



## Mr. Garland Lane Goodwin

July 21, 1945 - July 11, 2016

Garland Lane Goodwin was born July 21, 1945 in Columbus, Mississippi to the proud parents of Ophelia and Ned Goodwin and died peacefully July 11, 2016 at his home in St. Louis. He was the younger of two children. His parents, and his sister, Annie Ruth Hill, preceded him in death.

Garland moved to St. Louis, Missouri as a young child. He and his family joined Bostick Temple COGIC under the leadership of Daniel Bostick. It was here that he confessed hope in Christ at an early age.

A product of the St. Louis Public Schools, Garland graduated from Blewett Elementary and Vashon High Schools. He lettered in Football, Baseball, and Basketball in high school. Because he was a star athlete, his talents allowed for him to receive a full Football Scholarship to Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. In May 1967 he received a BS in Social Science & History.

In August 1967, Garland married his High School Sweetheart, Janice Spain. To this union two children were born, Baby G and Lauren Anita. They remained married for almost 34 years until Janice's death in 2001.

In 1968, Garland was drafted into the United States Army. During this time he fought in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1970 with a

Specialist 5 rank.

After his return to civilian life, Garland began his career with the St. Louis Public Schools. His education journey began with teaching at Blewett Middle. From there, his journey continued at the high school level where he taught Social Studies, History, and Law. Garland felt he could make a bigger difference in the lives of children by assuming an Assistant Principal/Principal role so in 1985 he received a MS in Education Leadership from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, MO. Garland left his unforgettable imprint at Vashon High School, O'Fallon Technical High School, Beaumont High School, Sumner High School, and Clyde Miller Career Academy. After almost 40 years of shaping the minds of Inner-City youth, Garland retired in 2005.

While Garland was teaching he also continued his passion of playing Baseball. For ten years, he played with the semi-professional team, Mathews-Dickey Knights. Garland was a left-handed hitting first baseman who helped the Knights win the 1973 State Semi-pro tournament by hitting two homeruns. Because of his outstanding playing during his tenure with the Knights, Garland was inducted into the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996.

Garland possessed many attributes. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to make others laugh. He loved music, particularly jazz (traditional and contemporary), and Motown. He collected albums and CDs from different genres and had accumulated an eclectic library. Garland also loved playing Golf and could often be found on various courses several times a week. He was also a 25 year member of the Royal Vagabonds Social Club.

To cherish his memory and celebrate his life, Garland leaves "his twins" daughter, Lauren Goodwin and granddaughter, RyLeigh Tennin; nieces, Debra Jollar and Jeri Moore; nephew Michael Hill Jr.; uncle, Clyde Kapadia; first

cousins, Mary (James) Campbell, Vernon (Holly) Dotson, Bishop (Winnie) Dotson III, Althea Durham, Charles (Barbara) Fletcher, Jacqueline Fletcher, Marcia (Roland) Harrell, Shirley (Jimmy) Mayes, Joe Raybon Jr., David Seligmiller, Rita Smith, and Tammy (Warren) Wright; sweetheart, Shirley Powell; and a host of other relatives, friends, and students.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park

5200 Lucas and Hunt Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63121

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bostic Temple COGIC  
1448 Hodiamont  
St. Louis, MO 63115

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Today I was sitting in my home thinking of boyish friends. I thought "what ever happened to old Garland". I goggled and this sorrowful news hit me directly! How strange life is. We used to play basketball in Pruitt projects all the time. He was a friend. This hurts. To his family, my sympathy. Good man.

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**Edward Blair** - December 06, 2018 at 10:56 AM

DH

“ Duane Hill purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Mr. Garland Lane Goodwin.



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**Duane Hill** - July 17, 2016 at 06:14 PM

WC

“ To the Family of Mr. Garland Goodwin,

*First and foremost, I would like to offer my sincerest sympathies for your loss. May God your fondest memories of Mr. Goodwin offer you some comfort during this difficult time.*

*I met “Mr. Goodwin” at Herbert Hoover Boys’ Club in 1971, whereby he coached our team in the Junior Football League. Mr. Goodwin was a very imposing figure, yet his warm personality and great sense of humor always kept the team at ease. However, he always insisted upon discipline, respect, and accountability and responsibility for every member of our team. I would suggest that his greatest attribute was that of service and, as we all know, history has demonstrated that our greatest leaders were servants. Mr. Goodwin was indeed a leader in many ways, as he helped to inspire many of us to succeed and, also, to give back to the community. As an adult, I would frequently get a chance to visit with him at social gatherings and he would have me laughing in stitches about the good old days and at the same time encourage me to continue to do well. Mr. Goodwin made a lasting and very positive impression on me.*

*May God Bless and Comfort You,*

*Wil Cooper*



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**Wil Cooper** - July 15, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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“ *To The Family of Garland,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Garland and I were very good friends during his time at Alcorn State  
University, he will surely be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Eula Randall Morant*

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**Eula Randall Morant** - July 14, 2016 at 09:14 PM