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**Taylor Calvin Gurley Jr.**

1947 - 2014 Taylor Calvin Gurley, Jr., the son of the late Dorothy Hardy Page and Taylor Calvin Gurley, Sr. was born on September 4, 1947 in Texarkana, Texas. Taylor, also known as Sonny to his family and friends died on October 18, 2014 at the age of 67 at the Dallas V.A. Hospital. Taylor served in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the [Purple Heart](#) for his service in Viet Nam. For over forty years, Taylor was also known by his works as one of Dallas' prominent African-American Artists. He was a founding member of the Association of Advancing Artists and Writers, Inc. (AAAW) formed in 1969 and instrumental in promoting and supporting black artists, writers, performers, and musicians in the Dallas area. The AAAW aided in establishing the South Dallas Cultural Center and was the first fundraiser for the then proposed center. He is survived by his three sons, Anthony Gurley and Christopher Gurley, both of Dallas; Robby Gurley of Philadelphia; and, one daughter, Trasa Gurley of Dallas. He also leaves to mourn an Aunt, BeEtta Hardy Styles (Charles) of Beaumont, TX; Aunt, Corinne Madeline Hardy of Beaumont; Uncle, Norris Hardy Sr. (Brenda) of Beaumont, TX; Uncle, Leonard Charles Hardy (Vera) of San Marcos, TX and a host of relatives and friends.

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