



David Tedder

December 14, 1936 - March 14, 2025

Mr. David Tedder, son of the late James and Octavia Tedder, was born on December 14, 1936 in Durham, NC. He departed this life on Friday, March 14, 2025.

David graduated from Hillside High School where he played trumpet in the marching band. He furthered his education by earning a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina Central University, NC. His early exposure to music through the trumpet remained a significant part of his life, as he enjoyed playing Taps on his porch on Memorial Day in his retirement. He was also a member of White Rock Baptist Church and part of the choir before his move to Detroit in 1968.

Throughout his life, David was known as a hard worker and an asset to his employers. His diverse work experiences before venturing into entrepreneurship included:

- Dillard's BBQ, Durham, NC
- North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Durham, NC
- North Carolina Central University Mail Room and Print dept. manager, Durham, NC
- Great Lakes Mutual Printing/Graphics dept. manager, Detroit, MI
- HF Campbell Construction Co. Printing/Graphics dept. manager, Detroit, MI

In 1979, David realized his entrepreneurial aspirations and founded Tedder's Printing Co. in Detroit, MI. He successfully ran his own business until his retirement in 1998.

Family was central to David's life. He was the devoted spouse of Jennifer McCormick Tedder for 68 years. Together they raised two children, Maurice and Gwenevere. He was a loving grandfather to Melody Mercer and a great-grandfather to Madison Mercer. His dedication to his family was evident in 2004 when he received a Certificate of Bravery from the Detroit Police Dept. for protecting his family during a mugging at gunpoint at their Detroit home, even chasing after the gunman to recover his wife's belongings. In his retirement, he cherished spending time with his family, as well as listening to his records and swimming. The inclusion of "Family pics" in the service program and the designation of "Family & Friends" as pallbearers and flower bearers further highlights the importance of these relationships. The "Special Letter from Mom 'Octavia'" in the Order of Service also underscores the enduring significance of his family ties.

He leaves to cherish his memory and mourn his loss, his wife Jennifer McCormick Tedder; daughter Gwenevere Tedder of Southfield MI; son Maurice Tedder of Detroit, MI; grand daughter Melody Mercer of Detroit, MI; great grand daughter Madison Merer of Detroit, MI; two sisters, Mrs. Octavia Thombs and Virdell Robbins of Rochester, NY; one sister in law, Shelvajean McCormick of Durham, NC; nine nieces; and four nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, James and Octavia Tedder, and one brother, Louis Tedder.

Previous Events

Family/Friends Time

MAR **24**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of David Tedder*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 24, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ *Tedder Family,
Our sincere condolences to Jennifer, Gwen,
Maurice and Family. We will forever
remember all the picnics, cookouts and family
gatherings we shared over all the years.
Thank you David for introducing your famous North Carolina
"Chopped Barbecue!" We will forever cherish the memories, love
and kindness you always showed towards us. We love you still....!*



*Curtis and Shirley Smith
Lansing, Michigan*

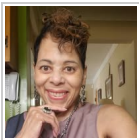
Shirley Lawrence-Smith - March 17, 2025 at 07:26 PM

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“ Jennifer, Gwen, and Maurice,
I was sadden to hear of the passing of David.
Such a kind and honorable man to his family
and everyone who was blessed to meet him. I
will always remember him playing his trumpet
every time we came to visit. He will be missed. David Tedder; gone
but never forgotten!❤️



Sharon Lawrence-Taylor - March 17, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ Such a wonderful person. So glad he's part of our family!



Felicia Lawrence - March 17, 2025 at 08:55 AM

WR

“ Even though I didn't see you as often as I would have liked you
made me smile and laugh when I did see you. Uncle David May you
RIH and you will be truly missed. Love your niece Wilhelmina
(Smoochie)



Wilhelmina Rice - March 16, 2025 at 10:34 PM

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My condolences to my family, love you all

Wilhelmina Rice - March 16, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TR

“ I loved my uncle, David! He was an intelligent, caring, talented, humorous, musical, hardworking, thoughtful, kind soul and soft-hearted family man. I know David is in Heaven, because he was an angel who touched many hearts; especially my aunt, Jennifer’s. I love and miss you, David. I know you are resting in peace. Love always, Toni



Toni Robbins - March 16, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GH

“ I love you daddy David, my buddy. Amazing and Fun. I treasure all the good memories of you. Thank you for that last dance we had. I will miss you!!! Love, your daughter Gwenevere



Gwenevere Heard - March 16, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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Maurice Tedder - March 16, 2025 at 04:59 PM