



## Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr

January 6, 1943 - July 31, 2012

Oran Alton Lilly, Jr. the oldest of 10 children was born in Hempstead, TX to the late Rev. Oran Alton and Minnie Lilly.

Oran accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age 6 in the Mt. Corinth Baptist Church, Hempstead. His education began at Sam Schwartz School in Hempstead, Texas. While in high school he fell in love with and later married Bernadine Tompkins, and to this union four beautiful children was born.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View Texas and a Master of Science Degree from American University in Washington D.C. His began his career with the Farmers Home Administration in Iowa in 1965 and retired in 1995. He serviced his country in the U. S. Army, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam and he was honorably discharged in 1968.

He followed his mother's advice to lead the way for his siblings and was always a good role model for them. He always said, "If I fail my sisters and brothers will also". He has always worked for the Lord in his church and community.

During the early evening hours of July 31, 2012 the Lord tenderly lifted him up

out of his earthly slumber and took him home to be with Him, where he will be reunited with his parents and his sister Alma Vivian Irving.

Cherishing his memory are his sons Oran Alton Lilly, III, (Sandy) Gold Canyon, AZ, Ceko Lilly, (Rachel) Des Moines IA and his daughters, Marcey M. Ruiz, Hempstead TX and Karla A.D. Lilly, Ottumwa, IA. He will be terribly missed by his grandchildren: Joey, Mahaila, Kennady, Karlos, Kalani, Kaylee, Kristiana, Karsen, Kiernan, Jensen, Kyia, Jordan, Stephan and J.T. Brothers: Rev. Edward Lilly (Annette), Rev. Kenneth Lilly, Chester Lilly (Pam). Sisters: Rosa Grant, Doris Thomas, Brenelsa Tiburcio, Korotha Lambright (Leroy), Urwanda Weathersby (Ric). He will also be missed by his special friend Norma Sanchez and host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston Cemetery

Hempstead, TX 77445

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home  
627 New Orleans  
Hempstead, TX 77445  
(979) 826-2425  
info@singletonandsonsfh.com  
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
445 Main  
Hempstead, TX 77445

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ To Family of Oran Lilly, I knew Oran when he worked for FmHA in Iowa. Recently cleaning out "my" room and came across a card Oran sent me in 2009. Oran worked in the Iowa FmHA State Office, I in a County Office. Oran was a good trainer, dedicated to his work, kind, a good leader. I did visit Oran, his farm, cows on a trip to Texas, forgot the year after he retired. I still remember some of the training Oran put on. Robert Shearer, Maquoketa, Iowa

Robet Shearer - May 28, 2025 at 09:41 PM

ML

“ I leave for Korea in a few days poppy. I'm excited and scared at the same time. You always use to say that you would be in the signs, and that's what been getting me through my military journey. I know you'll still be with me in Korea and I just wanted to say thank you for always supporting me poppy

Mahaila breaze lilly - March 05, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM

KL

“ I loved how he always used to sing, I remember when he would sing all the time, he has inspired me to use my voice. Thank You! 😊

Kiernen Lilly-Stevens - November 08, 2022 at 07:03 PM

FH

*Oran was my squad leader in Vietnam. He was an inspiration to me and I looked up to him for support many times, and he always delivered. I have never talked with him since he left country for home, but I have have many times talked about him. He was a great human being and I am saddened to read about his passing. It surely appears he had a wonderful family and life. God bless Mr Lilly.*

**Frank G Hoese** - November 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM

MR

“ *Dad tomorrow we say goodbye to CC. I know you welcomed him with open arms in heaven. Thank you for watching over us especially Karla. Love you and miss you very much.*



**Marcey Ruiz** - January 13, 2017 at 11:54 AM

KL

“ *dad, you are missed so very much. I think of you often, I have found comfort in prayer and do see how the power of prayer does make things a bit easier. I have learned to put God first. Not attending church like I know you would like but I have made the step with prayer. I am a believer because or the way you and mom raised us. Love you. Tell mom hello. just one of those days.*

**Karla A. D. Lilly** - October 02, 2015 at 04:33 PM

KL

*Hi grandpa it's me Kiernen I was exploring about our family on Google when I found this I just wanted to say thank you for giving me the most amazing mom in the world I think I got the love to sing from you because you have an amazing voice tell grandma I said hi ❤️*

**Kiernen Lilly-Stevens** - September 30, 2022 at 04:17 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Weatherby lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr*



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**Wanda Weatherby** - August 07, 2012 at 05:49 PM

SV

“ *Stacey Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr*



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**Stacey Vasquez** - August 06, 2012 at 10:14 PM

DT

“ *Dr. Cynthia Thmas*

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**Dr. Cynthia Thomas** - August 05, 2012 at 07:55 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Burton*



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**Gloria Burton** - August 05, 2012 at 06:49 PM

GT

“ George E. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr



George E. Thomas - August 05, 2012 at 04:21 PM

TS

“ Tammi Staebler lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr



Tammi Staebler - August 04, 2012 at 03:35 AM

CS

“ Cannon Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr



cannon smith - August 04, 2012 at 02:12 AM

PC

“ Pamela Carder lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr



Pamela Carder - August 03, 2012 at 10:12 PM

MR

“ *Marcey Ruiz lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr*



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**Marcey Ruiz** - August 03, 2012 at 01:11 PM

IC

“ *Ida Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr Oran Alton Lilly Jr*



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**Ida Campbell** - August 03, 2012 at 08:34 AM

IC

*Hi Cousins,  
It is very sad to know that we have loss a family member who was funny and fun to be around. He was a dependable person that you could count on in a time of need. We will certainly miss him. We say to him to rest in peace. Much love to all of our family.*

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**Ida Campbell** - August 03, 2012 at 08:39 AM