



*Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;*



*Floral Bearers & Pallbearers
Nieces & Nephews*

Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late Deacon Athan Lee Tillman, wish to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, support, and sympathy shown to us during our time of sorrow. Your comforting words, prayers, visits, floral tributes, and kind gestures have been a great source of strength. Though our hearts are heavy with grief, we find comfort in knowing how much Deacon Tillman was loved and cherished by so many. Your presence and kindness remind us that we do not walk this path alone. A special thank you to the clergy, friends, and all who helped make the service and arrangements meaningful.

Interment

Church Of God Of Prophecy Cemetery

Smith's Funeral Directors

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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



*Deacon Athan Lee
Tillman*

Sunrise: December 29, 1946 ~Sunset: October 1, 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Family Visitation: 2:30 PM Service: 3:00 PM

*Church Of God Of Prophecy
Morven, North Carolina*

*Pastor Dannie Montgomery, Presiding
Supervisor Iris McCormick Tillman, Pastor, Eulogist*

Obituary

Deacon Athan Lee Tillman was born on December 29, 1946, to the late Reverend Henry S. Williams and Maggie Tillman Hudson. He transitioned from his earthly tabernacle into his heavenly home on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his family. He attended public school in Anson County. He retired from Hornwood, Inc., where he had worked as a Water Maintenance Technician for over 20 years. He was a simple man who loved being surrounded by family. His sense of humor could turn any situation into a joke.

Deacon Athan Lee Tillman was a Charter member of the Church of God of Prophecy, Harlem Heights, and served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board. He was a builder and worked on the construction of the Wadesboro-Harlem Heights, Hwy 145 South, and the Sandy Ridge Church Road, as well as Hwy 52 South, for the Churches of God of Prophecy. His service to the community was a testament to his faith and commitment. He completed his earthly ministry work at the Church of God of Prophecy, Morven, NC. Supervisor Iris Tillman was his Pastor.

On October 7, 1977, Deacon Athan Lee Tillman received Christ and salvation. Throughout his spiritual journey, he held various positions in the Church, including Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, secretary, Bus Ministry leader, Pastoral Care Group Leader, Head Deacon, Church Maintenance Facilitator, and Men's Ministry Leader.

Deacon Athan Lee Tillman was a man of faith and a devoted and loving husband to his bride of 58 years, Supervisor Iris McCormick Tillman. He was an adoring father to his two daughters, Rosezetta David (Joseph) of Wadesboro, NC, and Elandras Baker (Jerome) Hampton, Va., and a special nephew, John Montgomery, Jr., who was like a son; three sisters-in-law who he helped to rear after their mother's death, Dr. Ruby Clark (Joe), Statesville, NC, Apostle Dr. Mamie Gould (Carlston), Fayetteville, NC, and Pastor Dannie Montgomery, (John), Lilesville, NC; two adopted daughters, LaSonya Chisholm, Wadesboro, NC and Barbara Winston (Curtis), Raleigh, NC, and a God-daughter, Shekeita Lindsey, Charlotte, NC; three cherished cousins from childhood, Laney Hough, Mattie Parker, and Ray Hammonds.

Deacon Athan Tillman's legacy lives on through his precious memories, cherished by his seven grandchildren: Antonio Maness (Jamesha), DeSean King, Asia Hillian (DeShawn), Iris Maness, Quinton King, Angel King, Shayla King and Delaney Baker as well as his nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, James Hudson, Wadesboro, NC; six sisters-in-law, Mother Charlie Shull and Pastor Elizabeth Evans (Mitchell), Rockingham, NC; Dr. Ruby Clark (Joe), Statesville, NC, Apostle Dr. Mamie Gould (Carlston), Fayetteville, NC, Pastor Dannie Montgomery, (John), Lilesville, NC and Pauline Michael of Polkton, NC and one brother-in-law, Willoughby McCormick, Rockingham, NC, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and his Morven Church family. His love and care extended beyond his immediate family, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Along with his parents and grandparents, three sisters preceded him in death: Retha Rorie, Alice Mae Boggan, and Rose Hudson.



Order of Service

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL AND VIEWING

SOLO

Bro. Joseph David, Son-In-Law

CHOIR SELECTION

Church Of God Of Prophecy Combined Choir

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament-Dr. Ruby Clark

The New Testament-Pastor Eva Miller

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Apostle Dr. Mamie Gould

SELECTION

The Spiritual Fire

POEM

Nyla Haskins, Representing Grandchildren

REMARKS

Trustee John Montgomery

Sis. Barbara Winston

Apostle Dr. Derrick Montgomery

McCormick Youth Representative

Rev. Freddie Forte

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Harold & Evadne Smith

SELECTION

The Spiritual Fire

EULOGY

Supervisor Iris McCormick Tillman, Wife

Pee Dee District and Pastor

Church Of God Of Prophecy, Morven, NC

CHURCH FLAG CEREMONY

NC State Bishop Duke Stone and Regional Bishop Steve Crews

COMMITTAL AND BENEDICTION

NC State Bishop Duke Stone and Regional Bishop Steve Crews