



Tillis Artis Roberts

January 7, 1941 - August 22, 2023

Mr. Tillis Artis Roberts was born January 7, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He left his earthly clothing behind on August 22, 2023, and his spirit went to Heaven to rest. Artis had many names, Son, Uncle Artis, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tillis, brother-in-law, cousin, big brother, friend, however he was most proud to be called “Dad and grandpa” He had a million-dollar smile and an infectious laugh.

Artis began traveling early in life and moved with his mother to North Carolina where he was showered with love by his beloved Grandmother, Clarissa Roberts. Grandma Clarissa taught him about the LORD, gardening, and life principles, including the importance of having your own. Eventually, Artis relocated to Fort Myers, FL and as a high school freshman, participated in theater plays at school. Artis was very athletic and loved playing football and baseball. He even received an award for his athletic skills. Artis then relocated to Asbury Park, NJ where he continued to be showered with love from his Aunt Genevieve, and other relatives. Artis eventually, arrived in Stamford, Connecticut (CT) where he finished his HS education at Stamford High School, and post HS completed a pharmacy certification, which provided him the opportunity to be employed by Syl May Drug store as a pharmacy lab technician. It is here where he met and married Juanita Rowser. This union resulted in 1 daughter, Arnita (Nene). Robert Ingram, affectionately known as “Pop” prompted Artis to be a deep thinker, investigating the how and why things are done. Pop was able to show Artis how to incorporate street wisdom

and street hustle which expanded his vision for his life, and others.

Very active in the local Civil Rights movement, having met Malcolm X and MLK jr. Artis was a man that would not accept the word “NO” for his family, nor his community and believed that both could achieve the so called “American Dream”. Artis went on to invest in real estate properties and other business endeavors. He was the owner of TAR Laundromat, several apartment buildings and Sportsman’s Liquor store (Stamford), Blue Sky Bar, as well as TAR Big 3 in Alabama. He was a Boy Scout Leader, Pack #6 in Greenwich, CT., owner of the Sportsman Softball Team, and served as a crossing guard for the Pelham NY School system. He loved attending the Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby and going to Casinos.

Artis was very generous to everyone he met. Selflessness was in his heart and those that knew him experienced this. Artis was very concerned about helping others and did so without expecting anything in return. Artis was a long-time member of Bethel AME church in Greenwich, CT., and took pleasure in bringing a van load of kids to church from neighboring towns because he knew and experienced what GOD could do. Artis loved music and he also loved to dance. He loved spending time with his family and loved being spoiled by them. He instilled in his family the importance of having a relationship with God and the importance of furthering their education. “Get all you can, it’s there for you, you must go get it and own it”. “To fear/reverence the Lord is the beginning of true knowledge and wisdom”. “Don’t do as I have done, do better than I have done”!

Artis was preceded to Heaven by his parents Mae Ethe Roberts, Robert Ingram, and Tillis A. Rendleman. grandson- Trey Shepard, and son Warren C. Norman Sr.

Artis leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy his children: Barry (Valerie), Esther (Warren), Detra, Arnita (Michael), Shawanda, Antoine, Anthony, Marcus, Kier, Damien, and Torek, 3 Goddaughters: Dawn, Cheryl and Roshawn, 1 Sister, Jackie (Dennis), 3 brother-in-laws, Lovell, Wilbur (Lois), Eugene (Peggy). 1 Sister-in-law, Jeanette. Grandchildren: Robert,

Ciayra, Tanya, Warren Jr, Artemus, Marle, Michael Andrew, Trevor, Travis, Tyler, Dior, Nia, Tyjay, Tony, Yeboah, Ta’Kai, Marcus jr., Jah’karyi, Michael, Akhil, Jabari, Naeem, Nina, Jason, Jayce, 23 Great Grandchildren, and the many others that called him Dad and Grandpa, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2023, from 12:00PM - 12:45 followed by a memorial service at 1:00PM at Bethel AME Church, 42 Lake Avenue, Greenwich, CT. 06830.

Live stream will be available via Graves Medley Funeral Services.

Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church-Greenwich
Greenwich, CT

Memorial

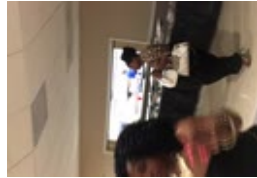
SEP **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church-Greenwich
Greenwich, CT

Tribute Wall

BC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barry F. Crosby - September 25, 2023 at 10:02 AM

BC

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Barry F. Crosby - September 25, 2023 at 09:39 AM

GB

“ *My condolences to the Roberts family. Artis would come and visit Robert at the nursing facility every Sunday after he attended his church service. I will never forget that. May our Lord and Savior keep you in his arms during this time of sorrow. God Bless you all.*

Gail P. Brown

Gail P Brown - September 17, 2023 at 01:17 PM

AR

Thank you so very much for sharing that memory. I appreciate it. Arnita "Nene" Roberts-Christie, daughter

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:40 PM

FH

“ *Frank & Ann Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Tillis Artis Roberts*



Frank & Ann Hutchinson - September 16, 2023 at 10:14 PM

AR

Thank you so much for lighting a candle, Arnita

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:42 PM

TL

“ *Tonya A Lake lit a candle in memory of Tillis Artis Roberts*



Tonya A Lake - September 16, 2023 at 09:33 PM

FR

“ *My condolences to the Roberts family.*

FRED C ROUNDTREE - September 16, 2023 at 08:32 PM

AR

Thank you for your condolences, Arnita

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:43 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Rowser lit a candle in memory of Tillis Artis Roberts*



Brenda Rowser - September 16, 2023 at 01:05 PM

AR

Thank you so much Cousin Brenda. Love you

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:43 PM

TR

“ *Not only Artist was my cousin/brother but also my Mentor. Because of his intervention in my Life and his help and Teachings I have brought over 500 souls to our Lord before and after my Ordination into the Fold. This act of love is only a fraction of his contribution to my life and others and I have no doubt that he has been welcomed personally by our Lord Jesus . Good and faithful servant well Done. Your younger brother Tedi Ramseur*

Tedi Ramseur - September 16, 2023 at 09:50 AM

AR

Thank you so much Cousin Tedi. He loved you and the New Jersey family so very much.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:44 PM

TR

It's funny how I keep searching my memories and going to my fireplace and reflecting on the photo of him that's sitting in my favorite things 🏆 he was my champion 🏆

Tedi Ramseur - September 25, 2023 at 10:01 AM

AR

Hey Tedi. I too have looked at so many pictures of him, each one he was smiling.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - October 02, 2023 at 10:17 PM

LR

“ *Lovell Rowser lit a candle in memory of Tillis Artis Roberts*



Lovell Rowser - September 16, 2023 at 08:32 AM

AR

Thank you so much Cousin Buster for lighting a candle. Much love, Nene

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tillis Artis Roberts.*



September 14, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tillis Artis Roberts.*

September 14, 2023 at 10:03 PM

LF

“ *May God continue to bless you all during your time of sorrow.* ”



Linda Wills Ford - September 13, 2023 at 06:40 PM

AR

Thank you so much Linda.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM

GL

“ *To the family, I am sorry for your loss* ”



Gloria - September 13, 2023 at 01:16 PM

AR

Thank you so much Ms. Gloria

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 15, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ *To Arnita in family I give my condolences* ”

Joy Poteau - September 13, 2023 at 11:26 AM

AR

Thank you so very much Joy.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 15, 2023 at 12:28 PM

YB

“ To the family of Mr.Roberts. I remember when he was friends with my dad Joseph aka "Bobby Oasis" of the Imperial Lounge bar in Stamford CT. Back in the 60s. He and others that knew me called me Mommie. The last time I saw him was at the Blast from the past 2016. He was a great person. Will truly miss him. May GOD bless and keep his memory alive. R.I.P. Artis.

Yolanda Baugh - September 13, 2023 at 02:07 AM

AR

Hello Yolanda. This is Nene. Thank you so much for sharing that memory. It really touched my heart. Yes, daddy will be greatly missed. I do remember your dad.. his name was fondly spoken of in our home. Blessings to you and your family.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 15, 2023 at 12:23 PM

YB

Heart felt words, Thank-you very much.

Yolanda Baugh - September 15, 2023 at 03:07 PM

YB

Nene, if it is possible, can you send me some pictures of my dad and Artis from back in the day? I'd really would appreciate it.
ybaugh47@gmail.com

Yolanda Baugh - September 15, 2023 at 03:23 PM

WS

“ Our condolences to the family

William Dupree Sr. - September 12, 2023 at 05:18 PM

AR

Thank you so much Mr. Dupree. God bless you.

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 15, 2023 at 12:29 PM

LG

Nene my prayers and deepest condolences are extended to you and your family during this stressful season. We have a long list of wonderful memories of you and your Mom and Dad which are will always be cherished. Stay encouraged and know that you are loved. Remember we serve a very present God and His Holy Spirit is present to comfort and guide us.

*Love,
Linda "Ann" Underhill Graves*

Linda 'Ann" Underhill Graves - September 19, 2023 at 12:46 PM

AR

Hi Ann, yes I have very fond memories of my parents and the Southend crew. Thank you for your kind words. Much love

Arnita Roberts-Christie - September 19, 2023 at 03:48 PM