



## SP4 Kinnon Ray Tatum

December 27, 1947 - April 27, 2024

In Loving Memory of God's Special Gift

Kinnon Ray Tatum, son of the late Cleo and Levis Tatum, was born on December 27, 1947 in Center, Texas. Kinnon Ray made his spiritual transition on April 27, 2024 at 4:25 PM from the peaceful and tranquil Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. Kinnon attended Timpson North High, where he received the honor of being the valedictorian. He then went on to attend and graduate from Prairie View A & M, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. Kinnon was drafted into the Army, where he served his required two years as an Army Medic. Once he got out, he moved to Fayetteville where he met and married Portia (Ford). Kinnon also started working at Sears where he spent the next 35 years as one of their best employees, year after year. He remained there until Sears closed its doors in December of 2018.

Kinnon was loved and adored by everyone who had ever come in contact with him. His naturally humble spirit, along with his unconditional love was demonstrated through how he sacrificed to provide his family. Everything they needed and desired. Not only did he love his wife and children, but he adored his six grandchildren and his nine great grandchildren. Everyone who knew Kinnon, knew that he cooked for his family on Tuesdays. It became an honor and a privilege to have experienced a Tuesday meal at his house. From his steaks, chicken,

wings, and fried chicken to his infamous chow chow, Kinnon expressed his love through his food. To know Kinnon was to know the love of a selfless person who found joy in making others happy. Kinnon also found joy in watching fast cars, listening to good music and going to the beach.

One thing that his family can rest assured is that Kinnon had accepted Christ as his savior. This was confirmed when his son, Kinnon, II, found a pocket Bible in his wallet along with a pocket sized college degree. The two things that he kept in his wallet showed us what mattered to him was the Lord and his education.

Kinnon was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Michelle Featherson; daughter, Nikole Renee Tatum; three brothers, Clifford Tatum, Sr, Elton Tatum and Lovis Tatum; three sisters, Ethalia (Tatum) Casey, Evelyn Joyce (Tatum) Hightower and Bobby Jean (Tatum) Stanberry.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Portia (Ford) Tatum of Fayetteville, NC; one daughter, Angela Tatum Malloy of Fayetteville, NC; one son, Kinnon Ray Tatum II of Raleigh, NC; six grandchildren, Nekiala Johnson of Locust Grove, GA, Taylor Johnson, Jasmine Johnson, Freddie Johnson the third, Isabella Malloy all of Fayetteville, NC and Kinnon Tatum III of Charlotte, NC; nine great-grandchildren, Tristan Johnson of Locust Grove, GA, Mackenzie Causey, Keegan Causey, Kaylen Causey, Juliano Sanchez, Jr. and Nori Sanchez all of Fayetteville, NC, Sage Riddick and Bleu Riddick of Fayetteville, NC; two brothers, Autry Lee Tatum (Cynthia) of Orange, TX and Eugene Tatum of Port Arthur, TX; two brothers-in-law, Thomas Stanberry of East liberty, TX and Terry Ford (Phyllis) of Fayetteville, NC; lifelong friends, Richard and Arleen Best of Spring Lake, NC and Jeff and Kathy Crabb of Fayetteville, NC; and a loving host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of SP4 Kinnon Ray Tatum*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - July 09, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LJ

“ *Prayers to the family of Kin, I am honored to have been blessed with his presence working with him at Sears in Fayetteville NC. I pray for his family that they have peace and loss, you were loved so much by so many...RIL*

Lafayette Johnson - May 09, 2024 at 06:22 PM

BM

*My most heartfelt condolences to the family. May each member find peace, strength, and comfort in the Lord.*

Bobbydyne McMillan - May 11, 2024 at 09:57 AM

RL

“ *RSC Liberty purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of SP4 Kinnon Ray Tatum.*



RSC Liberty - May 09, 2024 at 02:04 PM

BP

“ My prayers go out to Mr Kin’s family and friends 🙏 Mr Kin was a very special person,  
Who was very kind hearted and had a good sense of humor. He could always make you smile 😊 I worked with Mr Kin for many years at Sears. He will be missed by all.  
With Sympathy, Brenda Plotz

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**Brenda Plotz** - May 08, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BD

*Angela and family.. Our Condolences to you and your family as you go through this transition. Know that you are loved and God is merciful.*

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**Betty Fuller Dixon** - May 11, 2024 at 10:55 AM

WB

“ I met Kin through my nieghbors Jeff and Kathy Crabb. Kin always made it a point to wave and say hello when he would see me in my yard. He was a kind man and he will be dearly missed.

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**Wendy Brummett** - May 08, 2024 at 03:56 PM

EJ

“ Ken was very dear to me. I was his tax preparer for many years. We often talked about life and family. I know he loved his family dearly. We will all miss him. Prayers are being said for his family. Elizabeth Jones

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**ELIZABETH L JONES** - May 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM

EJ

“ ELIZABETH L JONES sent a virtual gift in memory of Kinnon Tatum



ELIZABETH L JONES - May 08, 2024 at 11:06 AM

DE

“ To the family of Kin Tatum , your Father was just a joy to be around and we always keep us laughing. He was such a good man with Heart of gold. I will miss him dearly and my prayers for strength at this time goes out to family for this devastating loss. Love you Tator rest on my Friend.



Denise - May 07, 2024 at 08:08 PM

FP

“ FROM STEVE PINTER AND STEPHEN PINTER purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of SP4 Kinnon Ray Tatum.



FROM STEVE PINTER AND STEPHEN PINTER - May 07, 2024 at 04:25 PM

FP

“ FROM STEVE PINTER AND STEPHEN PINTER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kinnon Ray Tatum.

FROM STEVE PINTER AND STEPHEN PINTER - May 07, 2024 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ *Phyllis Sneed*



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**Phyllis Sneed** - May 02, 2024 at 07:35 AM

MS

“ *Ken was one of the finest men I have ever known. He became a part of our family and we all loved him dearly. I can only imagine what he and John are up to in heaven. We will miss the happiness he always brought with him.*



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**Maggie Sandrock** - May 01, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CM

*ken and I worked together for many years at SEARS. HE WAS VERY KIND, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND VERY PROFESSIONAL. SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING. PLEASE EXCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES.*

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**CAROLYN MURPHY** - May 08, 2024 at 08:53 AM

TM

*I had the pleasure of working with Mr.Kin and he was the most amazing person. He would keep you laughing on good days and bad days,that's just who he was and he will truly be Missed. So Sleep on Mr. Kin and take your rest, Everyone here on earth Loves You but, "God Loves You Best"....*

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**Teresa McLellan** - May 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM