



## Vester Tinsley

March 3, 1935 - December 18, 2024

Vester Leon Tinsley of Memphis, TN went home to Jesus December 18, 2024. He was loved by all as a husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Ves was born March 3, 1935, and died December 18, 2024, at age 89. He is survived by his loving wife Pat of 67 years, daughters Tracy Hendrix (Stan) of Eads, TN, and Cindy Wheeler (Mark) of Pipe Creek, TX, and son Richard Tinsley of Germantown, TN. Grandchildren include Natasha Self (Grant), Andy Hendrix (Kayla), Rachel Dressman (Nick), Tristan Tinsley, and Alyssa Tinsley, along with great-grandchildren Emerson Hendrix, Olivia Dressman, and Beau Dressman. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 4 from 10:00 - 11:00 in the Performing Arts Center at Kirby Pines LifeCare Community, 3535 Kirby Pkwy, Memphis, TN 38115. Reception to follow.

Ves was the last of three children born to Paul and Alice Tinsley in Achille, OK. After graduating high school, he served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict before meeting and marrying Pat in 1957. Soon after getting married, he attended the University of Texas and graduated with a degree in Mathematics. This would serve him well as he began a long IT career, beginning with TVA in 1962. In 1967 he joined Univac/Unisys where he remained until he retired in 2002. His career in the pioneering IT industry allowed him to contribute to many notable projects during the dawn of computing technology, such as the Apollo space missions with NASA, including the first manned moon landing. Other notable projects included automating systems at the Pentagon, Lackland AFB, and the Internal Revenue Service to name but a few. His IT journey took him from Chattanooga, TN through Louisiana, California, Washington DC, Texas, and finally back to Tennessee where he landed in Memphis and settled down to spend more time with his family.

As a strong Christian, Ves loved Jesus first and foremost. He has always been a faithful member of the Church of Christ, calling White Station Church of Christ his church home in

Memphis. Between Sundays, he loved racquetball and later tennis and pickleball, playing 4-5 days a week until age 85 when Covid finally slowed him down. In fact, he helped organize and run a pickleball program at church. A hunter, fisherman, and all-around woodsman, he loved the outdoors and spent the better part of 20 years celebrating the week of Thanksgiving with his family and extended family camping in one state park or another as a family tradition. He also loved and owned many motorcycles over the years (but don't tell Pat). As a creative person with an engineering mind, the man could design, build, repair, or master most anything, and he used these skills to serve everyone that knew him... and even some that didn't. We thank the world for sharing this faithful man of God with us for these 89 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Harding School of Theology or White Station Church of Christ, Community Life Center Pickleball Program.