



## Duane Tillman

June 5, 1973 - December 16, 2011

On Friday, December 16, 2011, God called one of his precious angels, Duane A. Tillman, home. He was a loving father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend.

“Cookieman” was born and grew up in the “London Oaks” section of Portsmouth, VA to Faye Tillman and the late Randall Elliott. He attended Portsmouth Public Schools, where he was a very well-liked and popular person. Diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, Cookieman never let his illness overcome his joy. Throughout his years of sickness, he remained strong and always kept a smile on his face, even in pain. Cookieman was a friend to many, a larger than life person who had a crazy laugh, and a witty personality. Overall, he was a “one of a kind” guy that touched many lives and many hearts.

Cookieman leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Faye Tillman, four beautiful angels that he loved dearly, Deneka Phelps, Deasiah Tillman, D’Vona Atkins and Tiazia Farmer; two granddaughters, DeZyre’ and Mariah Atkins; two brothers, Tarbu Tillman (Teshara) and Andre Smith; six sisters, Antoinette Tillman, Kim Watson, Joyce Lassiter, Denica Benton (Mike), Melinda and Tammy Miller; three aunts, Brenda Giles (Ronald), Patricia Brown (LeRoy), and Debra Brown (Mike); six uncles, Donald Tillman (Sandra), Ronald Tillman (Andrea), James Tillman, Vernon Lee Elliott (Donna), Cecil and Clarence Brown; two great aunts, Emma Askew and Missouri Shepard. Also mourning his loss is his special friend, Tina Farmer and best friends; Anthony Bynum, Jamar Ward and Brian Davis and many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Sanctuary of Hope  
3522 Winchester Drive  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Tillman



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane aka Cookie-Man you will be truly missed and loved by many.##imported-begin##Nita##imported-end##

January 15, 2012 at 12:25 AM



“ The Smith Family wishes to extend their condolences in your time of loss.##imported-begin##The Smith Family##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 11:42 AM



“ To the family...I am so sorry for your loss and my prayer of peace and comfort is with you all. May God bless each and everyone of you.  
With Love  
Bunky##imported-begin##Marion Cherry (Bunky)##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 08:14 AM



“ May you rest in paradise,,pain,and worry free,you were a one of a kind person that I will never forget,your memory will live on forever!##imported-begin##Lisa Cobbs##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 03:57 AM



“ Speechless because it still seems so unreal to me but I know that you are in good hands!! R.I.P "Baby Daddy" you will truly be missed but never forgotten!!! Love you!!!##imported-begin##Tomeka "Mikki" Delbridge##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 03:04 AM



“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU!GODS KNOWS BEST HES NOW AT PIECE NO MORE PAIN.##imported-begin##verdell porter (dell)##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 10:39 PM



“ Words cannot express how much I will miss you. Love, Danielle##imported-begin##Danielle Jones##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 10:38 PM



“ PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AND CLOSE ONES WHO LOVED HIM DEARLY...HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. MY GOD KEEP YALL IN GOOD SPIRIT BY REMEMBERING THE GOOD THINGS THAT HE HAS DONE!!##imported-begin##NATALIE "NEICY" ROBINSON##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 08:03 PM



“ My prayers go out to the tillman family sorry for your loss##imported-begin##booburden##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 11:32 AM



“ Words can not express my sympathy at this time.It is in my prayers that family as well as friends are given the strength to continue on & cherish the memories that he leaves behind.Cook fought a long hard battle,but he continued to live joyous thru even his worst days.He played a great role no matter what it was.Whether friend,father,son,brother etc.He will be greatly missed & never forgotten!! When I think of his homecoming I'm Free fits it best.... I'M FREE  
Don't grieve for me,for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, love,work or play.Tasks left undone must stay that way,I found that place at the beginning of the day.If my parting has left a void,then fill it with remembered joy.A friendship shared,a laugh,a kiss,ah yes,these things,I too,will miss.Be not burdened with times of sorrow,I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.My life's been full,I savored much,good friends,good times,a loved one's touch.Perhaps my time seemed all to brief;don't lengthen it now with undue grief.Lift up your heart and share with me,God wanted me now,He set me free.YOUR PAIN IS NOW GONE- I LOVE YOU ALWAYS -REST IN PEACE- YOU'RE NOW FREE!!!##imported-begin##Jameca Canty##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 08:25 AM



“ With deepest sympathy, many thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. May you look to your memories to bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Tangela Randall & Family##imported-end##

December 20, 2011 at 07:48 PM



“ HI FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THIS U ALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS. REMEMBER GOD NEVER FAILS. I LOVE U ALL AND JESUS LOVES YOU ALL MORE. GOD BLESS U TILLMAN FAMILY.##imported-begin##TEENA##imported-end##

December 20, 2011 at 06:09 PM



“ I LOVE AND MISS YOU HOMIE! TIL WE MEET AGAIN! R.I.P.##imported-begin##SHAWANA FAULKS##imported-end##

December 20, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ Ms.Faye I'm so sorry for your lost.My prayers are with u and your family.##imported-begin##jenise##imported-end##

December 20, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Faye, my heart breaks for you and your family. Nothing can ever prepare us for losing a loved one, especially a child. Find consolation is knowing your child will never again have to endure the pain and hardships of this world ever again because he is safe and at peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is a peace that not even us as mothers can give our children. Thank God for his son Jesus who made this all possible...Rest, my child...your labor on earth is done....Pookie##imported-begin##Sandra Bishop##imported-end##

December 19, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ Ms. Faye and family: Sorry to hear about the loss of your son, Cooke. We all know now that he have nomore pain and suffering. We all will miss him. He's ok now in God's arms. My condolences and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Peaches##imported-end##

December 19, 2011 at 08:26 AM