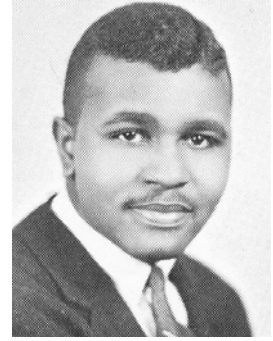


Carl S. Tidwell
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RACINE -- The city is without a human resources director today after the untimely and bittersweet passing of Carl S. Tidwell early Sunday in South Carolina.

Tidwell, 61, apparently suffered a stroke while traveling to attend the wedding of his daughter. Funeral arrangements are still pending at Maresh-Meredith and Acklam Funeral Home, 803 Main St.

In 2000, Tidwell was appointed human resources director to replace Jim Kozina who had held the post for 23 years.

As human resources manager, Tidwell oversaw benefit programs for more than 900 full-time employees and, depending on the time of year, 300 to 400 part-time employees. Roughly 85 percent of the city's employees are in a union, and former Mayor Jim Smith said Sunday that Tidwell did an excellent job of balancing the needs of the city's represented and nonrepresented employees.

Tidwell came to the city's employment after working for Massey Ferguson farm equipment parts warehouse until the company left in Racine in 1993. he went on to work for Racine Federated and also had a brief stint with Milwaukee Gear. He has worked in human resources throughout his career, except two years as a school teacher in Detroit.

His wife, Janet Tidwell, a former human resources director at The Journal Times, works in the state employment relations department in Madison. The couple has two grown daughters.

When Tidwell was hired, Kozina said Tidwell's background and reputation for being a "fair, open-minded individual" set him apart from the other 17 applicants for the job.