



In Loving Memory
of
Theodore Hamlin

Sunrise
May 6, 1933

Sunset
May 2, 2014

Services

Friday, May 9, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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

Bishop Donny L. McKnight - Officiating

My Life

Guthrie, OK, is not a big town, but that is where I was born on May 6, 1933, the second son of Andrew and Evelyn Hamlin, both deceased. With only having 1 brother, now deceased, and no sisters, I was raised with 6 of my first cousins. We were quite a group of 8 children from 2 sisters. I formed a very close bond with my cousin "Reta" and she took the place of me having a sister. Attending elementary and middle school in Guthrie, OK, and in 1950 moved to Oklahoma City, OK to play football with the Douglass High School Trojans. While there I mastered kicking the football over 80 yards. Being the new kid on the block and somewhat of a loner, I was befriended by a girl named Emogene H. Sharp. We became bosom buddies and have remained lifetime buddies. She introduced me to the girl of my dreams who I knew one day would be mine.

After finishing high school, I received a football scholarship to Langston University. After the first football season I enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, serving in Texas, Kansas and England. While in the military, I met Frank Brown who became my best friend for life. Upon leaving the Air Force, I returned to OKC and worked at the "Off Beat Restaurant & Club" and Tinker Air Force Base. In 1958, I relocated to Los Angeles, CA. While in Los Angeles, I became the father of 4 children. I drove a taxi where I transported many famous actors and musicians throughout the area. But the most rewarding person was my little friend "Lee Anna". During this time I attended Realtor School and received my Real Estate License.

After spending 13 years in California, in May of 1971 a little birdie told me that the girl of my dreams was now available, so Oklahoma City here I come, and on December 16, 1972 I married Maggieann Whatley, along with her 6 girls. The Brady Bunch did not have anything on us for we now were the parents of 10 kids!

In 1973 I accepted the Lord into my life and became a member of The Church of the Living God, P.G.T under the pastoral care of Overseer Otis McAlaster, where I became an ordained Deacon.

One of my greatest pleasures was leading and overseeing the remodeling of my home church and other sister churches throughout the National Assembly. I spear-headed the purchase of the first National Assembly Headquarters Building here in Oklahoma City. The National President, Bishop Herbert Dickerson, appointed me to the position of National Resident and Real Estate Agent.

From 1973 to 2007, I worked at Jamie O'Neil and Abide Realtor companies as a Real Estate Broker, where I received numerous "Million Dollar Broker" awards. Later in life I took on another venture of salesmanship with Dr. Vickie Carter Herbs. I had many other missions throughout my life including playing with the "Guthrie Black Spider Baseball Team"; being a member of the "A. C. Hamlin State Representative" Banquet team; and showing off my famous "left handed basketball hook shot" with my grandchildren.

Little did I know that in 2005 God would send me on "His" journey of life. I truly began to enjoy my new life, in spite of my health issues. My wife and the rest of the Hamlin clan became closer. God has a perfect plan and will for our lives, so.....on May 2, 2014 while doing one of my favorite things, God decided it was time for me to spend eternity with him and my deceased daughter, Elena Garcia. While I'm away I leave with you, a loving, faithful, supportive wife Maggieann, our children, Cheryl Jennings, Lynn Montgomery, Theodore "Teddy", RaCarol (Larry) MaGee, Maurice, Angelia Morgan, Maggie II (Elbert) Green, Sherrie Law, Homaletta (Donny) McKnight, Gina (Fred) Taylor, Fanni (Penny) Hamilton, and one goddaughter, Denise Fredrick. Twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends. Until I see you again, I'll be perfecting my left handed hook shot and domino game.