



*Keep "Cruisin" until we meet again!*



*Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Michael Anthony Dillon*  
*"Uncle Mike"*

**Sunrise**  
July 17, 1961

**Sunset**  
January 8, 2020



**SERVICES**

Saturday, January 18, 2020 — 2:00 p.m.

**PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH**

2809 N. Missouri Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Dr. Lee E. Cooper, Jr., Pastor  
*Officiating*

Pastor Nakia Dillon-McKay  
New Home Ministries Hammond, LA  
*Eulogist*



## *Footprints*

One night a man had dream.  
He dreamed he was walking  
along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
one belong to him, and the other to the Lord.  
When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path  
of his life there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened at the very  
lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you’d walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome  
times of my life there is only one set of footprints.  
I don’t understand why, when I needed you most,  
you would leave me”

The Lord replied, “My precious child.  
I love you and I would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
When you see only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you”.



## *To My Brother*

My dear Brother now that you are gone  
You’re no longer here to share  
The bond we had together-  
A bond of love and care.  
Yet, somehow something tells me  
You are watching over me-  
Now that from Worldly cares  
You finally are free.  
I miss you so very much,  
And my tears I cannot hide  
Yet, within my heart, I feel  
You are always by our side.  
Life has never been the same  
Yet, it comforts me to know  
That one day we’ll meet again.

I will always “Love and Miss You” so much,  
your favorite sister

— *Stacy*



## Obituary

Michael Anthony Dillon was born on July 17, 1961 to L.T. and Ida Mae Dillon in Tylertown, MS. Michael was the sixth of seven children.

At an early age, Michael had given his life to Christ under the pastorage of Elder Monroe Magee at Magee's Temple COGIC. Michael attended and graduated from Franklinton High School in 1979.

Michael was preceded in death by both parents, L.T. and Ida Mae Dillon; son, Samuel Dillon; and two brothers, Larry and Charles Dillon.

In 1980, Michael moved to Worcester, MA and attended Nichols Community College. He worked at Digital Equipment Corporation for many years and there he met his best friend and the love of his life, Dianah, in October of 1991.

On July 18, 1992, he married Dianah Marie Moore, his wife of 27 WONDERFUL years. They later adopted their son, Samuel. Michael and Dianah loved to entertain and travel. They loved to cruise, but never alone. Like everything Michael would do, it was on a grand scale. People would often ask, what was the occasion for such a large group of people cruising, he would say "Just Cruisin". Just Cruisin was the name that he called the group of family and friends from all over the United States that still travel together today. After the death of his mother, Michael and Dianah moved to Oklahoma. He wanted his family to be closer to Dianah's parents.

Michael was known to many as "Uncle Mike" (not just by his nieces and nephews). Every day he made it his mission to call and talk to people. Communicating was very important to "Uncle Mike" — it did not matter if you were young or old, family or friend. Mike disliked texting; he felt as though he needed to hear it in your voice that you were okay.

Michael loved to cook and his dream was to own a restaurant. He and his wife achieved his dream in 2013 when they opened "Wings & Things" in Yukon, OK. Michael loved his community and his community loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Dianah Dillon; three brothers: Darrel Dillon (Eunice) of Franklinton, LA, Lee Felton Dillon (Monica), and Labrie "Laz" Dillon; one sister, Stacy Fletcher (Carlisle), all of Worcester, MA; one uncle, Roy Brown; two aunts, Esther Brown and Luella Dillon; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many loved ones; and extended family: The Douglas, The Pittman's, The James, and "Just Cruisin".



## Order of Service



Processional . . . . .	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Solo . . . . .	Sam Gipson
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament . . . . .	Bro. Jeremiah Jones
New Testament . . . . .	Bro. Craig Jones
Prayer . . . . .	Bro. Michael Coleman
Solo . . . . .	Cletis Lowe, Jr.
Resolutions/Acknowledgment . . . . .	Carletta Johnson
Solo . . . . .	Kristee Moore
Special Remarks . . . . .	Robin Leake Darrel Dillon Frankie Shedrick
Solo . . . . .	Keith Pickens
Letter to My Sister . . . . .	Margaret Moore
Solo . . . . .	Keith McCullough
Words of Comfort . . . . .	Pastor Nakia Dillon-McKay New Home Ministries Hammond, LA
Video Tribute	
Recessional . . . . .	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

## Acknowledgment

The Dillon family extends a heartfelt thank you for all cards, calls, flowers, food, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

## Letters of Love

Honey Bunches, my lover, my protector, my best friend,

Thank you for loving me like no other. From the first time we met you knew we would be together forever. It did not take long for me to realize that as well. You have always been my rock. You not only loved me, you loved all those around me as well and not once did I feel neglected. My family and friends became your family and friends. My joy and pain became your joy and pain. You never allowed me to want for anything. You were and awesome provider. Making memories has always been very important to you. Thank you for giving me 28 years of unforgettable memories. A piece of my heart left with you.

Love you always and forever in my heart,

— *Dianah*

## To "My Wife"

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
Filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say  
I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right there in your heart.  
Always in your heart

—*Michael*



## Active Pallbearers

James B. Moore • Lee F. Dillon II • Dontay Williams  
Odell Brown • Trel Williams • Cary Pittman  
Gary Davis • Eric Thurmond, Jr. • Lanre Ogunfeitimi  
Ray Boyd • Basil Fletcher • Micah Love-Allotey

## Honorary Pallbearers

Lee Dillon • Archie Moore • David James, Sr. • Darrel Dillon  
Kassan Miles • Davis James, Jr. • Carl Fletcher • Darrell Todd  
Kelvin Williams • James Moore • Thomas Smith  
Larry Akowuah • Thomas Hudson • Berley Richardson

## Flower Bearers

Porschia Gipson • Tashana Powell • Dominique Dillon-Peters  
Chayla Williams • Krischen Moore • Alkeia Conerly  
Crystal Pittman • Tiffany Thurmond • Kynneddy Moore  
Staciah Fletcher • Queenie McDaniel • Nadia McKay  
Asia Davis • Shatania Dillon • Kameisha McCullough  
Kiora Amofah • Asia Schinault • Chablis Harris • Whitney Gray

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Patricia Hudson • Danielle Williams • Karol Pittman  
Tracey Gray • Linda Willis • Karin Pittman • Gayla Thurmond  
Hollie Douglas • Sheretta James • Sherry Whitby • LaShonda Davis  
Anita Richardson • Kim McCullough • Pamela Jackson • Kelisia McKay

## Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery & Mausoleum  
13400 N. Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK

### Dinner/Repast following Interment

Prospect Youth Center

Services under the direction of:

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