



Mr. Andre Tillman

August 13, 1957 - July 7, 2015

In Loving Memory Of Andre "Audie" Tillman:

Andre Tillman also known as 'Audie' among family members was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 13, 1957 to Jettie B. Doyle and Sidney Thomas Tillman II. Upon completing his studies at Northern High School, Andre attended the University of Michigan as a student-athlete for two years and studied Engineering while a member of the University's Swim Team.

Andre married Denice Michelle Braxton and from that union they had a son, Andre Lance Tillman.

Andre was preceded home by his father Sidney Thomas Tillman II and his brother Sidney Thomas Tillman III. Andre proudly served his country for 21 years as a Machinists Mate in the United States Navy and retired honorably in 2003, continuing the Navy tradition as his father and brother had done before.

Even after retiring from the military, Andre continued to use his machining talents as an Aircraft Parts Repairer at the Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was a true master of his craft and that showed in the quality of his work. His intelligence and strong work ethic are just a couple of the many attributes Andre passed on to his son.

In his spare time Andre loved to watch a good movie and he also enjoyed 'Old School' music. If you stopped by his house, you might catch him watching a

football or basketball game or even a swim meet. Andre was an All-State Athlete in high school and loved sports, ESPECIALLY swimming. If you really wanted to see his eyes light up, all you had to do was mention his nephew Sean Higgins, former NBA Player and fellow Wolverine. He would always tell Sean, "Handle Your Business!"

Above all, Andre enjoyed spending quality time with friends and family. His infectious laugh would brighten up anyone's day and he loved to have a good time. He valued the individuals in his life and that really showed because anyone that knew 'Tillman' would give him the shirt off of their back because they knew he would do the same.

His son was the Apple of his Eye! If you had a conversation with Andre, you knew everything about 'Lance.' He would always say, "That's MY Son!"

Andre passed away peacefully on July 7, 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall



“ *Coming across this website being able to read about my uncle Audie has made my day!*

He was always so kind and genuine I miss the way he would bring his big energy to family events and have everyone laughing all night!

lanasia randle - August 17, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Mr. Andre Tillman*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hello my name is Joseph Sanocki and Andre and I worked together at the wheel and tire shop here at Tinker AFB in OKC. Andre and I shared a special bond, because we were both from Michigan and we loved the Wolverines. I got a chance to visit with Andre a few times at his home in the OKC area when he was diagnosed, and he was always in good Spirits and still wanted to come back to work. I also had a chance to pray for him and with him. Andre was a very hard working and caring individual and we already miss him. I wish God would have kept him around a lot longer. My deepest condolences go out to you: (his family) and (his friends).*

Joseph Sanocki - July 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM

TB

“ This poem is dedicated to "Audie" Tillman from his loving cousin
Toni Burton-Goe
May you Rest in Peace forever, I'll miss our philosophical
conversations!

Fallen Heroes
by Joye Atkinson

*From the time I was conceived God had for me a plan
He wanted me to get involved to help my fellow man
I know some were against it but God knows what is best
Since the day He took me home I've had perfect rest
Heaven is so beautiful I'm walking streets of gold
Now I'm serving others including saints of old
I know some still have anger about the way I died
But God and I both have seen the many tears you've cried
He is a God of comfort whose love will never cease
Give your feelings to Him and He will give you peace
As difficult as it may be please don't hold a grudge
Remember this my loved ones God alone will judge
Then on that resurrection day when all the dead will rise; the Lord
will reunite us together in the skies
So don't give up my loved ones my memory is still alive
Put your trust in the Lord; I know you will survive!*

Toni Burton-Goe - July 15, 2015 at 05:25 PM

LP

“ Andre,
One of my best friends. He was my shipmate in the Navy. He was a loyal man. "Come hell or high water, he was truly dedicated to the Navy." I will miss his boisterous laugh. He always told the truth thus I could count on his advice for anything.
Not too many people can say that they speak the truth. Thank you for your friendship, you will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace Andre. God always looked over you and will continue especially now that you are with him forever. Amen.

Linda Old Horn Purdy - July 14, 2015 at 07:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Andre Tillman.



July 13, 2015 at 07:25 PM

MO

“ Monica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andre Tillman



Monica - July 13, 2015 at 08:45 AM

MJ

“ Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.



I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Sincerely, Monica

Monica J - July 13, 2015 at 06:49 AM