



## Kenneth Payton

May 15, 1958 - December 16, 2025

Kenneth Payton, 67, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in a local hospital. He was born on May 15, 1958, in Chattanooga to Geraldine Payton and Wirt Toney. He was a graduate of Howard High School with the class of 1976.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his mother, Geraldine Payton; his father, Wirt Toney; grandmother, Doretha Billingsley; uncles, Isaac (Peter) Payton, Gregory Billingsley, and Hershel Lee Payton; aunt, Ethel Mae Gilbert; and his brother, Anthony Payton.

Those left to cherish his memories include his loving partner of 39 years, Kathy Lemaster; sons, Kevin Payton and Kendrick Payton; 3 grandchildren, Kamillyah Payton, Keontay Payton, and Dougie Payton; brother, Jonathan (Latisha) Payton; sister, Felecia (James, Jr.) Moore, all of Chattanooga; uncles, Bobby Billingsley, John Billingsley, and Faddie Billingsley, Jr, all of Chattanooga, William Payton of Whitwell, TN, and Albert Billingsley of Los Angeles, CA; aunt, Diane Cosper of Chattanooga; nieces, Lakita Douglas, LaCora Benn, and Janethia Payton; nephew, Dominique Epps; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Kenneth will lie-in-state on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon in the Chapel with Dr.

William Sullivan, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2116-2124 Shepherd Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Burial

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
2116-2124 Shepherd Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421



# Tribute Wall

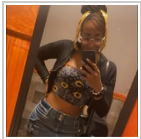


“ *Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is with you; His power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you, and in His love He will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you,*

*Dr. William L. Sullivan Sr.*

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**William Sr** - January 09 at 11:06 AM



“ *I LOVE AND MISS U UNCLE 🥺*

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**LaCora Benn** - December 31, 2025 at 10:49 PM



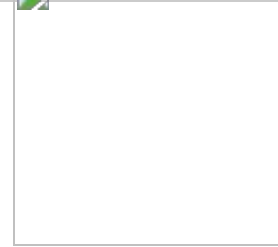
“ *Rest easy and watch down on us. You were always kind to me. thank you for welcoming me and speaking to me every time you saw me. 🧡🧡🕊️*

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**Sarah Wilson** - December 27, 2025 at 06:50 AM



“ *I love you dad you'll always be with me thank you* ”



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**Klpayton92@yahoo.com Payton** - December 27, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ *Gone but never forgotten My brother* ”



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**Randy Toney** - December 24, 2025 at 01:37 AM



“ *Gone but never forgotten about love you brother* ❤️ ”

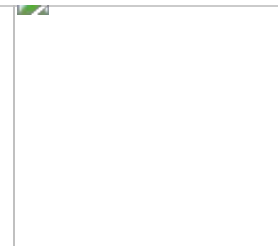


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**Randy Toney** - December 24, 2025 at 01:36 AM



“ *Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Payton* ”



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**Sonya Stiggers** - December 19, 2025 at 02:04 AM