



The Tony Slayden Family

Respectfully,

outpouring of positive messages, prayers and regards.

The family would like to acknowledge each of you that extended a helping hand and who have dedicated time, money, and/or effort for the ceremony. We are truly and forever grateful for all the love, support, and the

**Acknowledgments**



In Loving Memory of

**Tony Donnell Slayden**

Sunrise

November 22, 1958

Sunset

November 13, 2020



Services, Saturday, November 21, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Elbert Craig, Officiating

## Obituary

Tony Donnell Slayden, age 62, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2020. Born on November 22, 1958, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late John Slayden and Mildred Lehman (Bowie). He was the eldest of five children. Tony received his diploma from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City, OK. At the early age of 12, he accepted Christ and was baptized by Bishop Hubert Rideau Sr.

In 1979, he met the love of his life, Jeri Lynn Crittenden. They lived together almost inseparable for over 41 years. To this union three beautiful girls were born. Tony was a good father who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and guide them. The time he shared with his wife, children, and grandchildren are times that will forever be treasured.

Tony worked for over 30- years in Hospitality, Food and Service Industry where he developed relationships and touched lives. He was committed to taking the initiative and going the extra mile to meet the job performance expectation. Tony was a skilled craftsman and seemed to know how to fix anything and everything. His home is a testament to his craftsmanship and commitment, as there are reminders of his work throughout, all as an expression of his love for the people it housed and held. Not to mention those who received a hotdog as payment for being hired to help him from time to time.

The Bible says that God's purpose for all is to preach Christ. After much prayer, Pastor Slayden was given affirmation from God to preach the gospel. In 1993, he began a ministry not merely something an individual can do, but what God placed in his heart to do. Pastor Slayden preached his first sermon in his home. Prior to being called to the pulpit Pastor Slayden was dedicated to teaching the word of God through Bible study, Sunday school, and serving as the Associate Minister at Holy Land Temple under the pastoral-ship of Bishop Hubert Rideau Sr. He served faithful his positions until death.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife, children, grandchildren, mother, brothers, sister and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Thank You, O Lord

Thank you Lord, for building a Man, who was strong enough to know when he was weak, and brave enough to face himself when he was afraid; one who was proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Thank you Lord, for building a Man, whose wishbone was not where his backbone should be; but a man who knew Thee.

Thank you Lord, for leading him, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge.

Thank you Lord, for building a Man who mastered himself before he sought to master other men; a Man that smiled, yet he never forgot how to weep; a Man that reached into the future, yet never forgot the past.

Thank you Lord, for allowing all those assembled to remember the Man that served and lived by the strength that only the Lord God, can supply.

“In my Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you.  
 I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and  
 receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

John 14: 2-3



## Order of Service

### Processional

Prayer .....	Pastor B.E. Sanders
Soloist .....	Guest
Old Testament .....	Anthony Rideau
New Testament .....	Keisha Barber
Soloist .....	Guest
Resolution/Acknowledgements .....	Doris Payne
Obituary .....	Read
Remarks .....	Mildred Lehman Chelsie Slayden
Special Tribute .....	Kimberly Johnson
Words of Comfort .....	Rev. Elbert Craig

### Video Tribute

### Processional

### Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
 Spencer, Oklahoma

### **Pall Bearers**

Harvey Lehman Jr. (Pee-Wee)  
Justin Johnson  
Desmond Johnson  
Byron Johnson  
Robert Smith II

Brandon Smith  
Chris Smiley  
Corey Smiley  
John Grisby II

### **Honorary Pall Bearers**

Harvey Lehman Sr.  
Roderick Johnson Jr.  
Tony Slayden Jr.  
Terrell Slayden  
Kenneth Payne

Humphrey Watson  
Rickey Rideau  
Danny Lennox  
Jerome Murdock

### **Flower Bearers**

Lakeha Grisby  
Latrice Smiley  
Coresha Walker  
Aubrey Lehman  
Marquesha Johnson

Tina Johnson  
Jasmine Johnson  
Alesia Crittenden  
Essence Lehman

### **Honorary Flower Bearers**

Rosalind Johnson  
Sherry Grisby  
Vertrice Smiley

Shelly Jones  
Shalese Lehman  
Cleta Russell