

*Remember me as you Pass by.
As you are now. So once was I;
As I am now. So shall you be:
Prepare yourself to follow me.*

GEORGE TILLMAN, the son of Estella Starks and the late James Crump, was born on October 1, 1937, in Lincoln County, Mississippi. He departed from this life on May 31, 1990, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

George was educated in the public schools of Lincoln County, where he received his high school diploma from Progress High School. He continued his education at Coahoma Jr. College where he studied Brickmasonry.

As a well known and expert brickmason, George's contribution to the growth and development of Brookhaven can be seen in the Lincoln County Government Complex, Betty Ann's Boutique, Shoney's Restaurant, and in many beautiful homes and buildings around the city.

During his youth, George was an active member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church and later attended Bethel A.M.E. Church.

His service to his country was accomplished through the U.S. Army from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of SP4 E-4 on November 17, 1963.

He was involved in a number of communal and fraternal organizations: Charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4806; member of Friendship Lodge I.B.P.O.E.W. No. 923 and King David Guard Lodge A.F. & A.M.; member of Progress Alumni Club.

He and Patricia Williams were united in marriage on January 20, 1984. Pat remained a devoted wife - caring, sharing, and loving George until his demise.

He leaves to cherish warm memories his loving and devoted wife, Patricia Williams Tillman of Brookhaven; his mother, Estella Starks of Brookhaven; one sister, Dorothy Black of Markham, IL; two sons, George Keith Tillman of Los Angeles, CA and Kelvin Maurice Tillman of Brookhaven; two daughters, Stacey Tillman and Erica Tillman of Brookhaven; two stepsons, Paul McGill of Brookhaven and Jeffrey Dillon, USSN of Indianhead, MD; two stepdaughters, Dedra McGill and Avril "Kizzy" McGill of Brookhaven; four grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Robert Black; two sisters-in-law, Purdene Brown and Beverly Howard; and many aunts, uncles, nephews and other relatives and friends.