

Acknowledgment

We the family of Kenneth Rowland Sr., express our appreciation for all acts of kindness shown, Your prayers, phone calls, meals and texts of love during this time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

The Family

His journey has just begun

Don't think of him as gone away

His journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And he was loved so much.

Service under the direction of
Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
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Life's Celebration Service



Kenneth Rowland Sr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
2:00 PM

EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL
2801 NORTH KELLEY AVENUE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73111

MINISTER PATRICE BROWN
OFFICIATING

Obituary

Kenneth Rowland was born on April 8, 1948 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was the fourth of six children born to Willie C. and Ester Lee Reed Rowland.

He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior as a teenage. He was baptized at the Greater Shiloh Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK. He heard and answered the call to preach the Gospel of Peace and was ordain in 1995. As a member of Creston Hills Church of Christ, he cherished his church, leadership, members and loved the fellowship of brotherhood of men in the word under the leadership of this pastor and friend. Kenneth loved working with the youth, jail house ministry and outreach ministries where he collected food and distribute it in the homeless community. He founded a Senior Nursing Home Ministry for the residents of Variety Nursing Center aka Meadow Nursing Center.

In the Oklahoma Public School system, he attended Creston Hill, Moon Jr. High School and graduated in 1966 from Frederick Douglass High School. As a captain for the Douglass Trojans, Kenneth was known for having the fastest legs in football and setting touchdown records. He enjoyed track and field. He attended Langston University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Physical Education. He played for Langston Lions always loving the colors of orange and blue. He was elected as Best Dressed Male, served as president of Student Union and was very proud to be apart of Black Culture on campus. After Kenneth graduated from Langston University, and tried out for Houston Oilers as a quarterback and running back, his career was cut short due to severe knee injury.

With a, "Lord I'll go spirit", his assignments were to minister in the after school program, traveling assignments to Ada, Oklahoma. He assisted as an Accelerated Based Education, CEO, the Youth & Family Mentoring Service, Youth/Adult Programs, Planning Development, he established a Mentally Challenged program, Life Skills/Self Esteem Development, Professional Tutor, Reading, Science, Health, Physical Education, Nutrition/Training, Motivational Speaker, Substance Abuse Counselor, Christian Ethics Counselor and Adverse Behavior Mentor.

Kenneth moved to Los Angeles, California where he met and married Birdette Byrd. Kenneth worked for Burkley University teaching Agricultural/Biology.

He was preceded in death by; his parents, his second wife; Zora Brown Rowland, his son; Kenneth Lee Rowland and three siblings; William Lee "Butch" Rowland, Doris Jean Carter and Virginia Ann Wright.

Leaving to cherish his memory, two daughters; Kenethe Rowland of Los Angeles, CA and Tamera People of Bixby, Oklahoma. Two sisters; Elizabeth Smith and Karen Denise Mabin both of Oklahoma City, OK. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors & Family
	Scripture Reading
Old Testament	D. Wade
New Testament	R. Harrison
Prayer	Paul Brown
Selection	A Cappella Connection Choir
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Sherlon Pulliam
Solo "I Shall Wear a Crown"	Beverly Berry
Remarks	Family
Special Remarks	Terry Davis Dwight Farmer Norris Williams
Selection	A Cappella Connection Choir
Words of Comfort	Pastor Mark A. Vaughn Creston Hills Church of Christ
Heartfelt Video	Hearts Desires
Closing Prayer	Rick Wright
Recessional	Ministers, Funeral Directors & Family