

January 14, 2014

**Emmitt Melvin Tyler Sr.**



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TERRE HAUTE — Emmitt Melvin Tyler Sr., 69, of Terre Haute, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. He was born June 12, 1944, in Terre Haute to Joseph and Nellie Redmon Tyler.

Emmitt was a perfect husband and father, who loved God and his family. He was an outstanding athlete in football and track while attending Garfield High School and Indiana State University. He taught mathematics and coached football and track at Gerstmeyer Tech and Terre Haute North High School. He retired from Vigo County School Corporation in 2003. After retirement he later

taught part-time at IVY TECH Community College.

He was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church, was co-director of Teaming up for the Future (TUFF), African American Male Mentors for Vigo County School Corporation, Prince Hall Lodge 4 Free & Accepted Masons, Bethlehem Chapter 6, Order of Eastern Star; past worthy patron and past district patron, District 3 O.E.S.; and life member of NAACP.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Nellie Tyler; two sisters, Hilda Tyler and Charlotte Myers; and two brothers, Joseph Leonard Tyler and the Rev. Clarence Nelson Tyler.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Debra Matthews Tyler; two adorable sons, Emmitt Melvin Tyler II (Ariel) of Terre Haute, and Ethan Matthews Tyler of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.; three beautiful goddaughters, LaVennia Anthony, Tisa Tyler McCants, and Tandi Tyler; two sisters, Geneva Rosemary Tyler and Beverly Franklin of Indianapolis; five brothers, Otis Calvin Tyler (Phyllis) of Indianapolis, Bishop Sherman Tyler (Alice) of Duncan, Okla., Herschel Tyler (Mary) of Indianapolis, Russell Tyler (Suzzette) of Charlotte, N.C., and Ralph Tyler (Jessie) of Indianapolis; one aunt, Jennie Louise Stewart; mother-in-law, Jeanette Matthews; four brothers-in-law, Donald R. Matthews (Joyce), Dr. Melvin D. Matthews (Claressa), John A. Matthews (Teresa), and Craig D. Matthews (Stephanie); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and special family members, Carolyn, Tasha, and Glenn Tyler Roberts, and Ashaun Miller.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Oak St. Visitation will be at the church on Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, from 4 to 7 p.m. ,and on Saturday from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Interment will be at Stewart Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to DeBaun Funeral Homes Wabash Avenue Chapel, 2425 Wabash Ave. Online condolences can be made at or sent to: [www.debaunfuneralhomes.com](http://www.debaunfuneralhomes.com)