



## Kenneth Tillis

August 30, 1953 - August 27, 2025

Kenneth Tillis, beloved father, proud veteran of the United States Navy and loyal native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. He was 71 years young and is dearly missed by his entire family, friends, and loved ones.

Kenneth thoroughly enjoyed growing up in Tulsa, OK, among his siblings and later creating a family of his own. Ever since a young child, he's always had a passion for laughter-playing practical jokes on his family and friends and for being serious-gaining knowledge through reading books, writing articles, and creating poetry.

Although a well-traveled man, he remained in Tulsa for the majority of his life. While in the Navy, he served as an Ordnance Mechanic. Afterwards, as a jack of many trades, he's held several jobs, including working as a U.S. postal worker. The one career he thoroughly enjoyed was as a Chef for the infamous Camelot Hotel. He's met many of its famous guests and was able to serve them the most delicious meals. His love for praying, dancing, singing, writing, and speaking were shown in different aspects throughout his life.

His quick wit, humor, and love and adoration for his family, dominoes, a wide genre of music-mainly old school songs, cards, the Wheel of Fortune, board games, kung fu movies, and dressing to impress will not ever be forgotten.

He was the son of (Joyce) Betty Jean Butler, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his partner Deborah, 7 loving children: Juan, Kashawna, Kenneth, Mario, Marco, Marcell, and Ta'Ona, 4 beloved children: Ebony,

Michael, Felecia, and Edward, 8 siblings: Loretta, Orville, Yvonne, Michelle, Loren, Jerome, Nathaniel, Darryl; and a host of aunts, uncles, grand-children, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends to celebrate and cherish him. He will always hold a special place in our memories and forever remain in our hearts.

Kenneth's loving family, loyal friends, caring veterans and medical staff, attended the Veteran's Honor Walk held in his honor on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 1:00pm, Muskogee, OK.

His Celebration of Life with Military Rites are entrusted to: Serenity Funeral and Crematory, 4170 E Admiral Place, Tulsa, OK 74115

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Uncle Kenny always had a smile for me and an encouraging word... it was almost like he saw a funny side of life only he could see and it amused him slightly. Great guy.

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**Jon Thompson** - September 19, 2025 at 11:01 PM

AN

“ I just heard you were gone and my heart is heavy with sorrow for the loss of you Kenny. You weren't just my brother-in-law, you were my friend, and a true brother to me. The laughter and memories will forever hold a special place in my heart. That chapter may have changed, but the bond we had will never be broken. I deeply wish we had stayed in touch, but please know that you were, and always will be, family to me.

To the entire family, I offer my deepest condolences. My thoughts are with you all during this painful time. Kenny will never be forgotten, and his memory will live on in the love we shared. Rest in peace, my brother. You'll always be in my heart. ❤️

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**Angela** - September 18, 2025 at 07:05 PM

GT

“ I always will remember Kenny's great laugh and his voice and how gentle he was with his Mother!!  
Pretty special.

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**Gerald Thompson** - September 18, 2025 at 01:14 PM

MN

“ You were a great friend to me and you truly were friendly to everyone, reminding us to celebrate life. We learned from your wisdom and are thankful for your military service in the Navy to defend and protect our country. Since you frequently attended Mount Zion Baptist Church, we know that you were a Christian believer who was ready to meet Jesus. “May the beautiful memories of his long life be your blessing.”

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**Mr. Northington** - September 16, 2025 at 03:25 PM

DL

“ 9/15/2025 What a tremendous personality!! If you ever needed anything, he was happy to share it with you or give it to you. Every time you met with him, you were in the presence of pure joy. He would tell you stories that made you laugh once, twice, and then a third time. It's marvelous that he has now received an immortal spiritual body that can breathe freely with no oxygen tank and can now travel at the speed of light!

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**Derek Latimer** - September 15, 2025 at 01:11 PM