



## Kenneth Wayne Powell

February 18, 1957 - February 12, 2024

Kenneth Wayne Powell, was born on February 18, 1957, in Toledo, Ohio, to Joe and Donna (Ellis) Powell. He departed this life suddenly on February 12, 2024.

Family and close friends would come to call him “Kim.” A name given to him by his older brother, Michael.

Kenneth attended Monroe Elementary School then Robinson Junior High where he joined the band. After graduating from Robinson Junior High School, he attended the illustrious Jesup W. Scott High School. He was a member of the marching band at Scott until his graduation in 1975. He went on to attend Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida. At FAMU, he was a member of its world-renown marching band “The Marching 100.” He was a proud member of the tuba section as he had been in high school.

Upon his return to Toledo, he worked for his uncle at Powell’s Beauty and Barber Supply and was an assistant band director at his alma mater, Scott High School. A few years later, he decided to join the Toledo Police Department (TPD) where two of his cousins also worked. He was sworn in as a patrol officer in 1987. He was a dedicated member of the TPD until his retirement in 2010.

Kenneth was a faithful member of Amazon Lodge #4 Prince Hall Affiliation where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1995. He would serve as Worshipful Master in 2002 and was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. In 2018, he obtained the highest degree of Masonry; that of Grand Inspectors General, also known as, 33°, with St. Matthew's Consistory #24. He was also a member Mecca Temple #43.

After more than 10 years of spending his winters in Florida, Kenneth moved to Dunnellon, Florida permanently in October 2021 where he resided happily until his death.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents Joe Powell and Donna Washington, stepfather Harvey Washington, and eldest brother Dr. Michael Powell.

He is survived by daughters Tiffanie McNair and Taylar Powell, grandson Kyan Lawrence, sister Evelyn Jackson (Dunnellon, Florida), brothers Gerald and Keith Powell (both of Toledo), nephew Blaine (Juanita) Jackson, Sr. (Pottstown, Pennsylvania), stepsiblings Craig, Todd, and Jewel Washington, Gina Wimberly, and Tony Rivers, as well as countless cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Phillips Temple CME  
565 Palmwood Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604

## Ceremonial Rites

FEB 23. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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565 Palmwood Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family  
I was very sicken to see this on the web this morning  
Kenneth was a awesome guy for the years I knew him from high  
school to adulthood. May you rest in peace  
Once a bulldog always a bulldog*

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**Evelyn Mays** - May 02, 2024 at 06:24 AM

KA

*Sorry for your loss. Thank you for your service.  
May the Powell family find comfort and peace knowing that you will see  
Kim again.*

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**Kaye** - January 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM

TA

“ *PRAYERS for the POWELL family sending our condolences,love  
from the Addie/Reynolds family 🐾*

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**Tina Addie** - March 09, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JT

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family of Kenneth Powell.  
He was a loyal friend and will be missed.  
Joyce Thrower  
Ocala, FL*

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**Joyce Thrower** - February 25, 2024 at 11:57 AM

SG

“ SHARON GRAHAM lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Powell



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**SHARON GRAHAM** - February 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM

RS

“ I will truly miss my favorite Marching Rattler (the only Rattler I will call my fav:). I will miss our friendly arguments about who's HBCU is better:). Rest well Cousin. My condolences to the family. Love your favorite Wildcat ( Bethune- Cookman) cousin~ RoChauna (from ATL)~

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**RoChauna Storrs** - February 23, 2024 at 10:16 AM

GS

“ I was loss for words when I heard the passing of Kim. Our friendship go back over 45 years. When I was dealing with a serious health condition. Kim would call me every week to see how I was doing. He always made me laugh with his off beat jokes. This past summer when Kim was home. I made it a point to visit weekly. We sat around looking at old pictures and reminiscing of the fun times we shared with friends and family like the Jazz Festival, New Year Eve Parties, Hair Shows in Atlanta, Swim Parties, trips to Florida A&M University and family gatherings). The one thing we both cherish was spending time with Tiffany and Kimberly. Kim smile will be greatly miss but his memory will last forever.



*Glenda Snell-Bowman*

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**Glenda Snell-Bowman** - February 23, 2024 at 12:30 AM

JK

“ Jeff Reynolds (City of Killeen) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Wayne Powell.



Jeff Reynolds (City of Killeen) - February 22, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JK

“ Jeff Reynolds (City of Killeen) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Wayne Powell.

Jeff Reynolds (City of Killeen) - February 22, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ I love you cousin! going to miss you ❤️❤️

Tasya Jordan - February 22, 2024 at 07:54 AM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E. March Jones and Family

Gwendolyn E. March Jones - February 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM

WW

“ Wayman Jones and Linda Watkins purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Wayne Powell.



Wayman Jones and Linda Watkins - February 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM

CF

“ Kenneth my brother always a light to be around a friend who cared for folk and became a professional about it in his career. Sorry for this Heartbreak but GodhasBlessed.

Charles Blanchard Friend - February 21, 2024 at 09:21 AM

LV

“ I was one of Kim's closest childhood friends and lived above him in a duplex on West woodruff Ave. He and I both loved the R&B groups of the 70's and especially one of his favorite groups the Tower of Power and recently performed where he lived in Ocala, Florida. Again we both were in close proximity of each other since I live in Northern Florida and visited him in November. I just found out the he had taught my brother to play a tuba and my brother won first place in a contest in Michigan. He was a very kind mild mannered friend and a true professional as a law enforcement officer. He made it a point to visit his friends at every Bulldog Weekend every August. We will be together again reminisce about the good times and the better times!



Louis Vanleer - February 20, 2024 at 10:28 PM

CG

“ Words can't express how my heavy heart will forever be. Kenneth is that irreplaceable beautiful spirit every person wishes they could have the pleasure to have in their lives. Memories of the laughter we shared over the years as cousins are treasured. Love and Hugs family.



*Cheryl Powell Gardner*

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**Cheryl P Powell Gardner** - February 20, 2024 at 07:53 PM