



Donel Gene Tucker

September 17, 1934 - November 26, 2014

'Donel Gene Tucker was born September 17, 1934, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Ardyce Vance and Dorothy Lorraine (Donelson) Tucker. He died Wednesday, November 26, 2014, in Bentonville, Arkansas, at the age of 80 years. Don completed his secondary education in Lubbock, Texas, and was graduated with the Lubbock High School Class of 1952. He continued his education at Oklahoma Military Academy, now Rogers State University, in Claremore, Oklahoma. He then attended the University of Tulsa before finishing at the Oklahoma School of Accountancy. Don was married August 2, 1954, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to Janet Loretta Young. He spent most of his working life as a systems analyst with American Airlines in Tulsa. He served as president of the Administrative Association, wrote technical documents, and was Americanâ€™s representative to the ATA control data panel consisting of 151 international airlines headquartered in Washington D.C. In 1990 he was elected as chairman of the organization. He was twice elected as Mayor of Collinsville and was instrumental in instituting a merit system for city employees. He was the recipient of several awards including the Community Service Award and Ambassador Award. Don wore many hats as an award winning poet, writer, and speaker. He was nominated as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America by a law professor at Tulsa University. He lived his faith and was an ordained deacon and minister serving the sick, shut-ins, visiting nursing homes and hospitals. Most recently he served as a contributing editorial writer for the Tulsa World sharing his stories. Don

cherished and loved his family including Son; Michael Tucker and his wife Theresa, of Garfield Heights, Ohio Son; Marshal Tucker and his wife Beverly, of Collinsville, Oklahoma Daughter; Mindy Adams and her husband Kevin, of Bentonville, Arkansas And a host of 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso, Oklahoma, with Pastor Kelvin Limbocker officiating. Committal services and interment followed at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Collinsville, Oklahoma. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com

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“ *'Thinking and praying for you. Love to all.'*

Tracy Smart - December 02, 2014 at 01:33 PM

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“ *'So sad to hear of Uncle Don"s passing. Sending my love to you all.*

Mika Garnett - December 01, 2014 at 04:09 PM