



Earl Thomas Tildon

January 27, 1936 - August 26, 2023

Earl Thomas Tildon was born in Washington, DC January 27, 1936 to Thomas Stockham and Julia Louisa Tildon. He attended public schools, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1953, where he sang in the acapella choir, was a member of the cross-country team, cadet corps, and pitcher for the baseball team. During his high school years, Earl also played baseball with the Kelly Miller Recreation Department team under the tutelage of Reginald “kiYi” Ballard, who taught him the nuances of pitching. Tildon was a star pitcher and pitched successfully the city championship game.

After graduating from Dunbar, he transitioned to Central State College (later University) in Wilberforce, OH. There he played baseball, succeeding John Roseboro who was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers as an amateur free agent before the 1952 season and promoted to the major leagues in June 1957 at the age of 24. Earl received a BS in Business Administration in June 1959.

While at Central State, he was initiated into the Delta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in April 1955. After graduation, he joined the Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter in 1959, and subsequently became a member of the Hyattsville/Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter, and the Winter Park (FL) Alumni Chapter. He served as Chairman, Publicity and Publications Commission of the fraternity from 1999 to 2021. He became the 96th recipient of the Elder Watson Diggs Award in 2011, the second highest award given to a member of

the fraternity.

In the late '50s and '60s, Earl was a community activist and a proactive member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), where he served as a negotiator in Washington, DC, seeking equal rights in department stores, restaurants, hotels and other public accommodations. He did this in conjunction with negotiators from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy; the NAACP, Rev. Edward Hales; Urban League, Sterling Tucker; and others. This experience kicked off a lifetime passion for civil rights for his people that continued until his death.

He retired in 1990 from his primary career after serving more than 31 years in civil service with the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA and its' DOD predecessor agencies). He served in numerous management capacities, including Supervisory Statistician with the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, where he was responsible for military housing, per diem and cost of living allowances for the military all over the world; National Program Manager for the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) Planning Program, and National State and Local Program Manager for the Emergency Operating Centers program, providing financial grants and technical assistance to State and local governments for the development of their Emergency Operating Centers.

In retirement, he pursued numerous consulting opportunities, including; Executive Director, Community Benevolence Corporation, a nonprofit corporation providing funding and technical assistance to at-risk and high-risk youth programs at local levels nationwide; Consultant to Sky Community Development, Inc. - Grant Proposal and seminar and workshop facilitator; Consultant to the President of Directions Data, Inc.; Advisor and Consultant to the President of Drew Dawn Enterprises, Inc., advising minority owned firms doing broad-based consulting; Board of Trustees for Lifeway Christian

Resources representing Washington DC and Maryland; and Consultant (Communications Director) for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

Earl served in numerous capacities in the Prince Hall Masons, including 330 United Supreme Council, and Prince Hall Shriners, where he served as Executive Assistant to five Imperial Potentates.

Earl placed primary emphasis on his faith, serving God in every way he could. After moving to Florida with his wife Jean in 2008, they joined New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando, FL under the pastorship of Rev. Dr. Randolph Bracy Jr. and Rev. Dr. Leroy Rose III.

Earl is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jean, and their blended family: son, Derek (Sharon†); daughters, Tiffany (Vernon), Erika, and Ahuvyah; grandchildren, Drew (Caitlin), Dustin, Derek (Jerrica), Dylan, and Gabriel; seven great grandchildren, his first wife, Eva, and a host of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate any gifts be sent to:

In the memory of Earl Thomas Tildon

Kenard Lang Foundation

<http://kenardlangfoundation.org/>

Cards can be sent to the family home: 2078 Dobson Street, Clermont, FL 34711

<https://youtube.com/@NewCovMedia1?si=dYBEiPwz65RV4yM7>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

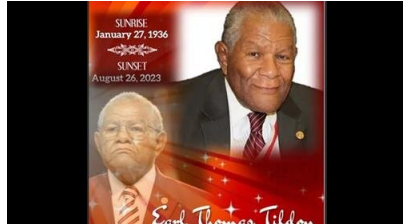
SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church
2210 Rio Grande Avenue
Orlando , FL 32805

Tribute Wall



“ A Community Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl Thomas Tildon



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - September 06, 2023 at 09:56 AM

JH

“ Earl was a warm and kind human being.

Joan Harris - September 09, 2023 at 06:29 PM

BD

“ So sorry we were not able to attend the service. We tried for 3 hours to access the service on YouTube but it was not available. We will miss Earl.

Bernadette abd Frank Dubuss - September 09, 2023 at 01:56 PM

HB

“ Cousin Earl wrote a poem titled "A Grieving Mother Tears" about my work in the streets of DC with at-risk children and youth gangs in 1993. He hit me on the head. I had no clue he was watching me that closely. I wish to still be the great writer he was. RIP my dear cousin.

Harold Bell - September 08, 2023 at 01:47 PM

HF

“ On behalf of Brother Tildon Central State University’s classmates, friends and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity’s Delta Zeta’s brothers, we offer our deepest sympathies and condolences for Earl’s wonderful family. Earl’s giving, high achieving and impactful life was amazing and will continue to add value to future generations. Our Savior has welcomed home his servant and knowing Earl he had something to say ... Thank you, Lord ... Know I missed it. 😊🙏👉👈

Harold Flowers - September 08, 2023 at 01:08 PM

TH

“ Good morning!

We hope this finds you and your family well after the holiday.

Please find the link for the service attached below, ready for distribution. It will be attached to the funeral home site shortly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tK9FLXEulwM>

*Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Earl Thomas Tildon
Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Earl Thomas Tildon Saturday,
September 9th, 2023 11:00am New Covenant Baptist Church of
Orlando Dr. Leroy Rose, III - Lead Servant
www.youtube.com*

*They can also look on smart TV. Go to the YouTube app and search
newcovmedia1.*

*Please let me know if there are any additional concerns or
questions.*

Enjoy your day.

*Tiffany Tildon-Hodge
804-239-0555*

Tiffany Tildon- Hodge - September 06, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Thomas Tildon.



September 05, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of cousin Earl's passing. I have fond memories of holidays and other special occasions at the home of our beloved Aunt, "Miss B" (Evelyn Billingsley). My heart goes out to Jean, Tiffany, Erika and Ahuvyah as well as Eva and the grands! Also Charlita & Margie B.
Please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers!
Love you all, Cousin Pat Waugh in DC

Patricia Waugh - September 04, 2023 at 07:01 PM



Cousin Pat!

Those are some of my favorite memories as a child, we remember your laughter and constancy at family events and visits. Your prayers and thoughts are welcome.

All our love,

Tiffany

Tiffany Tildon- Hodge - September 06, 2023 at 06:54 AM



I can also reflect on those days and many many occasions we shared as a close knit family. Earl was always there to help out in the good, bad, and sad times at the Billingsley's family home. He was a cousin, a son, a brother and someone we loved dearly. Peace and Love Cousins Charlita and Margie.

charlita McMillan - September 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM