



David Curtis Nivens Sr.

April 24, 1965 - March 26, 2025

David Curtis Nivens Sr., 59, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025.

Born on April 24, 1965, in Oklahoma to Roosevelt and Barbara Nivens, David grew up in a loving family and graduated from Coyle High School in 1983. He went on to attend Langston University before moving to Texas, where he continued his education at Houston-Tillotson College. While there, he pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a brotherhood he was deeply proud to be part of.

David began his professional life as a teacher's assistant at Blackshear Elementary School, where he positively impacted the lives of many students. Later, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army.

David was formerly married to Sharon Hill, and from their union came three beloved children: Stephanie Nivens, David Nivens Jr., and Erika Nivens. Though the marriage ended in divorce, David remained a devoted Father. He never remarried, choosing instead to dedicate his life to his children and grandchildren, who brought him immense pride and joy.

He is survived by his children, Stephanie Nivens David Nivens Jr., and Erika Nivens his grandchildren, Trinity Smith and Kendrick "KJ" Kemp Jr.; his father,

Coach Roosevelt Nivens Sr.(Lea),
brothers, Victor(Reem), and Roosevelt jr. (Karla), four nephews, one niece,
and a host of loving aunts, uncles, extended family, and friends. A special
friend Cathy.

David was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, and
his mother Barbara Nivens.

He will be remembered for his warm heart, infectious laughter, love for
basketball, soulful music, and endless games of dominoes. David had a gift
for making people smile and always found a way to bring joy to those around
him.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering dedication to
family. He will be deeply missed.

We would like to give a special thank you

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to our mother, Sharon Hill Smith
whose unwavering love and strength have been a guiding light throughout this
journey. Though she had remarried, her bond with our father never faded. She
spoke to him several times a day while he was in the hospital—praying,
encouraging, and lifting his spirit. Even when he entered hospice care and
could no longer respond, she continued to speak to him over the phone,
making sure her voice and prayers were heard in his final days.

We would like to honor our beloved stepfather, Kenny Smith, not only for the
role he played in helping raise us with strength and love, but for the deep
respect he showed as a fellow Soldier. In a true act of brotherhood and
humility, Kenny gifted him some dress blues to our biological father—also a
proud serviceman—so he could be laid to rest with full military honor. From
Soldier to Soldier, he upheld his oath and extended a final salute. His
compassion, dignity, and sense of duty will never be forgotten.

Sidney Williams for assisting during this difficult time.

Aunt Delois Anderson for her prayers, loving us unconditionally, and the photos.

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Celebration Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

A Life Celebration by Franklin
510 S. Main St.
Taylor, TX 76574
(512) 365-6000

Tribute Wall

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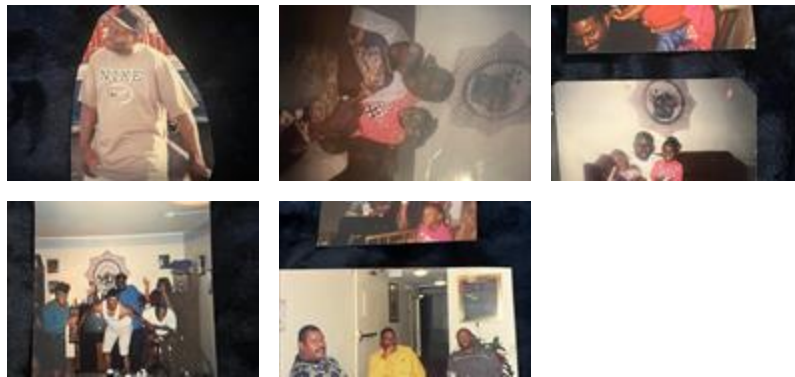
“ *Dr. Richard and Brenda Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Curtis Nivens Sr..*



Dr. Richard and Brenda Anderson - May 13, 2025 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Rest on David. Your Children will be alright!*



Sharon Hill-Nivens Smith - May 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM