



# Odell "Tony" Edmondson

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**G**oldsboro - Mr. Odell "Tony" Edmondson, 59, of Goldsboro, NC, traded his earthly instruments, to play for the heavenly choir on Thursday , February 13, 2020.

"I believe every guitar player inherently has something unique about their playing. They just have to identify what makes them different and develop it." Jimmy Page

Odell Tony Edmondson, 59, of Goldsboro, NC passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 13, 2020. He was born July 25, 1960 and was the son of the late Claude and Eleanor C. Edmondson. He was preceded in death by his sister Jessie Dorothy "Dot" Jackson.

Tony was educated in the Wayne County Public Schools and was a proud graduate of the Goldsboro High School Class of 1978.

At an early age, Tony attended Goldsboro, Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. However, his music ministry led him to evangelize from church to church and city to city. His most recent church affiliation was under the leadership of Pastor Helen Reid and Deacon Mal Reid and the Pathway to Life United Holy Church Family of Fremont, NC.

Tony spent many years educating the youth through his employment and volunteering his god given talent at O'Berry Neuro-Medical Treatment Center, Wayne County Public Schools, and Cumberland County Schools which are all in NC.

Tony began his musical career at the age of 11. He was a self-taught guitarist and always had a unique way to make his guitar speak to your heart. He heard from God to make a joyful noise and not only did he believe that for himself, but he took it as a commission from God to share and teach all that he came in contact with. Tony was the CEO and Founder of Unity 'N' Vision Records/Studio Perfections where he did work as a producer and engineer. He was a song-writer, composer of gospel and love songs, and produced jingles for radio, tv commercials, and youth of



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all ages. For over two decades, he has performed for churches, concert halls, with different artists, and many other events. His performances have spanned across the country. Tony was a Christian Minister of Music. He believed that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem man-kind of all sins. He was a humble servant and very excited about what God had gifted him to do as a singer and guitarist. He touched the lives of many. Tony's passion for music and people was a reflection of his belief.

Tony's awards and accomplishments include the 1995 Governor Easley Award for School Volunteer, the 2004 Lamplighter Shirley Caesar Award, the Humanitarian for the State of North Carolina, the Fine Works of Education on the Behalf of Children, and many others.

Tony is survived by his sister Mable Graham of Manapattan, Massachusetts. He will be forever remembered by his siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, family members, and a host of special friends.

A true musician never dies, he just stops performing live.

Services of Love & Compassionate Care have been entrusted to Serenity Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations, LLC.



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September 6 at 10:31 AM



**Kathy Williams** posted:

Tony, it was a very beautiful day the first time I met you and we performed together for the first. I enjoyed the talks we shared. Never expected you to leave so soon. May you rest in peace. A Legend to be remembered.

March 20 at 8:00 PM



**Apostle Mary Bunch** posted:

To the family of brother Tony, I just want to say that he was a blessing two out Ministry the Abundant love Ministry he was always there when we needed his help and he was a friend in deed keep looking up and be encouraged.

February 20 at 8:00 PM



**Judith E Davis** posted:

Dear God, Tony every song that you sang here was so personalized, touched the listener's heart. You came to my father's birthday party where you touched everyone of my family member's heart especially dad.Thanks for sharing you talents, gift of music with us. We will miss you.May God Bless you in your new place with his heavenly angels.Friends forever,Judith Ezzell Davis & Family

February 20 at 8:00 PM



**Reverend Verna And Albert Daye** posted:

It was my pleasure and privilege to have Tony as my musician at weddings and other events. Tony's love for music and his love for God was infectious. He was a joy to be around, and always pushed us to give 100% in all we did for the Lord. Tony will be missed, but the legacy he leaves with us will be remembered by all who knew him.

February 19 at 8:00 PM



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FB

**Freda Beamon Boone** posted:

My mind goes back to Tony setting up his equipment in our living room when I was just in high school, and he let us take turns at the mike and sing gospel songs like we were famous singers. Music was truly his passion, and I'll never forget our talks, and his stories of famous people he had met while on the road doing what he loved. Play on my friend, I know you're playing for the Heavenly choir, you and your gift of music will truly be missed. Freda Beamon Boone

February 17 at 8:00 PM

IM

**Iris Mcelveen** posted:

Tony and Iris at his Jazz Event at the Art Council Building in Kinston, NC (approximately 2015).

February 17 at 8:00 PM

TW

**Thea Williams** posted:

Tony Edmunson such a talented musician. Tony was our Muscian at my wedding. What a kind Spirit.

February 16 at 8:00 PM

TB

**Titus Blake** posted:

Tony will truly be missed. Great spirited gentleman to be around. I've had the pleasure of watching and playing beside him as a musician and can truly say he was a very humble and talented gentleman and musician. Rest Easy Tony!

February 16 at 8:00 PM

TM

**Tracy Mitchell** posted:

I was shocked and sadden at hearing of Tony's death. My hear truly goes out to his family. Just know that I am praying for GOD'S comfort to be with the family at this time.

February 16 at 8:00 PM



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RB

**Rick Benton** posted:

I'm at a loss for words. Growing up and playing in bands in Goldsboro Tony was always around. If we needed a piece for our amps or strings for the guitar players we could count on him. I know his cousin Percy and his late brother Rob were really close and that's how I formed my friendship with him. So we ask the heavenly Father to always allow him to rest in power and give peace to the family.

February 15 at 8:00 PM

LB

**Lorraine Bynum** posted:

Tony was a very talented, young man. He was also a very kind , young man. His family is in my thoughts and prayers.

February 15 at 8:00 PM

BJ

**Brenda McNair Johnson** posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to Edmondson family. May God give each the entire family peace and strength as you think of all the memories he leaves .

February 14 at 8:00 PM

RH

**Reba Harris** posted:

A Beautiful Soul Who Shared His Gifts& Talents That God Blessed Him With!!! So Thankful Cuz For Being A Part Of My Life& The Precious Memories We Had!!! Rest Now In The Saviour,s Care!!! You Will Truly Be Missed, But Never Forgotten!!! Much Love& Always In My ♥!!!

February 14 at 8:00 PM

PA

**Patricia** posted:

To the Edmondson family sorry for your lost praying for your family that God will give you comfort

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NC

**Nell Cannon** posted:

Wow, where do I begin.... You were such a big part of my life. To hear of your passing shook me to the core. But you have entered into what we had been singing about for years, that sweet and eternal rest. I will always love you and cherish our time together. You were a gift to my life that only God could give. For that I am forever grateful. Rest Easy my friend, til we meet again. Lovingly Yours, Nell Cannon

February 14 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Brenda Brewington** posted:

Tony was not only my friend but my cousin. We shared so many nights together in the studio and also shared many nights performing on stage together. Music was his gift and his passion. I pray that one day we will again make music together in heaven. I know I will miss him and I also know he will surely be missed by many. To all of the family and many friends, please know that my prayers are that God will grant each and every grieving heart peace and comfort. Sincerely with my deepest sympathy, Brenda Braswell Brewington

February 13 at 8:00 PM



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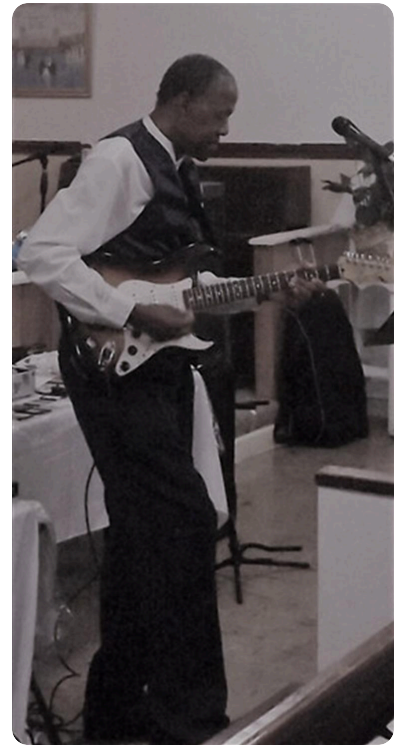




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