



*Celebration of Life
For
Mr. Eddie Lee Tinsley Jr.*



Sunrise
August 28, 1958

Sunset
May 17, 2024

Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. We pray God's blessings upon you all.

A special thank you to his NA Sponsor Mario Smith (Gerry) & friend Bruce Battle (Sheila) for their continued efforts & support for Eddie during the most difficult times of his journey.

~The Family~

Arrangements Entrusted TO:
The W. J. Gist Mortuary
519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina
Telephone 476-3411 or 476-6238

Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service
1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina
Telephone 574-5464 or 576-8800
www.wjgist.com

*Saturday, May 25, 2024
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon*

*Trinity AME Zion Church
Woodruff, SC*

*Rev. Dr. Victor C. Wilson, Pastor
Pastor Kenneth Clyburn Sr., Officiant*



FAMILY MEMORIES



Love Letter to my Husband

My Dearest Eddie,

As I sit down to write this letter, my heart aches with the weight of your absence. You were not only my husband but my soulmate, my steadfast partner in every aspect of life, and my greatest love. Words seem so inadequate to express the depth of my sorrow and the profound emptiness your passing has left in my heart.

Eddie, or "TNT" as your bowling friends knew you, your energy and enthusiasm always lit up the lanes, just as "Steady Eddie DJ" brought joy and rhythm to every room with your old school R&B and gospel tunes. Your passions were many, but nothing compared to the 32 years you devoted to NA recovery, helping countless others with your experience, strength, and hope. Your commitment to this cause was a testament to the incredible man you were—courageous, compassionate, and ever encouraging.

Our shared love for the NY Giants and the NY Knicks turned game days into cherished rituals, moments I looked forward to because they were spent with you. How we cheered and groaned in equal measure, riding the highs and lows with our teams, always finding joy in the game and in each other's company. Those Sundays spent together were among my happiest times, filled with love and laughter.

You were also the best spades and bid whist partner anyone could ever ask for, always knowing how to play the right card at the right time. Your sharp mind and strategic thinking made every game an exciting challenge.

Above all, Eddie, you were my heart's true companion. Losing you feels like losing a part of my soul. Yet, I find solace in our shared memories, in the music we loved, in the silent echoes of your laughter filling our home, and in the love that will forever bind us. You have left an indelible mark on my life, and I will carry you with me always.

As we gather to say our goodbyes, know that you are deeply missed and forever cherished. I am forever grateful for every moment we shared, every lesson you taught me, and every smile you gave me. Thank you for being my everything.

Until we meet again, my love,

Your Loving Wife Kim



LIFE PROFILE

Eddie Lee Tinsley, Jr passed away peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2024. He was born on August 28, 1958, in Brooklyn Women’s Hospital, NY to the late Clementine Bowser Tinsley and Eddie Lee Tinsley, Sr.

Eddie was kind and funny to all who knew him. He was a talker! He could and would talk about every and anything from sun-up to sun-down. The topics could be about what was happening in the world to different personal experiences. However, it was always interesting & enlightening.

To know Eddie was to know that he loved his fashion, making videos, and he loved his music! He was always sharp, coordinated and dressed to impress with a hat to match! He loved to DJ anywhere, anytime as long as there was a set available. His love of music lived on through the very end when he was to play at his own party.

Clean and sober for 32 years! That was one of Eddie’s proudest accomplishments. Although being faced with trials and tribulations, he would continue to make his NA meetings whether it had to be done in person or virtually.

He touched countless lives with his compassion, and unwavering love. He will forever be remembered for his sense of style, gentle spirit and contagious laughter.

Outside of his videos & music, Eddie found joy in bowling. He cherished it because he was able to share the same love for it with his family. Eddie enjoyed teaching anyone he could who was interested in learning. He was also very competitive! The minute the student surpassed the teacher, he was ready to challenge them to a bowl-off!

He is preceded by his mother Clemintine Tinsley; Father Eddie Tinsley, Sr; brother Dennis Bowser; niece Tandra Bowser-Williams & nephew Jonathan Zeigler.

Eddie will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Kim Tinsley; his daughter Christina Baril; his son Donnie Tinsley; grandson Naisaiah Baril; brother Anthony (Curtis) Tinsley; nieces Monica Zeigler, Asia & Renee Jackson & Ashley Farmer; nephews Branden Tinsley, Dennis Zeigler Jr, & Christopher Zeigler (Quasia Watson); Mother-in-love Geneva Alston; sister & brother in love Racquel & Michael Alston; in addition to countless aunts, uncles & cousins, great-nieces & great-nephews. He will also be fondly remembered by his many friends and colleagues.

Order of Service

Processional.....The Family

Call to Worship.....Rev. Dr. Victor C. Wilson

Invocation.....Minister

Selection.....Trinity Gospel Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Ms. Connie Joseph

New Testament.....Mr. Paul Gilliam

Poem.....Ms. Sandy Norman

Prayer of Comfort.....Min. Preston Starr

Selection.....Trinity Gospel Choir

**Reflection.....Mario Smith, Community
Bruce Battle, Church
Romey Danzler, Friend
Pamela Meadows
Ralph Norman
Karen Edgins**

Reading of Life Profile.....Brandon Tinsley

**Solo.....Rev. Tonya Jackson
Shekinah Glory AME Church, Spartanburg, SC**

**Word of Comfort.....Pastor Kenneth Clyburn Sr.
Mt, Carmel Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC**

Selection—“Welcome”.....Mr. Ronald Browning

Recessional

Committal and Benediction

Though he may be gone from our sight, his love will continue to guide us, and his memory will live on in our hearts forever.

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