



ARTHUR LEE HOWARD

April 26, 1948 - November 12, 2025

Arthur Lee Howard was a man with a big heart and an even bigger smile.

Arthur was a graduate of LC Anderson High School. After high school he went on to pursue higher education in Frisco, Texas, where he also played football—reflecting his passion for discipline, teamwork, and perseverance.

Arthur served honorably in the United States Army, exemplifying courage and dedication to his country. He later worked for the Texas Comptroller's Office for several years.

Arthur was a devoted husband and later a widower, cherishing the memory of his beloved wife, Karen Yvonne Howard, throughout his years. He was a loving son, a loyal friend, and a brother whose laughter and kindness touched everyone he met. Known for his gift of connecting with people, Arthur approached life with courage, humor, and compassion. He never met a stranger, and his smile could brighten any room.

Answering a higher calling, Arthur became a minister and delivered his first sermon at Freedom Home Baptist Church, beginning a lifelong journey of faith and service that deeply impacted those around him.

Arthur is survived by his son, Jontel Johnson (DeShawn), and his grandson King Nigel, who will carry forward his legacy of love and devotion. He also leaves to cherish his memory his brothers and sisters: Oscar B. Howard Jr. (Renee'), Shirley Ann Blackman, Linda Howard-LeDee (Alfred), Jerry Preston Howard, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Yvonne Howard; his father,

Oscar B. Howard Sr.; his mother, Ruby Howard; and his sister, Etta Mae Howard ("Cookie").

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Home Missionary Baptist Church
3405 Oak Springs
Austin, TX 78721

Celebration Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rosewood Elementary Memories. Then fast forward to Adulthood finding out we are Kinfolk. Shame on us. So sorry to hear of your Home going as of today from our other Schoolmate a another cousins Home going. Sincere condolences to our Howard/Winn Family. God has the Glory.*

Phylis Parks - December 13, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BA

“ *My Heartfelt Condolences goes out to the entire Howard family. I had the pleasure of meeting Arthur in 1992 when my late son James Allen was a student at Mendez Middle School. One of James' teacher Ms. Woods was a Dear friend of Arthur's, and thought my son could use a good mentor. Arthur helped my son make bigger and better changes and choices in his life, which carried him a long way. Sadly to say my Son was murdered in 2020, and when Arthur heard the News of James passing, he was so sadden, yet happy that he had made such an impact on James life, til where he became one of the star football players at Mendez MS and at Johnston High school. I will miss Arthur and will cherish the long conversations we shared. May you Rest In Heavenly Paradise My beloved Bro'tha, and give James (My baby boy) a hug for me. Gone But Never Forgotten 🌹🙏💙🙏🌹*

Berna Allen - December 06, 2025 at 02:45 AM

CJ

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences to the entire family. Rest In Peace ! Jontel's Uncle and Aunt, Clarence & Dianna Jones, Sr.*



Clarence & Dianna Jones, Sr - December 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album Arthur Howard



Trena Carter - December 03, 2025 at 10:51 AM

AK

You will truly be missed my friend. Prayers from my family to yours. See you on the best side. AD&Cherryl.

Adolphus Darby Kimbrough. - December 05, 2025 at 09:26 AM

ES

“ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Amen.



E.L. Price Sr. - December 01, 2025 at 08:12 PM

SO

“ Sharon Owens lit a candle in memory of ARTHUR LEE HOWARD



Sharon Owens - December 01, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CW

“ Take your rest my friend



Cheryl Sweeney Wade - December 01, 2025 at 12:05 PM

NT

“ Well , Arthur we going to miss you.....
I was planning on to come visit...the Church, I kept...put it off, some
time in your life,you can't keep putting things off .

Norman Tarver

Norman R Tarver - November 29, 2025 at 10:23 AM

PP

“ I'm going to miss you cousin from the
pleasant family



Patrick Pleasant - November 26, 2025 at 01:21 AM

BN

“ Brenda C. Nash-Harnsberry lit a candle in
memory of ARTHUR LEE HOWARD



Brenda C. Nash-Harnsberry - November 24, 2025 at 05:28 PM

EH

“ *Ethel Harris lit a candle in memory of
ARTHUR LEE HOWARD*



Ethel Harris - November 24, 2025 at 07:43 AM

RH

“ *Raydel & Faye Harris lit a candle in memory
of ARTHUR LEE HOWARD*



Raydel & Faye Harris - November 23, 2025 at 08:49 PM

 Trena
Carter

“ *Uncle Arthur, I'm going to miss you! I love you, you little rascal 😊.
We've shared so many great laughs and conversations over the
years—memories I will cherish forever. I'll miss your encouraging
words, and most of all, that big, unforgettable smile.*

Trena Carter - November 23, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MF

*We will remember you with
Love.
The Grady's*

Mrs Alberta Grady and family - November 24, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My Condolences to the family. I'm sorry for your loss. Arthur, was a
very dear friend of mine. I'm praying for strength. R. I. P. My Friend.*

Lois Killingsworth - November 22, 2025 at 09:11 PM