



## Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman

September 26, 1966 - March 22, 2021

Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman, age 54, transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 1:55 pm on Monday, March 22, 2021 at University Rehabilitation at Northmoor, Peoria, IL.

Kimberlea was born on September 26, 1966 in Oxford, MS to James and Izola (Pegues) Tillman. Kimberlea accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She married Derrick Jones on August 9, 1997, they later divorced.

Kimberlea was a graduate of Peoria Central High School where she was a Track statistician and excelled academically. Kimberlea was presented to society as a Debutante in the Chicago Chapter of LINKS, Inc. She was a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA earning a Bachelor Degree in Psychology. She worked as a social worker for the State of Illinois for many years until her health was compromised. She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Peoria Alumnae Chapter.

Kimberlea was passionate about finding a way to network with others with Sickle Cell Anemia to form a help group. She was able to reach her goal by co-founding with OSF St. Francis Hospital the organization Bound by Blood, (BBB) which is ongoing. Kimberlea also organized an Outreach Program with her family to help families in need at Christmas.

Kimberlea loved bowling, traveling, dancing, online words with friend's crossword and scrabble puzzles and making her grandmother's butter rolls. Kimberlea leaves to cherish her most precious memories her parents, James

and Izola Tillman of Peoria, IL; and a host of aunts, uncles, other family and many friends. She is preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

A private funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr., will officiate. Kimberlea will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary was entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the church or less.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery

7519 North Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.ccapeo.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=156>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

## Celebration of Life

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-4379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 09, 2021 at 05:05 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 31, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

VK

“ *James & Izola - we were so very sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved daughter, Kimberlea. There are truly no words to express our sympathy. Please know you have our love & prayers. May our Father provide you comfort & strength.*



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**Vickie & James King** - April 12, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Resurrection Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 09, 2021 at 06:01 PM

BB

“ *Dear Izola and James,*

*My sincere condolences for the loss of Kim. I just heard about her passing today. I remember her as a child when we worked at Ozark together. My heart is heavy with the pain you bear. Please God place Izola and James in your loving hands and give them strength during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Beverly Pickett*

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**Beverly Barfield** - April 06, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MW

“ To All of the family I was so saddened to hear of “our” loss. Kim was a sweet, poised ,lovely gracious young lady! Was such a Joy & blessing to know her! Sweet Dreams in Heaven: Sweet Angel 🙏💕💕💕

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**Marcella West-Lobdell** - April 01, 2021 at 12:11 PM

LR

“ I was a childhood friend of Kim’s we went to Woodrow Wilson. My favorite memory was when we enter a talent show contest. I was not so brave like Kim was but it build confidence in me.

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**Latrice Reed** - April 01, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MH

“ The Bethel United Methodist Women's thoughts are of you, our prayers are for you and the family, our hearts and love are with you.  
God Bless  
Sincerely,  
Mary Hudson  
BUMW President

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**Mary Hudson** - April 01, 2021 at 09:18 AM

DW

“ Kimberlea you will be missed, yet live onward in each of us. When we reflect on your life, we all chuckled and smiled in wonder of you. We all were able to identify and lift up the humbleness of your heart, and the fortitude and grand resilience "just because." A real example of what love looks like walking the earth, a real example of living a life of gratitude and a real reminder to give your love away, because we are indeed surrounded in love.  
The Williams and Young family, will continue to hold, you Izola, and you James in prayer as the Holy One continues to guide and strengthen your journey. We love you.

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**Dr. Sonja B. Williams** - April 01, 2021 at 12:29 AM

SM

“ To the Family of Kim I am so sorry for your loss, Kim and I went to School together.I Pray that God will wrap his arms around You all with comfort and give you Peace . Keeping You in my Prayer.  
Shauna (Newborn) McAfee

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**Shauna Y McAfee** - March 31, 2021 at 10:38 PM

MH

“ Condolences to the Tillman family - remembering Kim as a youngster riding around with her father in his mg cover vertable giggling and her braids flying like wings and as a teenager where she and my son's caught the school bus in front of her house - maturing into the beautiful young lady with graduating into the woman that helped in her job she was a respective young intelligent and sweet still having that giggle - the wings she had as a little girl now have sprouted into Angel wings - Dear Heavenly father we hand her over to you - take care of her in God's name we pray - Amen - God Bless

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**Marcia Hinton** - March 31, 2021 at 12:33 PM

AM

“ *Izola and James*

*I am so sorry to hear about Kim's death. I am praying that God has already provided that inner peace that will comfort you through this time and beyond.*

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**Anna Marks** - March 31, 2021 at 06:28 AM

LP

“ *Many fond memories with Kim in high school. Such a special lady.*  
*LeeAnn Colglazier Palombit*

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**LeeAnn Palombit** - March 30, 2021 at 09:18 PM

IS

“ *Illinois Business Financial Services purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.*



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**Illinois Business Financial Services** - March 30, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CS

“ *Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*



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**Cathy Smith** - March 30, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.*



March 29, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.*



March 29, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.*



March 28, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Ms. Kim this candle pales in comparison to the light you shared with the world. RIHP.*



**Joyce Smith** - March 28, 2021 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*



Joanie Brown - March 28, 2021 at 06:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.*



March 27, 2021 at 05:22 PM

TJ

“ *Kim was one of the most beautiful and generous people I've ever known. She will be missed and forever loved.*

*Tiffani J.*

Tiffani J. - March 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JG

“ *James Graves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman*



james graves - March 27, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.



March 27, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Randy and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. When working at the hospital I had many talks with her. My position was to connect Kim with the nursing staff that could take care of her needs. We had long talks and shared many things. She will be greatly missed.

*Alfreida and Randy*

**Alfreida and Randy** - March 27, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Izola & James, Sending our deepest heartfelt sympathies & love to you from the Randle family! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️



**Catherine Randle Watson** - March 27, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Tillman ..Kim was a special and beautiful soul she will be truly missed!



**Curtis & Deborah Easley** - March 26, 2021 at 03:10 PM

GL

*James and Izola*

*My husband and I just truly loved and adored our beautiful Kim, she never failed to ask about the well being of Mr. Little what a beautiful daughter you had and raised, I just loved her , I hope by now she has met and embraced our son and my husband and just happy to see each other, She will be sorely missed.*

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**Georgia Little** - March 26, 2021 at 09:59 PM

CN

“ *Izola and James-*

*My heartfelt sympathies for the loss of Kim. She showed courage throughout her life making a difference for so many!*

*Carolyn Nunn*

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**Carolyn Nunn** - March 26, 2021 at 01:04 PM

CV

“ *Kim you were truly a beautiful person inside and outside. You and your kind spirit will be truly missed. Mr & Mrs Tillman you will be in our prayers continuously.*

*Love,*

*Kevin and Carrie Vassel*

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**Carrie Vassel** - March 26, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss my condolences may the memories sustain you*



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - March 26, 2021 at 12:17 AM

WD

“ James, Izola and Family,

*Otha and I send our deepest sympathy to you and family for the loss of your beautiful Kim!*

*Please know that we continue to pray for your family and hope the cherished memories of her will continue to be a blessing!*

*love!*

*Otha and Wanza*

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**Wanza Davis** - March 25, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman.



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March 25, 2021 at 08:05 PM

RW

“ Richard And Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kimberlea Denise Tillman



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**Richard and Theresa Walker** - March 25, 2021 at 05:19 PM

KP

“ I offer my sincere condolences to the Tillman & Pegues families. Kim and I go waaaaay back to Cleveland, Mississippi. Thanks to Dot and Thom Morris for allowing my siblings and me to meet and get to know Kim. We quickly jelled and became acquaintances for life. Kim was like family. We didn't talk or visit much, but we picked up as if no time had passed when we were in the same place.



She was a beautiful soul with a sweet sweet spirit. Without a doubt, I know she will be missed. To my Soror Kim, rest .....YOU deserve it.

Thanks for the love you gave,

Soror Kimberley Boddie Proctor  
Ruston, Louisiana

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**Kimberley Boddie Proctor** - March 25, 2021 at 10:16 AM

BW

“ Izolas and James, sending my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Kim. May the loving memories you shared help you through these trying times. I'm so sorry. Hugs

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**Bryna Warren** - March 25, 2021 at 08:03 AM

TH

“ I love you Kim... You'll always be my  
Godsister!



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**Tamika Haywood** - March 24, 2021 at 09:58 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry James and Izola...Please  
know you have our continued prayers with  
heartfelt condolences and deepest  
sympathy... 🙏❤️🙏



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**Sherry Carter-Allen** - March 24, 2021 at 08:55 PM

LH

“ Love Kim! What a beautiful Soul and Spirit. My deepest  
condolences and prayers to her family. Always a True Angle on  
earth now in Heaven 🙏❤️

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**linda hoskins** - March 24, 2021 at 07:11 PM