

# The Day God Took You Home

You never said, "I'm leaving."  
You never said, "Good-bye."  
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,  
But you didn't go alone.  
Part of me went with you  
The day God took you home.

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tevin Lamonte  
Kenny Williams  
Dondria Cauley

## ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

## REPAST

Immediately following the Interment, the Family invites you to join them for a Repast at Mt. Olive P.B. Church, 187 SW Bentley Street, Madison, FL.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of Tommie Lee Swilley wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered their prayers, support, and well wishes during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and strength which, along with the strength of God, has helped to sustain us through our sorrow.

May God continue to bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9 ...

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

-The Family

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# Tommie LEE SWILLEY

SUNRISE  
April 2, 1937

SUNSET  
March 8, 2025

Celebrating His Life ~ Lawnside  
Saturday, March 15, 2025  
11:00 Ante Meridiem

## OAKRIDGE No.1 CEMETERY

394 NW Meeting Avenue  
Madison, Florida 32340

Pastor Charles Evans Eulogist  
J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing



# OBITUARY

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."*

*~ John 11: 25*

Brother Tommie Lee Swilley, the son of Isom Swilley and Georgia Shula Swilley, was born on April 2, 1937, in Madison, Florida. He was nurtured by his village of godly supporters who instilled within him and his siblings the need to demonstrate Christian values, to love family unconditionally, and to have a work ethic extraordinaire. He was a lifelong resident of his hometown community.

Brother Tommie loved the Lord and aspired to demonstrate it in the way he presented himself and interacted with others. He had a personal confession of his belief in Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized by faith. He dedicated his service to the Lord and in support of the church and its leadership at Mt. Nebo and Mt. Zion – Madison African Methodist Episcopal Churches. He served the Lord with gladness for the rest of his life.

The love Brother Tommie had for his family was unconditional. He offered them wise counsel when asked, supported them in doing what was right, and willingly put their needs ahead of his own. A testament of his undying love for his wife of 65 years was for her to have been the stay-at-home wife for whom he would always provide. He also shared his love and enjoyment for the many generations of his extended family.

Having been taught the importance of a work ethic early in life, Brother Tommie was the good provider he desired to become. He was employed as a concrete finisher at E.M. Watkins Construction Company at the Buckeye Cellulose Corporation of Perry, Florida. This operation was commonly referred to as "The Mill."

In addition to the strenuous work of his employment, Brother Tommie looked forward to taking advantage of his leisure, for he valued the beauty of life itself. He enjoyed the relaxation of fishing from the banks of his favorite fishing holes and/or casting his rod and reel in his preferred lake or pond. He also loved being the "grill master" for his specialty dishes and maintaining curb appeal for his yard.

Brother Tommie Lee Swilley's life was that of strength, love, and determination. Because of his steadfast faith, he knew that "when He calls me, I will answer; I'll be somewhere listening for my name." Therefore, on Saturday, March 8, 2025, Brother Tommie gave up his fight for life on earth, answered the Master's call to reunite with his wife and other family members, and to be at eternal rest in the presence of the Lord.

Brother Tommie Lee Swilley's legacy and fulfillment of life shall continue through his family, friends, and all other lives he impacted in his unique way. Forever cherishing his life are his

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES



devoted son: Edwin (Carlene) Swilley of Madison, FL; daughter: Frances Ransom of Madison, FL; grandchildren: Tommy Owens, Tony Owens, Kecia Owens, and Frances Johnson; 12 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great grandchildren; along with countless other loving nieces, nephews, and cousins; sorrowing friends; and consoling neighbors.

Brother Tommie Lee Swilley was the last member of his family to cross over to the Glorious Shore. Like all others before him, he now belongs to the ages. Preceding him in death were his parents: Isom Swilley and Georgia Shula Swilley; loving wife of 65 years: Edith Wells Swilley; daughter: Ethelle Owens; brothers: Isom Swilley, Jr., Eugene Swilley Robert "Doll" Swilley, Ferris Lee Swilley, and Hercules Swilley; sisters: Rosa Lee Swilley, Mary Swilley, and Georgia Mae Swilley; and grandson: William McGhee.

## The Divine Order of Service

Prelude.....DJ Brooks

Processional ..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Seating of the Family ..... The J.P. Moore Staff

The Prayer of Consolation ..... Minister Jerome Williams

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old & New Testament..... Minister Jerome Williams

### REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Two Minutes, please

As I Knew Him - Sister Emma Williams

Family & Friends (Open, Limited to 2)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions .....The J.P. Moore Staff

Selection .....DJ Brooks

Words of Comfort .....Pastor Charles Evans

### Service of Committal

Mortician's Brief .....Mr. Jamarie "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! – Isaiah 26:19*