

IN *Loving*
Memory
OF

Rudolph
TATUM, SR.



23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down

in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths

of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thous anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surley goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of

the LORD for ever.

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Rudolph TATUM, SR

03.14.1944 - 01.20.2022

Sunday, February 01, 2026

Viewing: 1:00 PM | Service: 2:00 PM

JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHURCH

414 Ivy Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350

Suffragan Bishop Stanley Jones, Pastor



The Life. The Legacy.

RUDOLPH TATUM, SR. was born on March 14, 1944, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to the late Albert Tatum and Lucille Tatum.

At a young age, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, in pursuit of a better life. While there, he was gainfully employed with the Chicago Transit Authority, where he faithfully worked until his retirement.

After retiring, Rudolph returned to his hometown of Philadelphia, Mississippi. He continued his service to the community by working with the Philadelphia Public School District as a bus driver and remained actively involved in community affairs.

Rudolph was a faithful and devoted member of Jerusalem Temple Church, where he served on the Adult Usher Board. He served the Lord with commitment, dedication, and humility throughout his life. He was known as a loving, gentle, and hardworking man whose kindness, quiet strength, and generous spirit touched everyone who knew him.

Rudolph was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Lucille Tatum; his siblings, Eula Miller, Albert Tatum, Jr., Ruthie Mae Fulton, Louise Tatum, Myrtis Cox, Odell Tatum, and Bobby Charles Tatum; and his children, sons, Rudolph Randy Tatum, Jr. and Dwayne Cox; daughter, Mary Henley-Tatum; and his step-daughter, Lisa Burnside.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Alice Tatum; daughters, Marvita Tatum of Chicago, Illinois, and Melissa Tatum of Philadelphia, Mississippi; step-son, Antonion (Andrea) Stewart of Panama City, Florida; and brother, James Tatum Sr. of Philadelphia, Mississippi,

Rudolph is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, LaPorshia Harris, Corey Tatum, Maquita Washington, Cortez Tatum, Jasmine Tatum, Keynon Tatum, Devonta Tatum, Cordareo Jones, Tommy Williams, Dathena Sanders, Dewanna Porter, Alexis Smith, Allen Smith, and Nakia Smith—along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

We take comfort in knowing that Rudolph has heard the words, "*WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT,*" and now rests peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

I Thought Of You Today

I thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday
and days before that, too.

I think of you in silence.

I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and
your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part.

God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart.

~ From, Your Brother, James Tatum

& Your Niece, Hilda Walker

Wonderful Grandfather

Of all the special gifts in life
however great or small, to have
you as our grandfather
was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear

"we love and miss you Granddad
and wish that you were here"

Deep in our hearts, your life
is kept to love and cherish,
not forget. A silent thought, a secret
tear keeps your memory ever
near in our hearts forever.

~ From, Jasmine and Children

Your Spirit

I know that no matter what
You will always be with me.

When life separates us
I'll know it is only your soul
Saying goodbye to your body

But your spirit will
be with me always.

When I see a bird chirping
on a nearby branch

I will know it is you singing to me.

When a butterfly brushes gently
by me so care freely

I will know it is you assuring
me you are free from pain.

When the gentle fragrance of a
flower catches my attention

I will know it is you reminding me
To appreciate the simple things in life.

When the sun shining through my
window awakens me

I will feel the warmth of your love.
When I hear the rain pitter patter

against my window sill

I will hear your words of wisdom
And will remember what
you taught me so well

That without rain trees cannot grow

Without rain flowers cannot bloom

Without life's challenges

I cannot grow strong.

When I look out to the sea

I will think of your
endless love for your family.

When I think of mountains, their
majesty and magnificence

I will think of your
courage for your country.

No matter where I am

Your spirit will be beside me

For I know that no matter what
You will always be with me.

~ From, Marquetta and Children

The Day God Took You Home



You never said, "I'm leaving."

You never said, "Goodbye."

You were gone before I knew it,

And only God knew why.

A million times, I needed you,

A million times, I cried.

If Love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died.

In Life I loved you dearly;

In death I love you still.

In my heart you hold a place

That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,

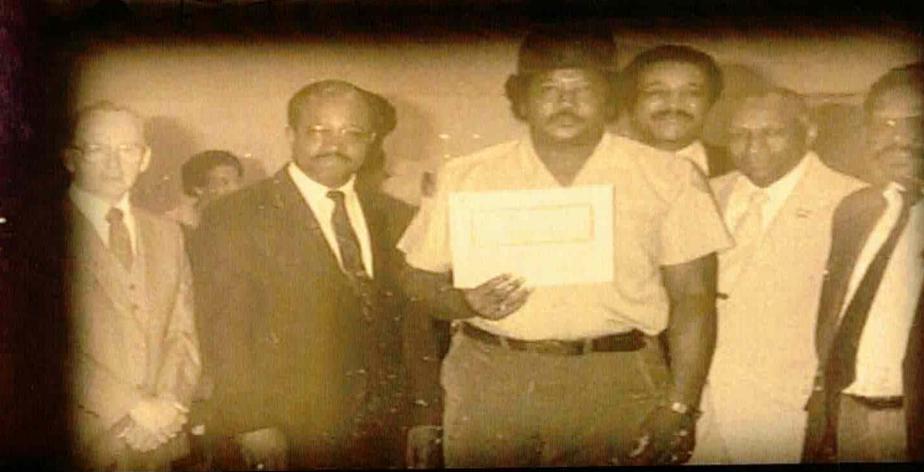
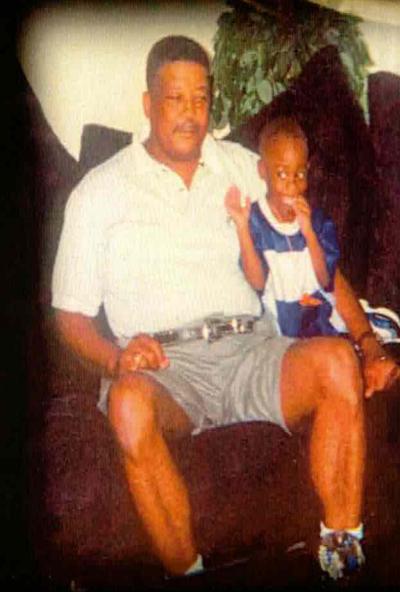
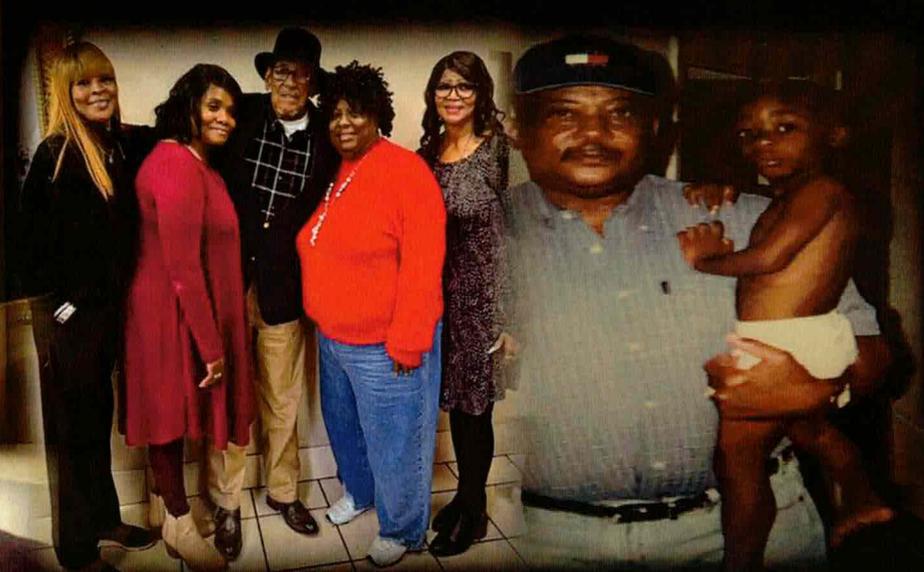
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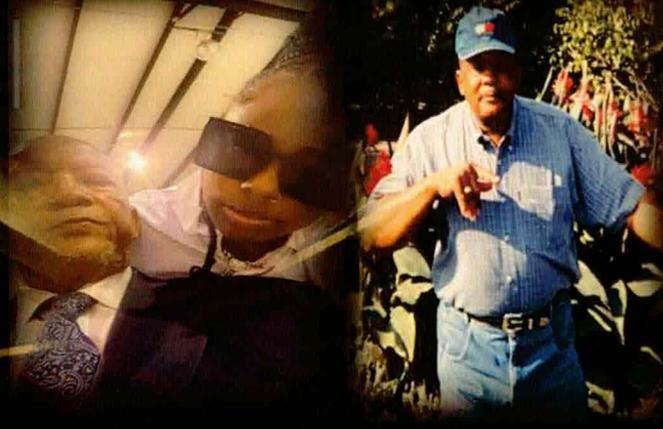
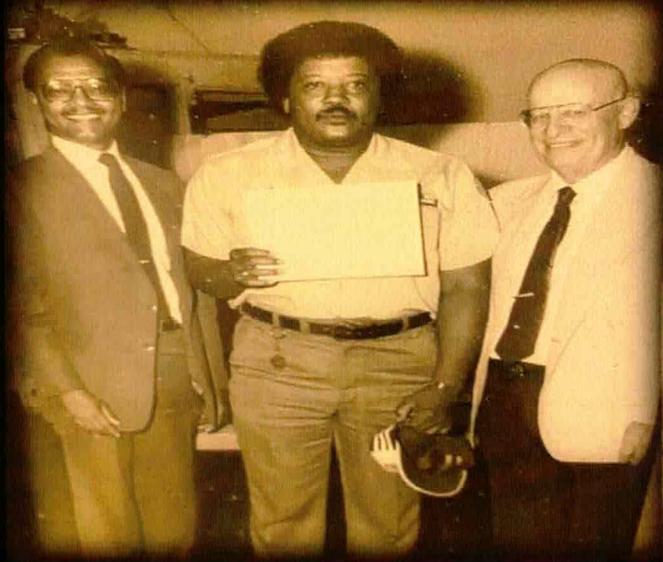
For part of me went with you

The day God took you home.



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sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks
to Baptist Anderson Hospital and its staff, as
well as the Jerusalem Temple Church Family
and friends, for the acts of kindness and
sympathy shown during our time of bereavement.*

May God bless each and every one of you.

~ The Family of Rudolph Tatum, Sr.

PALLBEARERS

Everett Tatum
Jabaree Tatum
Cortaize Tatum
Tommy Tatum
Cordero Jones
Keynon Tatum
Antonio Lee Jones
Corey Tatum

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Donald Rest Cemetery

*(*If driving to gravesite, please turn on your flashers/headlights for safety.)*

Dinner will be served after the Interment at:

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