



## Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.

October 31, 1955 - May 7, 2020

Robert Kinchen was born on October 31, 1955 to Ezekiel Kinchen (deceased) and Essie Lee Kinchen (deceased), in Helena, Arkansas. He was the youngest child in a family of eight children.

Robert accepted Christ at an early age.

He graduated from Central High School, in West Helena, Arkansas in 1973. Robert continued his college education at Harvard University, where he also attended and graduated from the Harvard School of Law.

Robert worked at law firms in Boston and Chicago, but his heart eventually brought him back to Helena to practice law as a solo practitioner. Robert worked diligently as the owner of Kinchen Law Firm, while at the same time serving as Senior Pastor of Mount Tabor Baptist Church.

Robert departed this life Thursday, May 7, 2020.

He leaves to cherish three sisters, Laly B. (Lonzo) Hudson of Chicago, Illinois; John Ester Kinchen and Ruthie Baker, both of Detroit, Michigan; two brothers, Ezekiel Kinchen, Jr. of Little Rock, Arkansas and Joe Nathan (Corless) Kinchen of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Robert leaves a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends, especially Linda Hall of Memphis, Tennessee.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Mary Lean Kinchen and brother, Sammie Lee Kinchen.

Memorial Tax Deductible Donations can be made to the Michelle Wilson Endowment in Honor of Robert Kinchen @ [www.arcf.org/rkinchen](http://www.arcf.org/rkinchen) or mailed to: Arkansas Community Foundation, Robert Kinchen Memorial, 5 Allied Drive, Suite 51110, Little Rock, AR 72202

# Previous Events

## Limited Attendance Graveside Service for Family & Close Friends

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (CST )

Jackson Memorial Cemetery  
1636 CR 241  
Lexa , AR 72355

# Tribute Wall

FD

“ Fred A Davidson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.



Fred A Davidson - May 22, 2020 at 08:43 AM

DC

“ Doris Clark lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.



Doris Clark - May 17, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JC

“ Robert was one of the few attorneys who could aggressively advocate for his client and be pleasant at the same time. We will all miss you.

John Casteel - May 13, 2020 at 12:36 PM

SR

“ Rob was one of the first people I met at Harvard. He was always generous and supportive, kind and funny. I was so sorry to hear from my former roommate and his good friend Corliss that Rob had passed. To the family - please find comfort in the wonderful memories I know you cherish of your time together. Rest In Heaven Rob.

Silvia Roberts - May 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .*



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May 11, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Robert and I were one of the few African Americans who attended the one one week Student Government Camp in the Summer of 1972 at what was then SCA ... now UCA in Conway. It was leading up to the first year of integration. He was smart, engaging and was able to cross racial lines back then. RIP Rob!*

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**Robbie Smith Allen** - May 11, 2020 at 04:19 AM



“ *You will be truly missed Rob. I could not help but admire you for your intelligence, wisdom and humbleness. You remained humble even after achieving great accomplishments. You made the class of 1973 so proud.*



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**Dorothy** - May 10, 2020 at 04:18 PM

FK

“ TO THE ROBERT KINCHEN FAMILY:  
MAY YOU CHERISH THE FUN MEMORIES  
OF  
ROBERT (ROB) KINCHEN, & MAY THE  
PEACE OF GOD WHICH SURPASSETH ALL  
UNDERSTANDING BE WITH U FOREVER MORE!!!!



SINCERELY, FELICIA KING-BROWN &  
THELMA KING & FAMILY

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**FELICIA KING-BROWN** - May 09, 2020 at 02:14 PM

LW

*To my classmate Ezekiel, I send my condolences to you and your family during your time of bereavement. Look to the Lord for strength.*

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**Leroy Williams** - May 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM

SK

“ I was so proud of my uncle when he graduated from Harvard University. I didn't realize the significance at time because I was so young. As I got older, I came to appreciate the excellence of that achievement. He was a very hard worker and very studious. My next memory was when I was a rebellious teenager. I ran away from home and somehow made it to Rob's apartment which was my mom's old place. So I knew how to break into it and stay there while Rob was out of town. I remember burning something and Rob came home from out of town to an apartment filled with smoke. Of course he was upset, who wouldn't be but his reaction I will never forget. I was expecting him to yell and curse but he didn't. He was frustrated with me and at the same mild. He just calmly took me home. I appreciated that because if he had reacted harshly I probably would have run away from him too and who knows what trouble I would have gotten into. That experience was very important in my development as a person and I thank Rob for his Christian reaction to me.

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Schaunee Kinchen - May 09, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SA

“ Rob loved chuckling and sharing the story about how I was the first person he met on Harvard's campus our Freshman year. Why it was funny is because I didn't go to Harvard. My college, a couple of hours away, had started a week or two earlier so I had come down to greet friends on their first day there. That meeting turned into a forty plus year friendship. I have a great pic of Rob holding my now 24 year old son when he was about 3 weeks old, whose birth he had come to help celebrate. We didn't get to see each other often these last several years but always connected around birthdays or through Corliss. He was another brother to me and I will miss him terribly. Rest In peace and glory dear friend.  
S. Kathryn Allen, Esq., Washington, DC

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S. Kathryn Allen - May 09, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JF

“ *Julia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.*



Julia Foreman - May 09, 2020 at 12:05 AM

KF

“ *It all began in North Helena, family and friends forever.  
Kenneth Foreman .*



Kenneth Foreman - May 08, 2020 at 11:59 PM

  
Yolonda Walker

“ *I love you Uncle Rob! I am who I am because of you. My very name came from you! Thank you for being more than for me. RIH Yolonda*



Yolonda Walker - May 08, 2020 at 10:21 PM

  
Melody Sullivan

“ *Melody Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.*



Melody Sullivan - May 08, 2020 at 09:01 PM

RW

“ Thank you to our Lord and Savior for letting him share the wealth of wisdom and knowledge. It was an honor and a pleasure. Mount Tabor knew we had a Giant of a God sent man of God. He carried himself like a true gentleman. He carried himself like a Godly man. Awesome man and magnificent teacher.



Reba Wesley - May 08, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



May 08, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



May 08, 2020 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ Linda Hall lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.



Linda Hall - May 08, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JR

*From the Men Ministry of Harvey Memorial Community church...we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family. While in Chicago Robert started a Men Ministry in 1994. "Men united in christian fellowship committed to spiritual growth, good deeds in love, worship, praise, family values and community out reach. I am happy to say the Men Ministry is just as strong today. We thank God for the life of Robert.*

*Dea. Jerome Redmond*

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**Jerome Redmond** - May 08, 2020 at 05:04 PM

VS

“ *A Wonderful Man and Colleague*

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**Vandell Bland, Sr.** - May 08, 2020 at 04:15 PM

PE

“ *Peaches purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .*



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**Peaches** - May 08, 2020 at 02:59 PM

KF

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kinchen family. Kinch was a great classmate, a great teammate, and a great man.*

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**Kenneth A. Thomas MD JD FACOG** - May 08, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SS

“ Sherman And Angela Sims lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.



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**Sherman and Angela Sims** - May 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



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May 08, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DP

“ Wow - Wow - Wow - I'm so sadden. I worked with Robbie Bob (as I called him) at a law firm for many years in Chicago. Rob was really a good guy and I will truly miss him. Keeping your family in prayer. Wow - I'm just shocked. I knew he was sick - just didn't know it was like this. Praying for strength.

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**Donna Pryor** - May 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM

PH

“ Thank you, Attorney Robert Kinchen, for bringing your GREATNESS, Brilliance, and Goodness home! We will make sure your legacy will not be forgotten! Your legacy of education-being one of the first African Americans to attend Harvard University and obtaining a law degree from Harvard Law school from the Helena-West Helena area, sharing your legal expertise in this community and beyond, preaching the truth and desire to save our youth! You are surely an Arkansas Delta Great--a job well done!

Phyllis Y. Hammonds - May 08, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Word Cant Explain How I Feel Right Now But Your In A Better Place...Rest In Peace Uncle Robert And You Are/Will Be Truly Missed...Love you Uncle...I Know You And Mama(Debra Kinchen)..Having A Good Laughter Caughting Up On Old Times...Kiss Mama For Me And Tell Her I Love Her....Love y'all And Y'all Rest In Paradise!!!

Ilesha Kinchen - May 08, 2020 at 12:48 PM

LF

“ Love you Brother, Jonathan Kinchen, Sr. & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



Love you Brother, Jonathan Kinchen, Sr. & Family - May 08, 2020 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ Prayers and strength for the Kinchen family whom I've know all my life. Here is a picture of Rob and my mother (Linda Hall) in 2012. My fondest memories with a Rob was in Chicago 2004-5 River City where I lived and he once lived. There was lots of laughs and love.



Sedric Bogan - May 08, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SK

“ Schaunee & Tracy Kinchen purchased the Treasu red Lilies Spray for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



Schaunee & Tracy Kinchen - May 08, 2020 at 09:00 AM

LG

“ He was down to earth man good man Lord bless the family



Linda Grove - May 08, 2020 at 01:58 AM

VJ

“ He wasn't just Rev. Kinchen to me, he was Pastor GQ. He was very studious. I love the way he broke down the Sunday School lesson. Take your rest Pastor GQ. You will truly be missed.

Vivian Eaton Jenkins - May 08, 2020 at 01:22 AM

DA

“ Robert and I sang in the choir together. We bonded as we drove to West Helena Arkansas and then to Mississippi to sing. From then on, we were buddies. I am hurt to hear of his passing and pray live and light over his family.

Damascus - May 08, 2020 at 12:30 AM

ST

“ Shirley W. Thorn lit a candle in memory of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq.



Shirley W. Thorn - May 07, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ I am the oldest niece of Robert and I always looked up to him. He was the uncle that his nieces and nephews were close too. He was the uncle we could talk to, the uncle we laughed with, the uncle we sat at the table and ate together, the uncle we were able to praise God together. I will truly miss him but the memories will be forever

Jamie Smith - May 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM

MS

“ I Love you Rob you wasn't just my uncle you were my Big Brother will make sure your name is always spoken of Well in our family

Myron Smith - May 07, 2020 at 08:25 PM

ET

“ We will miss Rob dearly. He has been our brother since our days at Harvard. May he rest peacefully in God's eternal love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, his family, in this time of sorrow. God bless you. - Eric Turner, Wanda Whitmore and family.

Eric Turner - May 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



May 07, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Robert E. Kinchen, Esq. .



May 07, 2020 at 04:16 PM

CP

“ Words cannot Express our sorrow. Robert was there for our family when we needed legal advice at no charge. He always had a smile for us. My fondest memory is of Robert leading Kirk Franklin's The Reason Why We Sing. Praying for the family; and, we know we will see our brother again in Heaven



Carla Phillips - May 07, 2020 at 03:55 PM

LW

*I have been a contemporary, protege and friend of The Kinchen Family my entire life. My Mom, Ms Josie, was a contemporary and lifetime friend of Ms. Essie. Sammie Lee and I were classmates (Eliza Miller Hi, Class of 1961); Ezeikel Jr and I were the same age; John Ester was a year or two ahead of me and Laly B was a classmate of my oldest Brother, Donald Williams (Eliza Miller, Class of 1957). I remember Rob when he was a Toddler on Holly St. I witnessed the incredible bond that My Sister, Linda Hall, and Rob shared. They had ultimate Trust and Reliance on each other to his Final Day on Earth. Condolences and Strength to His Family and Friends and May He Rest in Peace for Eternity. Larry E. Williams, Esq.*

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**Larry E. Williams** - May 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM

RS

*A good man. A good, good man. Intelligence, wisdom, strength and integrity. And always a smile and a kind word. Condolences to the Kinchen family. Rest in Peace, Brother Rob. Raymond Suarez, Harvard College '78.*

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**Raymond W. Suarez** - May 09, 2020 at 08:00 PM