



### PALLBEARERS

Elders and Deacons of The Fellowship of Faith

### FLOWER BEARERS

Deaconess of The Fellowship of Faith

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Elder Opa (Otis Gordon) acknowledges all acts of kindness and every courtesy extended during our loss. We ask for your continued prayers that God will enable us to continue to grow strong. Our sincere prayer is that God will bless each of you.



### INTERMENT

Limestone Memorial Garden  
Athens, Alabama

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to  
Peoples Funeral Home  
12060 Highway 31 South – Athens, Alabama*

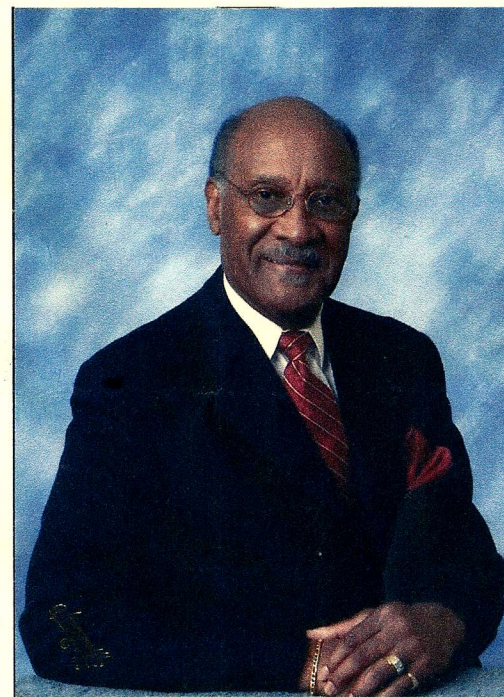


*"I shall not be moved like a tree planted by waters"*

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR "OPA"

ELDER OTIS GORDON

October 23, 1931 – December 9, 2012



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

12:00 NOON

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH CHURCH  
3703 NORTH MEMORIAL PARKWAY  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
Pastor Troy L. Garner, Officiating





## OBITUARY

*Otis Gordon* was born October 23, 1931 in Athens, Al to the late Elvie and Martha Jane Gordon. He attended Miller Elementary and was a member of the Trinity High School Class of 1950. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree from Alabama A&M University. His educational experience included Teacher/Assistant Principal at Miller Elementary School, Special Education at Athens Elementary School and he was the First African American Assistant Principal of Athens High School. He spent a total of 40 years teaching and mentoring youth in Athens and Limestone County. His fraternal affiliations included Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Athelstine Lodge No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons in Athens, AL. He also participated in numerous professional and civic organizations. He was also one of the first African Americans to serve on the Athens Board of Adjustments and Appeals. He served his country in the United States Army Medical Corp. He and his wife Co-owned and Directed Oma's Cradle to Crayons Activity Center for children. He served faithfully as Elder at the Fellowship of Faith Church, Troy L. Garner, Pastor.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters: Eva Norman, Edith Jennings, Carrie Gordon, and one brother Edward Gordon. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Ann; a loving and devoted son Rydell, daughter Vivian, two grandchildren, who were the joy of his life, Jarrod and Jade; two loving, adopted children Vivian and Mike Harris, Athens, AL; a loving sister Ruth Harris, Athens, AL, nephews Dana (Lee) Harris, Madison, AL and Charles (Carol) Harris, Athens, AL, who were like his sons; nephew Wayne Jennings, Cleveland, OH; niece Weesum (Leonard) Allain Detroit, MI; five Brothers-in-law, who were more like his brothers: Robert "Sarge" (Marianne) Oliver, Rudy Oliver, David (Claudine) Oliver, Johnny (Nancy) Oliver and Ahaguna (Tonya) Sun all in CA. There are also many cousins, relatives, extended church family and friends, including his lifelong devoted friend Garnell Yarbrough, Louisville, KY.

Otis was very loved by many and was fondly called Ogee, Daddy, Opa, Unk, Odie, Chief, Professor, and The Godfather.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer

Selection

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Selection

Special Remarks

Obituary

Acknowledgements

Selection

Words of Comfort

Eulogy

Song

Recessional

Minister William Garrett

Choir

Minister Greg Turner

Minister Monica Cosby

Opa's Athens Girl

Deacon Lester Jones  
Sister Vivian Barnes

Read Silently

Deaconess Latonja Martin

Southside Church of Christ

Elder Rydell Gordon

Pastor Troy Garner

"I Shall Not Be Moved"