## In Loving Memory of Sammie Jackson

Sunrise May 12, 1950 Sunset April 13, 2014

Services

Friday, April 18, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
2801 North Kelley Avenue

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Reverend George E. Young, Sr. - Officiating

## Obituary

Sammie Jackson was born on May 12, 1950 to Raymond Jackson and Sarah Johnson (Windham) in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by both parents, his stepfather, his wife Laura Ann and his niece, Hurlena I. Hamilton.

At an early age, Sam accepted Christ as his personal Savior at Central Baptist Church in Prichard, Alabama. He spent his formative years as the oldest of 5 children and the only son. He spent his summers in Chunchula, Ala. frolicking with his cousins. From Ella Grant Elementary school to Mattie T. Blount High School Sammie was either in Mobile or Prichard, Alabama. In 1967, the family relocated to Oklahoma City where Sammie graduated from Northeast High School Class of 1968. The entire family united with Holy Temple Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. R. M. Leffall. Sammie currently was a member of New Direction Ministries under the leadership of Apostle Jeremiah Jones.

Sam joined the U.S. Army after graduation and by December 1968 was landing in Bien Hoa AFB, Vietnam; part of the 9<sup>th</sup> Division operating in the Mekong Delta. His unit saw combat and he served admirably until he was honorably discharged in 1970 with service connected disabilities. On December 31, 1997, Sam wed Laura Ann.

As an inspiration and hope to others suffering with the same issues and challenges, Sam was able to achieve sobriety with the help of the Lord, Judge Martha Oakes DUI/Drug Court, Rev. George Young, Ezell Kendrick and the ongoing support of the Kelley Club. He was proud of his sobriety and his service to his country. Our family is just as proud. Newly developed interests included cooking/grilling, learning to purchase and care for "several head of cattle", horseback riding, which he enjoyed, listening to gospel music, old school music and attending to the upkeep of his Mercedes Benz - his "BABY".

On April 13, 2014, God in his infinite power, called Sammie from labor to rest. Leaving to cherish his memories are four sisters: Lula Smith (John) of Edmond, Oklahoma; Hannah Dorsey, Oklahoma City; Robin Badu (Yaw) of Houston, Texas; Donnie Whited (Kenneth) of San Antonio, Texas; nephews: Terry LaQuaine Jackson, Fredrick Hamilton, Johnathan Smith (Albani), DeAndree Jackson; niece, Jovonne Smith, stepsons: Leethaniel Brumfield, III, Orellus Latrell Housley, & Mason Housley; cousins: Aurelia Colley of Mobile, Alabama; Levi Shinn, Michael Shinn, Margarette Nelson, and Thomas Shinn, all of North Carolina; and a host of friends; one devoted Janice Kelley and foster kids: Nicole Crook, Sherrye Crook, Cherry Crook and CeCe Crook.