

Titus Ivory, The Dear Brother

Our parents taught us to love and serve others, and as a brother, Titus did both so well. As a brother, Titus was a trusted friend, a guardian, a protector, a confidante, and a tower of strength. His sense of humor lifted even the most downtrodden. Filled with resounding, infectious laughter, he brought comfort, encouragement and healing wherever it was heard. A gatherer of children, Titus captured their attention with infinite handshakes, love and sound counsel. Recently, he became my brother eternally when he received the Lord into his life and I know that he is now with Him. Even with all of the roles that Titus played, he still found time to be my BIG BROTHER. I love him more today because I can appreciate all the things he was, and I rejoice in knowing that I will see him again.

Titus Ivory, The Friend

Titus was a friend to all. Some of us called him "Big T" or "Tank." He summoned everyone with his tremendous love. Our young ones will miss his special "handshake" and the radiant smile that he generated. He introduced all of us to D-R, C-R-S, and the art of bidding.

Titus Ivory, The Professional Man

Titus was committed to successful achievement in all of his endeavors. He spent more than 20 years as an executive in the banking and finance industry. His last employment was with CRA Finance. He was affiliated with a broad range of professional groups and community-based organizations:

- McCrorey Branch YMCA
- Habitat for Humanity
- United Negro College Fund
- Solicitor for Boy Scouts Council
- Bankers Educational Society
- St. Francis Jobs Training Program
- Leadership Charlotte Class X
- Bethlehem Center
- Afro American Cultural Center
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Private Industry Council
- School PTSAs
- Amateur Athletic Union Commissioner
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Annie L. Richardson Scholarship Fund
- Charlotte Certified Development Corporation
- Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund
- National Urban Bankers Association



*Celebrating the Life
and
Loving Memory
of
Titus Lovell Ivory, Sr.*

January 14, 1949 - April 10, 1998



Wednesday, April 15, 1998
12:30 PM
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216
Reverend Dr. Clifford O. Jones, Pastor

THE ETERNAL PROPERTY of:
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

THE WONDROUS GIFT to:
Emily Richardson Ivory and the late Rev. Cecil Augustus Ivory, Sr.

THE BELOVED HUSBAND of:
Carlenia Graham Ivory

THE DEVOTED FATHER of:
Titus Lovell Ivory II and Terrell Lamarque Ivory
Lisa Johnson and Robert Graham

THE DEAR BROTHER of:
Darnell Ivory and the late Judge Cecil Ivory, Jr.

Survivors include Aunts: Catherine R. Hawkins and Beulah Mae Duncan (Calvin; Uncles: John Stitt and Dr. Reginald Hawkins; Father and Mother-in-law: William and Cardelia Graham; Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Ruth Davis (Comelius), Evelyn Dawkins (Fimon), William Graham (Sheila), Joe Graham (Beverly), Ray Graham (Sandy), Mary Owens (Clint), Elaine Graham; Godmother, Juanita Toatley and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Titus Lovell Ivory, Sr. was born January 14, 1949, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, where he also received his primary education. In Charlotte, North Carolina, he attended Northwest Junior High and graduated from West Charlotte High School in 1967. Titus graduated from Morgan State University (Baltimore, Maryland) in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He also studied further at Johnson C. Smith University, Central Piedmont Community College, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Titus Ivory, The Adolescent Man

Titus developed manhood qualities early. He assisted his handicapped 6'6" father, who was a Presbyterian minister and civil rights activist. Titus took a lot of pride in pushing his father in the wheelchair to the church where he preached, to meetings he organized, to variety stores and luncheon counters he boycotted, and to the jail where he answered trespassing charges. After his father's death, Titus' mother relied upon him to continue his father's legacy.

Titus Ivory, The Athlete

Titus was an outstanding student and football star at West Charlotte High School. He was a pioneer in Carolinas' high school football and became one of the first Black athletes to play in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas in 1966. For his achievements as a scholar-athlete, Titus was awarded a full scholarship to Morgan State University, where he distinguished himself as an outstanding swimmer and defensive lineman. One of Titus' most cherished college memories was playing before a crowd of 65,000 in the Whitney M. Young Classic against Grambling in Yankee Stadium. Later, he developed a passion for golf.

Titus Ivory, The Beloved Husband

Honey. We discovered one another, different, yet alike, and we had the desire to unite our lives to grow together in love and understanding on June 22, 1974. As partners and friends, we fulfilled our vows to love, to honor, and to cherish each other. The strength of our partnership was the magnet that attracted scores of people from all walks of life into our "friendship circle."

There were times when you didn't have any time,

and yet, you took the time.

There were times when you had enough cares of your own,

and yet, you cared.

There were times when you had given all you had to give,

and yet, you kept giving.

And at this time where seemingly we're apart,

I know you'll be with me every step of the way.

I love you, Honey.

Titus Ivory, The Devoted Father

"... and the glory of children are their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6)

Titus proudly loved his children and often expressed it. There was no limit as to what he would do for them. The love for his children was also extended to other children as he devoted much of his time to youth sports and various community activities. Terrell summarized it best when he said: "He never gives up in trying to help other people."