



## Norman George Tilghman

July 2, 1944 - December 14, 2023

**A Time to be Born:** Norman George Tilghman was born on Sunday, July 2, 1944, to the late Evelyn Tilghman. He was the third of four children and a native of Princess Anne, Maryland.

**A Time to Learn:**

Norman was a graduate of Maryland State College, now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Science and a minor in French Language (1966) and his Masters of Education degree with a concentration in Guidance and Counseling (1982).

**A Time to Love:** Norman joined in Holy Matrimony to Dr. Patricia Tilghman in 1979 and to this union two children were born.

**A Time to Serve:** While a student at Maryland State College, the call to ministry was prevalent in Norman's life and as a result, the United Methodist Conference assigned him to pastor three churches in the Crisfield, Maryland community. He acted in this capacity from 1962 through 1965, his junior year at Maryland State College.

Upon graduation from Maryland State College, Norman taught History at Marion Consolidated Middle School, Carter G. Woodson, and Crisfield High

Schools in Maryland. While at Woodson High, he also taught French and was an assistant coach for the basketball team.

Norman enlisted and rendered his service in the United States Army in 1967.

In 1971, Norman began his 40-year career at UMES. Initially, he was offered a position in the Office of Residence Life as a Residence Counselor in Wicomico Hall. This was a job that he truly loved and one that gave him the opportunity to work with and guide students as they prepared for career opportunities in a variety of occupations. Whether at a high school or at the university, Norman was always known for helping and encouraging the students under his charge.

Norman was instrumental in starting the on-campus student radio station, forerunner to the present WESM Radio Station. He also served as President of the UMES Tri-County Alumni Chapter.

In addition to serving as a Residence Counselor, Norman served as the Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Assistant Director of the Upward Bound Program, and later, the Director of the Upward Bound Program. He directed this highly acclaimed program until his retirement in 2010.

Norman was a lifelong member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Princess Anne, Maryland where he served as a Sunday School teacher, and Director of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He also served on numerous church committees and was the Choir Coordinator, Certified Lay Speaker, Lay Leader, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and delegate to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC).

A Time to Depart: On December 14, 2023, God claimed His gift to humanity,

Norman George Tilghman, to rest from his labor. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Dr. Patricia Tilghman; son, Jason Tilghman (Kendra); daughter, Ayanna Tilghman and two grandsons, Devin and Cameron Tilghman. He is survived by one sister, Evelyn Christy and one brother, John Thomas Tilghman. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leon Tilghman, Sr. (Janice). Norman will be remembered by his nephew, Leon Tilghman Jr., and his nieces, LaReine Cropper (Sewell), Tamarra Tilghman, Trina Tilghman-Dix (Charles, Jr.), Kayla Kindle, Sha'kerah Tilghman, and Destani Dix. His memory will live on through several great nephews, great nieces, cousins, extended family of Littleton King, Sr./Oakville, MD and a host of dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)  
30522 Dr. WM Hytche Blvd  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
30665 Student Services Center  
Princess Anne  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
30665 Student Services Center  
Princess Anne  
Princess Anne, MD 21853

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - December 29, 2023 at 05:52 PM

MF

*My Condolences and Prayers to the family sorry for your loss a good friend.*

**Marie Fortune** - January 04, 2024 at 04:36 PM

DS

“ *Mr Tilghman's tireless devotion to the lives of others was astounding. He touched my life in a very positive way. He was a great person, mentor and friend. I was witness to his caring demeanor as I was a student in the Upward Bound program and I saw how he truly cared for me and my fellow students. The Lord used him mightily to impact many lives - what an honor. He will be missed.*

*It was truly an honor to know you sir. Rest well and glory in the presence of Jesus. Until we meet again.*

**Derrick Smith** - February 03, 2024 at 11:28 PM

AM

“ *I am so honored of having the opportunity of meeting you. Such a kind, Loving man with a heart of gold. You will truly be missed. Your job here on earth is done, and you Mr. Norman has left a wonderful impact on people. A lasting impression of a Good, and Faithful servant. R.I.P Mr. Norman. Gone, but Never Forgotten! ❤️❤️*



**Angel Melvin** - December 30, 2023 at 11:29 AM

ST

“ As an Uncle you were more and I am blessed to say I knew you personally. As a director/mentor you made my college experience enjoyable because of how you expanded my horizon on the many options I could have. My children adored you and will miss those valuable \$2 bills given at the holidays and seeing you in the stands cheering them on at their games. You have made a stand in many lives and I am grateful for everything. Til we meet again. P.s given my grandparents a hug for me.

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**Shakerah Tilghman** - December 30, 2023 at 10:41 AM

AN

“ Enjoyed our time at UMES and the fun times celebrating our friend Lois. Rest in peace!!



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**Annette** - December 29, 2023 at 08:51 PM

AN

*A dapper dresser!!*

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**Annette** - December 29, 2023 at 08:53 PM

JJ

“ Stormin Norman, as I called you, yet you were every bit a lamb of God. I will miss running into you shopping. There was a time I knew to look for you in K-mart or in the mall. I enjoyed your mild manner and clam demeanor at all times. You were a treasure, who touched the lives of many, including mine. You will be missed my friend.

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**James White Jr** - December 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM

VW

*Mr. Tighman you were a great role model to me during my time in the Upward Bound program. You will be missed. Rest easy and in power.*

Venelda Williams - January 14, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norman George Tilghman.*



December 27, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman George Tilghman.*



December 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RH

“ *Rev. George and Darcel Handy*

*Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. To the Tilghman Family my deepest condolences and prayers. Norman was one of my big brothers and role models along with Tommy and Leon, of course Evelyn my Sister. Being raised across the lane from Norman and his family was a blessing. Comfort Lord Jesus the family in this season of loss 🙏*

Rev. George and Darcel Handy - December 26, 2023 at 07:44 PM

MW

“ Our condolence to the family , keeping you in our prayers. Mr.Tilghman’s memories and legacy may it provide healing , peace and comfort to you.



Mr. Patrick & Emma Woods - December 26, 2023 at 02:43 PM

LC

“ LaReine Kindle Cropper lit a candle in memory of Norman George Tilghman



LaReine Kindle Cropper - December 25, 2023 at 10:09 PM

MW

“ Mary A Whitley lit a candle in memory of Norman George Tilghman



Mary A Whitley - December 23, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MW

I am so sad that I will not be able to travel to the viewing and Homegoing services (which are being held on my Birthday), however, I will be rejoicing and celebrating the life and legacy of Mr. Tilghman with you all in Spirit as he "now wears his crown and put on his robe and tell the story how he made it over". God bless and comfort the family in peace💚

Mary A Whitley - December 23, 2023 at 11:24 AM

MW

“ My heart is truly saddened to hear that Mr. Tilghman has finished his work here on Earth. I offer my sincere condolences to Dr. Patricia, Dr. Ayanna, Jason, Dean, Evelyn and the rest of the Tilghman family and loved ones. I have so many fond memories of Mr. Norman Tilghman that I will continue to treasure in my heart, along with his smile, laughter, wisdom, prayers and calming voice that helped me more than I could ever repay. When I worked as the Office Manager for Upward Bound, I found myself in Mr. Tilghman's office a many days crying and venting; and he would say with a smile and sincere look of care, "Ms. Whitley, that's just how they are, but you are much better than that, you just have to give it to Jesus, smile and keep moving forward...that's all, you just keep praying and trusting God". I thank God that I had the opportunity to know, learn from and love Mr. Tilghman and his entire family as my own. He will truly be missed.



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**Mary A Whitley** - December 23, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JC

“ Offering my condolences and praying for the family's strength during this time. Mr. T was a nice and kind hearted man. Often would run into him when KMart was open years ago and I knew he loved to shop there. I knew whatever he purchased would be sold at the Metroplolitan Church annual sale roght before Christmas and I would be right there! He would chuckle when he saw me and always had a smile. He will truly be missed! Rest in peace Mr. T

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**Jackie Collins** - December 21, 2023 at 07:22 PM

DC

“ *My Condolences to Evelyn and the rest of the family. I remember Mr. Tilghman from school and Shiloh Church. He was a very nice person and will be missed.*  
*Dawn Carter Brown-Crisfield, MD*

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**Dawn Carter-Brown** - December 21, 2023 at 05:59 PM

C2

“ *Our most fervent prayers for our beloved classmate, Ayanna. Cohort 2024 loves you and we stand with you through this difficult time. Please let us know how we can life you up.*



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**Cohort 2024** - December 21, 2023 at 08:08 AM

GT

“ *We Will be Praying for all! We have found memories from Student Days & working there!*  
*Sincerely, Glenda,(Mack) Thompson & Family*

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**Glenda Thompson** - December 21, 2023 at 07:24 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas W** - December 21, 2023 at 05:42 AM



“ So saddened to hear!!  
A Great loss to UMES and the community of  
Princess Anne, Md  
Mr. Tilghman was an awesome mentor and  
loving teacher!  
My condolences to the Family and I pray that GOD gives you  
strength and comfort during this difficult time!!



Teene Corbin - December 20, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ Very saddened to hear about the passing of my former teacher and  
my friend. It was always a joy to be in the class of a truly walking  
encyclopedia.  
  
Fond memories will be shared and remembered for a long time. We  
will long embrace the legacy and fine attributes of relentless  
excellence, strong motivation and super wise counsel.

Lloyd Ward - December 20, 2023 at 10:51 AM



Peace and blessing to the family. The class of 69 from Carter G  
Woodson High school and will truly miss your kind spirit we're going to  
miss you!peace and blessing to the family  
Larry and Hattie Jones Penn

Hattie Penn - December 27, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ Renee Parker lit a candle in memory of  
Norman George Tilghman



Renee Parker - December 20, 2023 at 09:46 AM



AH

“ *My sincerest condolences for the family. Norman was a wonderful person that loved working with teenagers and was very passionate about his church and faith. I will forever cherish the time I had the pleasure of working with him and learning from him.*

Alan Holmes - December 20, 2023 at 07:20 AM

GC

“ *Sorry for your loss...my deepest condolences..it was an honor to know him. May he rest in heavenly peace...chad*

George chadwick - December 19, 2023 at 11:27 PM

NB

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Norman Tilghman. Norman was indeed a wonderful person. He taught me a lot especially being a good leader at church in different positions.He will be truly missed.*

Norma Lee Jones Boston - December 19, 2023 at 09:55 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Frances Fitchett lit a candle in memory of Norman George Tilghman*



Rev. Frances Fitchett - December 19, 2023 at 07:51 PM

NG

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the family of my Mr. T. He was a great mentor, boss but most of all a true friend! I will miss our time together especially our many shopping trips, laughs and just having a good time together. I will cherish our UMES Upward Bound memories made throughout the years. So many to recall them all but here are a few funny ones:

-Our bus trip to Atlanta, GA. Not sure how many times we stopped along the way due to the A/C not working. It was soooo hot, we had a sick kid on the bus throwing up (QT). You were not satisfied until they sent another bus about 12am in the morning. LOL We sat in the parking lot of one of those malls all night.

-The time we went on a trip and you forgot to put your suitcase on the bus; I think you just wanted a good reason to go shopping. LOL You had to buy everything since we stayed for a few nights. Oh how I am going to miss my friend. Who's going to eat the leftovers from Ms. Christy's or my house?

It gives me comfort in knowing you are healed and do not have to suffer anymore down here. Take your rest my friend. It's not good bye but see you later.

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**Nicole' Gale** - December 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM

LI

Condolences to the family Norman was a godly man Norman and I Prayed and Talked a lot mostly about church and life and Carmal Candy Smile Gona miss you my friend . Blessings to the family I'm just a phone call away

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**Lamont Thomas Spates I** - December 19, 2023 at 11:05 PM

R'

Prayers being lifted for the Tilghman Family during this time. A true "Hawk" to the end

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**Richard H. Jones '76** - December 21, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JG

*My deep sympathy to Dr. Reb. Patricia Tilghman and the entire Tilghman family on the death of a wonderful husband and father. Norman was one of the most gentle and compassionate persons I ever knew  
It was a pleasure and honor to work with him for so many years. May he rest in peace.*

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**John Groutt** - December 25, 2023 at 09:44 PM

DH

*My prayers and deepest sympathies to the Dr Patricia Tilghman and family! Norma was a great kind and dedicated individual who loved God, his family, his community and his UMES family! The work he has done truly speaks for Him! Rest in peace my friend 🙏*

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**Dr. Ronnie E. Holden** - December 29, 2023 at 08:12 AM

JT

*I was indeed saddened to learn of the passing of Norman and his beautiful smile. I have so many fond memories of him. My prayers are with the family.  
Janice E. Tillman*

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**Janice Tillman** - December 30, 2023 at 12:59 PM