many directions after achieving his degree. He taught special education at Drake Elementary School while coaching high school football in Chicago.

On July 8, 1978, Gerald married his wife and best friend Lavada (Patti) Keith of 44 years and began their life together prior to moving to Lawton, Oklahoma the same year.

His career in Lawton included counselor at C.E.T.A. After moving to Oklahoma City in 1985, he served as Counselor at Oklahoma County Youth Services from 1986-1990 and served as the Program Coordinator for the same agency from 1990-1996. He was later appointed as a U.S. Probation officer for the Western District Court of Oklahoma from July 1, 1991, until his medical retirement in 2007.

Jerry loved following sports, listening to jazz, reading, and spending time with family. He was also a very competitive tennis player and was very well versed on many topics.

Jerry was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. He was initiated through the Lawton Ft. Sill Alumni Chapter in 1980 and subsequently joined the Oklahoma City Chapter where he was a very devoted and active member. He would always be remembered for his spirit of generosity which he inherited from his mother. He was also a volunteer at Mercy Hospital. Jerry remained a faithful member of the Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church in Lawton, Oklahoma where he attended with his mother until her passing.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Catherine and Harold; siblings: Michael, Julius, Melvin and nephew Earl. He is survived by his adoring wife Lavada (Patti); siblings: Catherine (Ronald), Harold, Sharon (Marcus), Linda (living spouse of Michael), as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom he adored.

Acknowledgment

The family of Gerald "Jerry" Tillman wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

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"We Care"

When I Lost You

I wish I could see you one more time,
Come walking through the door. . .
But I know that is impossible,
I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears
And you don't want me to cry.
Yet my heart is broken because
I can't understand why someone
So precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength
And somehow get me through. . .
As I struggle with the heartache
That came When I Lost You.

Love Your Sweetheart,
Patti T.

Order Of Service

PROCESSIONAL
Minister, Funeral Directors, Family

KAPPA MEMORIAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SPECIAL REMARKS

2 minutes each

MUSICAL SELECTION

READING OF OBITUARY

EULOGY

Reverend Johnny Nubine

VIDEO TRIBUTE

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