



Tyrone Sorrells

May 11, 1963 - August 16, 2018

Alfred “Tyrone” Sorrells, 55, transitioned to his final destination on August 16, 2018. While his passing was unexpected, it was God’s master plan to fill a vacancy in heaven with Tyrone. During his time on earth, he made an indelible imprint on those he touched. A man of large stature, Tyrone was also known for his huge smile and big heart. Seldom did he meet a person that did not recall the interaction. What you saw is what you got. It was that unassuming spirit and down-to-earth demeanor that made him endearing.

Tyrone was born to the late Sallie Jim Sorrells on May 11, 1961, in Buford, Georgia. He is the maternal grandson of the late Columbus (Lumberry) and Lillie Mae Sorrells. He submitted his life to Christ at an early age, joining the Allen Temple AME church. Tyrone spent his childhood in Buford where he attended Buford City Schools and was well known for his athletic prowess. As a three sport standout at Buford High School, he earned 10 letters and numerous awards in football, basketball and track over the course of his athletic career. Tyrone was named the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Athlete of the Year in 1982 and earned First Team Parade All-American honors in football. He was also a member of the Atlanta Naismith Tip-Off Club Team of the Year and led the Buford High track team to the State Championship in his senior year.

Tyrone was presented opportunities to play at the collegiate level in both football and basketball. He ultimately attended both the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech on football scholarships. He also earned a spot in the 1987

NFL draft. Tyrone was inducted into the Buford Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006. Following his athletic career, Tyrone found his niche in the transportation and logistics industry which propelled him to manage his own business as an independent operator/contractor.

Notwithstanding Tyrone's accomplishments on and off the field, his ultimate legacy is his family. Tyrone was married to his college sweet-heart, Tonya Byrd for 25 years. They created a loving home in Kennesaw, Georgia and raised two children together. Tyrone later joined Turner Chapel AME church of Marietta, Georgia, where he and his family fellowshiped until his passing. Beyond his family life, Tyrone's favorite pastimes over the years included coaching youth sports, fishing with friends, and cooking - - often surprising family and friends with his culinary creations. He still had a penchant for the Buford Wolves and was regularly in the stands cheering for the hometown team.

Tyrone leaves to cherish his memories his wife Tonya Byrd-Sorrells; daughter Bria Sorrells; and son Jalen Sorrells all of Kennesaw, Georgia. He is also survived by two sisters, Karen Sorrells and Yvonne Sorrells of Buford, Georgia and two brothers, Wesley Sorrells (Ellen) of Macbain, North Carolina, and Addie Nobahar of Roswell, Georgia. He also leaves several loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sallie Jim Sorrells and three sisters, Lois Daniels, Nina Nuckles and Sandra Sorrells.

Tyrone will be greatly missed by those he loved and those who loved him.

Celebration of life will be held Friday, August 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Buford, 4550 Hamilton Mill Rd, Buford, GA 30518. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Services Entrusted to Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. Our Lawrenceville Chapel located at 914 Scenic Highway Lawrenceville GA 30045.

Interment: Hillcrest Cemetery Buford, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 338-5558
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 1:00 PM.

First Baptist Church of Buford
4550 Hamilton Mill Rd
Buford, GA

Tribute Wall

FE

“ Dear Sorrells Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



Faye Ethridge - September 26, 2018 at 08:57 AM

DW

“ Sis Tonya, children, and family of Tyrone. May God richly bless you all during this very difficult time. Gods blessings be with you and we will continue to pray your strength in the lord for days to come. Blessings, Demingo and Deniece Williams (Wansley)



Deniece Williams - August 24, 2018 at 06:00 PM

SB

“ Tonya and the Sorrells Family, we are thinking of and praying for you - - With compassion, sympathy; and prayers Sherrie P.-B & Family



SB - August 23, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



August 23, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ *Love your cousins-Atlanta Byrd Family Reunion Team purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



Love your cousins-Atlanta Byrd Family Reunion Team -
August 22, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



August 22, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *May God forever comfort you, lift you, and protect you all in his loving arms.
With Our Love, TBaby & Family*



WTB - August 22, 2018 at 02:07 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Shaw purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



Charlene Shaw - August 22, 2018 at 01:03 PM

JF

“ *JANICE MINCEY POPE & Family lit a candle in memory of Tyrone Sorrells*



JANICE MINCEY POPE & Family - August 21, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



August 21, 2018 at 11:15 AM

KW

“ *Karen Kirkland Woods lit a candle in memory of Tyrone Sorrells*



Karen Kirkland Woods - August 21, 2018 at 09:49 AM

KW

Tonya, I pray for peace and comfort to you and family.

Karen Kirkland Woods - August 21, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JW

“*Tonya, I pray God's peace for you and your family during this very difficult time.*”



Jennifer Wilson - August 21, 2018 at 07:43 AM

EF

“*There are no words to express the sorrow in our hearts. Please accept our condolences. In just a little while all of the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love ones will cease and be replaced with joy because the former things have passed away. Thoughts of peace.*”

Evans family - August 20, 2018 at 06:28 PM

JF

May God bless and keep you during this difficult time!! Our family is praying for all of you and just keep looking to God for guidance, strength and peace! Love, the late Harvey L. Mincey Family

Jean Callins/H.L.Mincey Family - August 23, 2018 at 10:19 AM

CM

“*Chad Ramsey & Christina Mahaffey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*”



Chad Ramsey & Christina Mahaffey - August 20, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



August 20, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tyrone Sorrells.*



August 20, 2018 at 09:53 AM