



*Pallbearers*  
Nephews

*Flower Bearers*  
Nieces



*The Broken Chain*

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

WE LITTLE KNEW THAT MORNING, GOD WAS GOING TO CALL YOUR NAME. IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY, IN DEATH, WE DO THE SAME. IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU. YOU DID NOT GO ALONE. FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU, THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME. YOU LEFT US BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES, YOUR LOVE IS STILL OUR GUIDE. AND ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SEE YOU, YOU ARE ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE. OUR FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN, AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME, BUT AS GOD CALLS US ONE BY ONE, THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.



*"The Banner Rooster and  
The Blue Hen Biddy meets again"*



*Acknowledgements of Appreciation*

The family of James R. Turner, "Banner Rooster", wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the prayers, many comforting messages, floral tributes, visits, telephone calls and all other expressions of kindness during his illness and our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you.

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

*James R. Turner*  
*"Banner Rooster"*

May 6, 1944 - January 30, 2020

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
2:00 P.M.

NEWBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
5810 Double Branches Road  
Lincolnton, Georgia

Reverend Willie J. White, Pastor  
Reverend Anricki Parks, Eulogist

## The Obituary

JAMES RUSSELL TURNER was born May 6, 1944, to Tony Jasper Turner and Robin Lee Hawes Turner. He entered into rest on January 30, 2020.

He was united into holy matrimony to Frances Lodeska Searles on August 18, 1963, until July 27, 1984, and to this union, they were blessed with four children, Earl Wayne, Elaine Lolette, Anthony Tyrone and Robin Francine.

James joined the Newberry Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He was a truck driver for many years until his health failed.

James loved to eat! Some of his favorite restaurants and foods were Red Lobster, Milky Way Tasty Freeze, and Sonic's cheeseburgers.

James was a very cool and laid back guy that loved to dress in the latest fashion. His smile and laughter would light up a room.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Claude Turner, and sisters, Doris Turner and Dyann Lewis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Earl Wayne (Sheila) Turner, Augusta, Georgia, Elaine (Anricki) Parks, Lincolnton, Georgia, Anthony Tyrone (Kelly W.) Turner, Conyers, Georgia and Francine (Derrick) Fanning, Augusta, Georgia; sisters, Easter Ware and Maudene (Milton) Walker; brothers, Henry Will Turner, John Willie Turner and Jeffrey Turner, all of Lincolnton, Georgia, Robert Lee (Gladys) Turner, Hephzibah, Georgia and Tony (Sandra) Turner, Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri; nine grandchildren, LeCola, Angoneckia, Ricola, Antwon, DeVante, Ciara, Earneisha, Kamryn and Earl, Jr.; ten great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Turner, JoAnn (Sherman) Norman, Mandy (Henry) Cullars, Glenda (Jessie) Elam and Laverne Smith, all of Lincolnton, Georgia; brothers-in-law, Douglas (Inez) Searles, Leonard (Luetrishia) Searles and Roy (Heather) Searles; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and soring friends.

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, AND I'M NOT THERE TO SEE. IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES, ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME; I WISH SO MUCH YOU WOULDN'T CRY THE WAY YOU DID TODAY, WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS, WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME, AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU, AND EACH TIME THAT YOU THINK OF ME, I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME TOO; BUT WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND, THAT AN ANGEL CAME AND CALLED MY NAME, AND TOOK ME BY THE HAND, AND SAID MY PLACE WAS READY, IN HEAVEN FAR ABOVE, AND THAT I'D HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND ALL THOSE I DEARLY LOVE; BUT AS I TURNED TO WALK AWAY, A TEAR FELL FROM MY EYE, FOR ALL MY LIFE, I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT, I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE. I HAD SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR, SO MUCH LEFT YET TO DO, IT ALMOST SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE THAT I WAS LEAVING YOU. I THOUGHT OF ALL THE YESTERDAYS, THE GOOD ONES AND THE BAD, I THOUGHT OF ALL THE LOVE WE SHARED, AND ALL THE FUN WE HAD. IF I COULD RELIVE YESTERDAY, JUST EVEN FOR A WHILE, I'D SAY GOOD-BYE AND KISS YOU, AND MAYBE SEE YOU SMILE; BUT THEN I FULLY REALIZED, THAT THIS COULD NEVER BE, FOR EMPTINESS AND MEMORIES, WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF ME.

AND WHEN I THOUGHT OF WORLDLY THINGS, I MIGHT MISS COME TOMORROW, I THOUGHT OF YOU, AND WHEN I DID, MY HEART WAS FILLED WITH SORROW. BUT WHEN I WALKED THROUGH HEAVEN'S GATES, I FELT SO MUCH AT HOME. WHEN GOD LOOKED DOWN AND SMILED AT ME, FROM HIS GREAT GOLDEN THRONE, HE SAID, "THIS IS ETERNITY, AND ALL I'VE PROMISED YOU. TODAY YOUR LIFE ON EARTH IS PAST, BUT HERE LIFE STARTS ANEW. I PROMISE NO TOMORROW, BUT TODAY WILL ALWAYS LAST, AND SINCE EACH DAY'S THE SAME WAY THERE'S NO LONGING FOR THE PAST. YOU HAVE BEEN SO FAITHFUL, SO TRUSTING AND SO TRUE. THOUGH THERE WERE TIMES YOU DID SOME THINGS YOU KNEW YOU SHOULDN'T DO. BUT YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN AND NOW AT LAST YOU'RE FREE. SO WON'T YOU COME AND TAKE MY HAND AND SHARE MY LIFE WITH ME?" SO WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART, FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME, I'M RIGHT HERE, IN YOUR HEART.

## The Order of Service

Presiding, Reverend Willie J. White

Processional

Selection

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Pastor Franklin Jones

New Testament ..... Pastor Echols Miller

Prayer ..... Co-Pastor Kathy Jones

Selection

Reflections (Two Minutes Please) ..... Mr. Jessie Elam

Mr. Johnny Gary Hearst

Mr. George Washington

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Angelee Williams

Selection

Eulogy ..... Reverend Anricki Parks

Second Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Recessional

Interment ..... New Berry Missionary Baptist

Church Cemetery



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