



Mr. (Chuck) Tillman,

June 7, 1929 - October 22, 2011

Mr. Cornelius "Chuck" Tillman

Mr. Cornelius "Chuck" Tillman Jr. was born June 7, 1929, in Helm, Mississippi, the eldest son of Cornelius and Annie Mae Tillman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings: Dortha McHenry, Ozzie Taylor, Mae Carolyn Jefferson and Roosevelt Tillman.

Chuck sharpened his saxophone skills at Vashon High School and graduated in 1948. He married Ceola Mitchell and together they had five children. When she became incapacitated, he lovingly took care of his household and raised two granddaughters while keeping Ceola at home until her passing in 1994.

Chuck was called up to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and returned home to work at Chrysler for the next 24 years. He also spent time buying and refurbishing homes in north St. Louis.

During those years, Chuck continued to play the saxophone, clarinet and flute with greats such as the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Miles Davis and Chick Corea, to name a few. Most recently, he played with Jazz Edge.

Chuck Tillman is survived by five children, Phyliss Brown of St. Louis, Mo., Donna Peacock of Atlanta, Ga., Cheryl Tillman of St. Louis, Mo., Gary (Bonita) Tillman of St. Louis, Mo., and Sondra Austin of Jacksonville, Ala.; nine grandchildren (Kelly, Erica, Danyale, Lynette, Claudia, Elysha, Kaylin, Alanna and Cornell); eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and a special friend, Geraldine Crumpton.

Chuck passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis,

Mo., after a brief illness.

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“ *Uncle chuck was more than an uncle he was the definition of a real father. I learned alot and will always cherish what I learned from that great man.*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to my tillman childhood freinds. I remember your Father as a very strong and supportive caregiver. Please continue to be strong and stay as gifted as your parents modeled for you all. You all are in my daily prayers. May God Bless You All! Condolences from the entire Bartlett family*

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