

Ollis King Townes, Jr.

Mr. Ollis King Townes, Jr. was the son of Mr. Ollis K. Townes, Sr. and Mattie Townes-Fail, Ollis K. Townes Jr. was born July 24, 1945 in Tuskegee, Alabama, and he departed this life into eternity on his birthday, July 24, 2008. Ollis spent his grade-school years in Pittsburgh, PA, and attended Allegheny High School. Ollis was quiet and shy but became a popular sportsman and discovered a talent in art.

Later, Ollis attended college at Tuskegee Institute in 1964 on a Basketball scholarship, with a major in Architecture, where he became a very good student in Design. At Tuskegee he met his future wife, Sylvia Bailey, also in Architecture. However, Ollis education was interrupted to serve time in the military in 1968.

In the Military Ollis served in Germany in the Army Airborne Division as an artillery surveyor, a paratrooper; and a member of the Army Football Team. He received the good conduct medal, the national defense service medal, and was designated as an expert M-14.

After being honorably discharged from active duty, Ollis returned to Tuskegee University in 1970, where he received his Bachelor degree in Architecture in 1972. Ollis moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1973 to work, and was joined in matrimony with the love of his life Sylvia L. Bailey where they shared 35 wonderful years of family life and became associated with Cascade United Methodist Church in 1982.

Their union brought forth two children: Alexis Geneva and Kwame Lateef and 4 grandchildren. He continued his 35 year marriage and fatherhood into eternity.

Because of his love of sports, Ollis took an interest in tennis and joined the Adams Park Tennis Association ALTA League in 1976. He played competitively with the "Gentle Mules" for 22 years, thus building many lifelong friends and relationships

He held several Architectural positions in the metro Atlanta area, the last being a position with Fulton County Board of Education and Parsons as project manager building Fulton County Schools.

In 1976 Ollis and his wife, Sylvia, also an Architect, established "Initial Concepts" later "Townes Partners," an architectural firm that has designed projects throughout Metro Atlanta.