

The Order Of Service

Musical Prelude

Family Processional

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament.....Minister Dianne Sturdivant

The New Testament.....Minister Sylvia Caple

Prayer Of Comfort.....Minister Dianne Sturdivant

Selection

Remarks (2 Minutes Please).....Family & Friends

*Special Remarks.....Eliza Copeland, Sister
Travis Tillman, Son*

Acknowledgments.....Harold C. & Evadne K. Smith

*Eulogy.....Elder Tony Sturdivant
God's Word Only Ministries, Wingate, NC*

Parting View

Service Of Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Interment

*Church Of God Of Prophecy Cemetery
Sandy Ridge Church Road
Morven, North Carolina*

Thank You

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to us during this time of loss. We thank you for all the calls, messages, visits, floral tributes, and so many memories you have shared with us. May God forever bless each of you.



In Loving Memory

Ever scar has a story

Every story has a start

Every thought comes from something

Should it come from the heart?

Should it come from the pain?

Should it come from a flame

That once burned too brightly

But left more than a name?

Every life is worth living

Every day is a spark

A flicker in the silence

A light born from the dark

So let every scar remind you

You're stronger than you knew

The past may have shaped you

But it doesn't define you.

~Travis

The Obituary

James Edward Tillman, Sr., affectionately known as "Butch," passed away quietly at the age of 56 on Saturday, September 6, 2025, in Wadesboro, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Butch was born on December 29, 1968, in Anson County, the son of the late Frank Allen Tillman and Eliza Willoughby Tillman.

He grew up in the Gatewood Station Community and attended the public schools in Anson County. A skilled mechanic, Butch enjoyed working on vehicles and could often be found fishing, a passion he cherished. He also loved country cooking and was known for his storytelling ability that always brought laughter to those around him.

In addition to his parents, Butch was preceded in death by an infant sister, Elizabeth, sister, Sonya McManus and sister-in-law, Karen Caraway..

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Angela Tillman; his sons, James Edward Tillman, Jr., also known as "Tiger," and his wife, McKay, along with their two daughters, Kynlee and Raelyn Tillman; Travis Tillman and his wife, Ashley, and their daughters, Trinity and Alyssa, as well as their sons, Traveon and Ashton Tillman; his daughter, Cierra Tillman (Damon Slater), and granddaughter, Nylah Merritt; and his son, Byran Tillman.

Butch is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Betty Patterson (Donald), William Garris (Janie), Katherine Burns, Frank Allen Tillman, also known as "Boo-Boo," Eliza Copeland (Kevin), and Fulton Tillman (Vera).

In addition to many aunts and uncles, he leaves his mother-in-law, Sarah Caraway; brothers-in-law, Donnie Caraway and Reginald Caraway; sisters-in-law, Minister Dianne Sturdivant (Elder Tony), Cindy Townsend (William), Minister Sylvia (Ronald) Capel and Janet Caraway, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



*Floral Bearers
Friends Of The Family*

*Pallbearers
James Tillman Jr., Tavis Tillman, Damon Slater
William Garris, Frank Tillman, Fulton Tillman*



*I still say I Love You,
But now there's no reply.
I always feel your presence
As if you never left my side.
Your spirit will never die
It shines like the stars.
I know you're sleeping in Heaven,
But you're still living in my heart.*

*Services Entrusted To:
Smith's Funeral Directors
"Small Enough To Know You - Large Enough To Serve You"
604 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina
Telephone: 704-694-4121*

The Homegoing Service For James Edward Tillman, Sr.



"Butch"

*Sunrise ~ Sunset
December 29, 1968 ~ September 6, 2025*

*Friday, September 12, 2025
Family Visitation: 1:30 -2:00 PM
Service: 2:00 PM*

*Smith's Memorial Chapel
604 Salisbury Street
Wadesboro, North Carolina
Elder Tony Sturdivant, Eulogist*