

Celebration Of Life



Mr. Darris Delane Tillman

SUNRISE FEBRUARY 5, 1959 – SUNSET JULY 14, 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Family Visitation: 1:00-2:00 PM Service: 2:00 PM

*Galilee A.M.E. Zion Church
McFarlan, North Carolina*

Pastor Derinzer Johnson, Officiating

"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord."

Matthew 25:23

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy and Family

FAMILY VISITATION.....1:00PM-2:00PM

INVOCATION.....Clergy

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 23

Reverend Dr. Johnnie Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....John 14: 1-6

Reverend Peggy McManus

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Clergy

SOLO.....Ms. Beverly Crowder

REFLECTIONS.....Joe Broadway

Emmanuel Jackson

RESOLUTION, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND OBITUARY

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Choir

EULOGY.....Pastor Derinzer Johnson

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Choir

RECESSIONAL

COMMITTAL AND INTERMENT

Family Plot-Church Cemetery

Obituary

Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Darris Delane Tillman, who peacefully entered eternal rest on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Darris was born on February 5, 1959, in Morven, North Carolina, to the late Flora E. Melton Tillman and Elijah Tillman, Sr. As the youngest of ten children, he brought joy to all who knew him.

At an early age, Darris accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and became a faithful member of Galilee A.M.E. Zion Church, where he served in the Young Adult Choir. Gifted with a beautiful voice, he ministered through song and was often asked to sing solos at various occasions.

Darris embraced life with joy, adventure, and generosity. His warm smile, welcoming spirit, and servant's heart made everyone feel like family. He worked in the manufacturing industry while also displaying an entrepreneurial spirit. Beyond his work, he was known as a devoted caregiver whose compassion and kindness were evident in every act of service.

One of Darris's greatest expressions of love was through cooking and gardening. Whether preparing his famous macaroni and cheese, chicken and dumplings, greens, strawberry cake, or holiday chitterlings, he brought family and friends together through fellowship, laughter, and love.

He leaves to cherish his memory his siblings: Elijah Tillman, Jr. (Althea), Betty Campbell, Ruby Broadway (Joe), and sister/cousin, Cynthia Robinson (Malcolm); his brother-in-law, James Crowder; special nephews, Emmanuel Jackson and Derek Tillman; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Curtis Tillman and Bernie C. Tillman (Lorraine); his sisters, Edoris Crowder, Diane Tillman Ritter, and Sandra Vaughn (Eddie); and his brother-in-law, Robert Campbell.

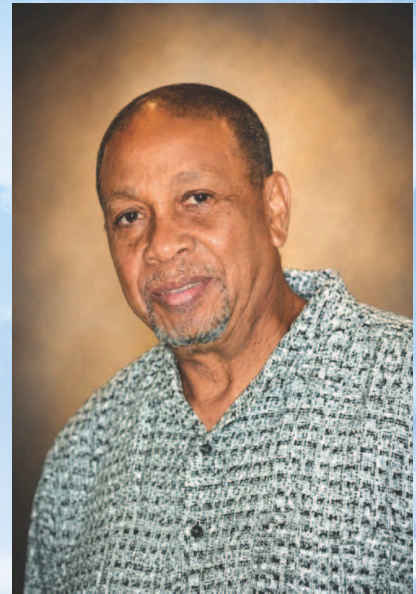
Darris's legacy lives on through the love he shared, the songs he sang, the lives he touched, and the faith he lived. Though his earthly song has ended, we find comfort knowing he is now singing in God's heavenly choir.

A Tribute to Darris

*A gentle heart, a helping hand,
A smile that welcomed everyone.
You lived with faith, you loved with grace,
And now your earthly race is done.
Your songs of praise have filled our hearts,
Now Heaven hears your voice above.*

*Though we grieve, we celebrate
A life surrounded by God's love.
Forever cherished, forever near,
Your memory will never depart.
For those we love don't truly leave—
They live forever in our hearts
Love The Family*

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've found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then will it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I too, shall 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 hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now...HE SET ME FREE!*

Tillman Family Legacy



Precious Memories



*Flower Bearers & Pallbearers
Family and Friends*



Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Darris D. Tillman gratefully acknowledges every prayer, visit, call, meal, floral tribute, card, and act of kindness shown during this time. Your love and support have strengthened our family and will never be forgotten. May God richly bless each of you.

—The Tillman Family

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces." — Isaiah 25:8 (KJV)

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