



Kendall Mark Mayfield

May 11, 1948 - November 3, 2025

Kendall Mark “Ken” Mayfield, beloved father, mentor, and former professional athlete, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2025, at the home he shared with his daughter in Decatur, Georgia. He was 77.

Born on May 11, 1948, in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, Ken was the cherished son of Zenobia and Clarence Mayfield. From his earliest days, his talent, discipline, and kindness set him apart. He excelled in athletics at Chicago’s Dunbar High School before continuing his education and basketball career at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas and later at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

At Tuskegee, he became a prolific scorer and a respected team leader, earning national recognition and, years later, induction into the Tuskegee University Athletics Hall of Fame (Class of 1999).

In 1971, Ken fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was drafted by the New York Knicks of the NBA. He proudly took the court during the 1975–76 season, representing his city and his alma mater with humility and pride. Following his NBA run, he continued his career overseas with the Belgium Lions of the European Professional Basketball League, competing in Antwerp, Brussels, and Liège before returning to the United States.

After retiring from professional sports, Ken transitioned into a respected career in business and education, where he became a trusted mentor and motivator. Whether teaching in the classroom, coaching young athletes, or guiding new professionals, he instilled values of discipline, kindness, and

perseverance. In later years, Ken remained active as a Senior Olympian, proving that passion and joy never age.

Ken is survived by his loving children: Tasha T. Mayfield, Kendall Mark Mayfield II (Brandy), and Matthew K. Mayfield (Tara); former spouses Betty O. Hargrett and Linda Smith; grandchildren Markus, Dante, Daiza, Kyndal, Jayden, Taylor, MJ, Jace, and Talia; and great-grandchildren Kimari, Khy, and Melody.

He is also survived by his siblings Margaret Harris, Elliot Mayfield, LaWanda Gibson, his aunt Cynthia Thompson, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his siblings Marilyn Mayfield, Clare Cassidy, Andrea Mayfield, and Karen Morris.

Ken's warmth, humor, and integrity will live forever in the hearts of his colleagues, teammates, and friends.

A celebration of life will be held immediately after the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please honor Ken's legacy by mentoring a young person, supporting HBCU athletics, or cheering on a local team—just as he always did.

The Celebration of Life Service for Kendall Mark Mayfield will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 3:00 PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5527210>

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Sholas Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I attended Ala. State Univ. Ken an Tuskege team came 2 Montgomery. He had 16 points at half time an he finished the game with 31 points in the second half 2 total 47. The most ever against ASU.

Theophilus Griffin Jr. - January 29 at 06:36 PM

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“ Tasha & Family, I'm sending my prayers and deepest heartfelt condolences. May he Rest In Perfect Peace.

Terri Thomas - November 20, 2025 at 01:11 AM

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“ Sending my condolences to the Mayfield family.
RIH “Brian”. ❤️🙏



KeKe Meadows - November 19, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Mayfield family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - November 12, 2025 at 10:04 AM