



Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon

December 6, 1948 - March 8, 2021

Sonny was born on December 6, 1948 to the late Luzern and Birdie Dillon in Tylertown, MS. He departed this life on March 8, 2021. His early education began in Walthall County school system where he graduated from J.J. Gullledge High School in 1967. He attended Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in Louisville, KY and graduated in 1969. He began his career as Lead Funeral Director and Mortician at Washington Funeral Home in Tylertown.

Sonny was a well renowned community leader and local politician. He was the youngest elected official in the state of MS and the first African American Alderman elected in Southwest MS where two terms. He served as President of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for 12 years and became a lifetime member of that organization. He was a faithful member of the McComb Rotary Club since 1994, which named him as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He was also a dedicated member of the Pike County Minority Business League. He was currently serving his second term as a Governor appointed officer of the Mississippi State Board of Funeral Service. Additionally, he was a member of the Mississippi State Board of Funeral Directors Association in Jackson, MS. He organized the first protest with a march in Tylertown alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter. In the mid 70s, he was instrumental in renaming Lundy Street to Martin Luther King Drive in Tylertown, and he led the first King March and Celebration from Highway 98 to Tylertown First Baptist Church. He

actively participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Tylertown for more than 20 years. He was an integral part of establishing Southwest Health Agency for Rural People (SHARP) clinics and served as one of the founding board members for that organization. He was a longtime member of Walker's Chapel Baptist Church in McComb where he served on the Board of Trustees, President of the Male Chorus, and other roles within the church.

In 1971, Sonny married Georgia Dillon of Magnolia, MS. They have five children: one son, the late Lomaeine "Dickie" Dillon, four daughters, Crystal (Tony) Hollins of Allen, TX, Sebrina (Walter) Banks of Orlando, FL, Lillian Dillon of Washington, D.C., and Carmen (Javonnie) Lenoir of Tylertown, MS. They have eight grandchildren, a special niece, Tammy Hughes, a devoted great nephew, Nicholas Mallard, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Public Viewing for Mr. Luzern "Sonny" Dillon will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church McComb, MS and will continue at City Hall in Tylertown, MS from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a repass will not be held.

Special Note: Flowers and Memorial Contributions are equally welcome. The family wishes that memorial contributions be made to the following organizations:

Boys & Girls Club Southwest of McComb & Tylertown

www.bgcswms.com

Southwest Mississippi Children's Advocacy Center

www.swmscac.org

The Rotary Foundation

www.rotary.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16**. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
1700 Delaware Ave
McComb, MS 39648

Visitation

MAR **16**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Tylertown City Hall
308 Beulah Avenue
Tylertown, MS 39667

Tribute Wall



“ *Craft-Dillon Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Craft-Dillon Funeral Home - March 15, 2021 at 11:45 PM

EW

Sonny was a Great Guy!!! He will truly be missed!!! He Loved his family and friends!! He also loved his profession as a funeral director and serving the families of McComb and Tylertown area.

Eddie Williamson - March 16, 2021 at 06:04 PM

PJ

Hi Saints i Love yawl and this is My Mom classmate and cousin and i am sorry to here this Love Pokey.

Pokey, cynthia denise Jefferson - March 18, 2021 at 05:56 PM

CJ

*Hey i am tryin
G to find the video to city hal.I to watch*

Cynthia d. Jefferson - July 22, 2022 at 08:56 PM

AB

Sonny was a good man He loved his family and people's if he. Could help you he would I am gonna alway support his family Business

Aretha Barnes - March 02 at 06:50 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Ratcliff lit a candle in memory of
Luzern Dillon



Carolyn Ratcliff - January 14 at 03:06 PM

AM

“ May Almighty father God comfort and strength the family and bless
The family

Anthony martin - November 10, 2024 at 10:25 AM

EV

“ A dedicated, kind, professional friend and family. Mr. Dillon left a
legacy to never be forgotten.

Earnestine Andrews Varnado - March 30, 2021 at 07:39 AM

MS

“ Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Selmam lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon



Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Selmam - March 21, 2021 at 12:08 AM

LP

“ On behalf of Bondol Labs, I extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Georgia, the remaining family and the staff. Mr. Dillon was truly a pleasant man and a great friend to Bondol. May God Bless all of you!

Lorenzo Peterson
Bondol Labs

Lorenzo Peterson - March 20, 2021 at 04:50 PM

CD

“ *"Sonny" was empathic to a person's need when presented for services during a loss. Sonny and Georgia were a team. Compassion is nice to display to grieving families. The display of professionalism, good customer service etiquette was always displayed by Sonny, Georgia, and their staff. We will miss Sonny so much. My husband (Sam) and I considered them as family. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Dillon family. But please know that Sonny has left a legacy for others to follow. We can honor his memory by volunteering, show compassion and check with his family to let them know how much we love them.*



Sympathies conveyed,

Samuel and Cornelia Dillon & Family

Cornelia Quinn Dillon - March 18, 2021 at 01:16 AM

DY

“ *Sonny was a man of dignity, character, respect, honor, and integrity to name a few of his distinguished characteristics. He was such a noble man and believed in treating everyone the same. Sonny had no "Big I's" nor "Little You"s". Everybody was somebody to Sonny. As an entrepreneur Sonny exhibited a customer first attitude. He always wore a smile and made you feel welcome at his businesses. Sonny's personality, skills, and characteristics are ones worth emulating, for he was one of a kind! My sincere condolences and wishes for God's continued strength and comfort are dispatched to his family.*

Deborah Magee Young - March 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Thoughts, Hugs, Loves and Prayers to the Dillon family. May God be with you now and always, especially during this difficult time.*



Jennifer Kaminski - March 17, 2021 at 03:35 PM

AL

“ *Alean Lampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Alean Lampton - March 16, 2021 at 12:46 PM

KR

“ *My prayers are with the family.* ”



Keith Stokes Roberts - March 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sonny was good people He was our embalmer at Peoples Undertaking Company when my Aunt Antionette Jackson and her husband Charlie Jackson ran it I was blessed to work ten years with Luzern through Peoples He had shared he wanted his own funeral services and the LORD BLESSED Him with craft and Ginn Craft if anybody deserved it Sonny did he was so happy to show me the renovations he did at Craft I was so happy for them Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal Take your well deserved rest To be absant from the body is to present with the LORD Praying for you Georgia and family love you all* ”

Emily Flowers - March 16, 2021 at 10:15 AM

OJ

“ *To a special individual who I have known and respected all my life. God be with the entire Dillon family. Oliver Smith Jr. and family.* ”



Oliver Smith Jr. - March 16, 2021 at 08:26 AM

MD

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dillon - March 15, 2021 at 10:22 PM

JW

“ *Jaunicka Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Jaunicka Wilson - March 15, 2021 at 10:20 PM

M&

“ *If I had a thousand tongues it would not be enough to thank you for all the kindness you showed our family when we needed you during our times of bereavement, each and every time we needed your services you always wore such a beautiful smile on your face my God give your family strength to go on The Smiths*

Mr.&Mrs. Edgar (Bam &Sherry)Smith - March 15, 2021 at 11:04 AM

BR

A wonderful and true man of God with a smile that brighten up your day and a laugh of an out burst Mr Luzern will always be remember for his love an act of kindness an prompt services that he has render unto our families . May God gives the Dillon and connecting family comfort an strength in there time of bereavement.

*Bryant Ratliff
& The Ratliff family*

Bryant Ratliff - March 15, 2021 at 09:49 PM

M&

“ *Mr.&Mrs. Edgar (Bam &Sherry)Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Mr.&Mrs. Edgar (Bam &Sherry)Smith - March 15, 2021 at 10:54 AM

WM

“ *To the family and friends. My prayers are with you.*

Wanda McInnis - March 14, 2021 at 11:23 PM

VB

“ *Sonny was truly a special person I will certainly miss him condolences to the family your lost is my lost*



virginia bullockgray - March 14, 2021 at 10:30 PM

HM

“ *Helen Meeks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



Helen Meeks - March 14, 2021 at 04:43 PM

DH

“ My name is Debra Harris, I had the opportunity, to have Mr Dillon, guide, my through, my husband, Lee Harris, services, in September last year. Mr. Dillon, was so helpful, at the time I lost my husband. He had his body, picked in California, and sent back to craft funeral home. I will be praying for his family. God rest his soul.

Debra Harris - March 14, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JC

“ "Sonny" was a true friend one that always made hearing from a friend was welcoming, and now that he is standing in the present of our Lord Jesus. A song that I sing that let me know that "Sonny" you are the song that I sing (One in a Million you).

To the Family
Jessie Crosby & Staff
Bay Springs Funeral Home, Inc.
Bay Springs, MS 39422

Jessie L Crosby - March 14, 2021 at 09:26 AM



JF

“ Jefferson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon



Jefferson Family - March 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM

CH

“ Thank you Sonny Dillon for allowing me to work in such a fine & respected establishment that you made. I will always keep you & all that you taught me alive so that I will continue to make you proud. You were a man among men. I hated to see you go but it was not my will but Gods Will. You can never be replaced & that says a lot about who you were. I will continue to serve the families the way you taught me as long as I'm working at Craft Funeral Home & Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel. Take your rest my dear friend you have paved roads for future generations. I will always love & miss you for who you were.

You left a Hugh Impact on Society. Rest In Peace .

Celia Dean Hall Harris (a/k/a Nell)

Celia Dean Hall Harris - March 13, 2021 at 08:20 PM

WH

“ James T. West, the West Gate Funeral Home Family, and the West family extend our deepest sympathy to the family. May the many memories that you have shared with your loved one bring joy and comfort to you during this difficult time. The love of God will sustain you at this time. A special group hug is extended to our friend, Nicholas. We will continue to pray for the family. Remember to take "One Day At A Time".

West Gate Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 07:18 PM

NM

“ Everything that I do from here until my number is called will be for you. I thank God for every moment that we shared together, for all the life lessons that you taught me, for the work ethic that you gave me, for all the training you gave me to be successful in this industry and for ALL the love that you gave to me in my 36 years and to all the families that we served. Your hard work and dedication will not be in vain! We will forever carry the torch in your name and make you proud! Take your rest Champ! We got it from here. I love you forever Sonny D!

Nicholas Mallard - March 13, 2021 at 04:14 PM

EB

“ I am as I am certain others are so shocked about Sonny's demise, he was such a great person, flaws & all! We were so close in so many ways, Georgia & the rest of the family I know u guys will miss him & so will his other friends so we will continue to pray for his family that he loved & cherished so much while we are silently weeping ! Thank God for sharing Him with us here on earth! Essie Brumfield & family ❤️🙏🏻👤♀️

Essie Brumfield - March 13, 2021 at 02:15 PM

EL

“ Elaine Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon



Elaine Lumpkin - March 13, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ June 21, 2020

My last time actually seeing Mr. Sonny Dillon; spoke with him last in January 2021.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the Craft Funeral Home, Inc, Family. I'll forever cherish the memories made with you, Mrs. Georgia, Dickey, Mrs. Martha Jackson, and others.

This is a hard reality to face, but I'll never forget you reminding me of the obvious, you said to me, "Tree (as he and Mrs. Georgia affectionately called me) even Mr. Dillon has to go to the other side one day, Baby." That's when it really hit me that this day would eventually come, either before me/us, or afterwards.

Take your proper rest Mr. Dillon.

Absent from the body, but your spirit will live on. 🙏🙏💖🙏🙏😭

Mekk Mbbwe - March 12, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SS

Thank you Sonny for being such a loyal friend to me and my family

Shirley Smith - March 14, 2021 at 10:53 AM

HU

“ So sorry for your loss sending my condolences to the family 🙏🙏. Sonny will be missed by many people. He was a great man. Love the Dillon family 😊💔💔😭

Hilda Faye Ulmer-McGee - March 12, 2021 at 05:46 PM

CW

“ Christen West sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon



Christen West - March 12, 2021 at 05:12 PM

AS

“ Sonny and I went to school together now when we're around 12
maybe 15 he took me to Washington funeral home and we went into
back he locked me back there with bodies I never forget that after that
he always called grandpa rip my brother you were a great man amen

arthur smith - March 12, 2021 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ To Diane and Sabrina who know I have spent most of my life in
uniform as a soldier. It has been one of service with lots of rewards.
Yet the most joyful experience any soldier has is the joy of coming
home from a long and tiring deployment. Your Dad has been a
soldier for our LORD and I can only imagine the joy he must feel in
finally laying down the burdens of this life and going home.

Know that my thoughts and prayers are of you and for you.

Major (Ret) Morris Shepherd

*Aeschylus wrote: "In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop
by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will,
comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."*

Morris Shepherd - March 12, 2021 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ My condolences is with the family God called a good servant home
RIH buddy

Linda sanders - March 12, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Our staff will continue to keep your legacy alive. We are so thankful
for your leadership and guidance over the years to make this
company a success and set a foundation for this area. Rest well
Bro. Sonny Dillon, your memory lives on.
~~~~~Craft Funeral Home & Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel

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**Crystal Renee Hollins** - March 12, 2021 at 12:56 PM

MC

“ To: The Dillon Family! Sonny was always helpful, loving person, and  
always smiling! Georgia was always smiling, helpful and a loving  
person too! I asked Sonny one day why he called my father Charlie  
, Cousin Charlie! He informed me that my father mother was first or  
second cousin to his mother! I was honor and grateful to know my  
people! Whenever I had to do a transaction with him: I will tell him  
Sonny I am giving you half and you get the rest later! He will call me  
my mother name! No Carrie D, I got to bring this money to  
GEORGIA! We laugh if off! He is looking at the money in my hands!!  
I am grateful that I was able to complete the Transaction with him!  
1Peter5:7: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.  
Whenever you see God with “th”, this means God continue to care  
and love each one of you! May God continue to strengthen each  
one of you! Amen! Love Always: Mary & Benjamin Cotton Sr. &  
Family from LaPlace, Louisiana.

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**Mary Lee Cotton** - March 12, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DB

*God be the glory my family and good friends forever love y'all so much was not born in Tylertown but I felt blessed to know the best people in the my heart help me with my husband my beautiful daughter helped me get with my pain praying for y'all praying for healing lost a very special person god call him home love y'all Banks and Dillon and Paige family my family*

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**Diane Banks** - March 13, 2021 at 02:53 AM

DM

“ *Denver Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Luzern Stanley "Sonny" Dillon*



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**Denver Magee** - March 12, 2021 at 09:56 AM