



James Turner

January 3, 1951 - April 9, 2019

James “Grumpy” Turner was born January 3, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee to James Turner and Mattie B. Turner (both deceased). James “Grumpy” Turner passed away peacefully in his home on April 9, 2019. James is preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Helen Green, Zadie Turner, Judy Ann Allen, and his brother, Clyde Turner. As a child, Grumpy was a boy scout where he learned survival skills that served him well when he decided to run away from home after getting in trouble. He survived overnight by getting food out of the vending machines at the laundromat on Michigan Ave. Grumpy would stick his hand up the dispenser slot grabbing whatever yummy snack he could reach. He proudly shared his adventures with his little brothers and sisters who could only look and listen in awe. Grumpy was an intelligent man and a pretty good artist. He took that skill and became a Mechanical Draftsman. Grumpy’s favorite things to do were showing off his culinary skills by baking tasty lemon meringue pies, making big roast pans full of dressing, barbequing brisket, ribs, burgers and anything to make a celebration complete. Grumpy loved playing chess “as long as he was winning” and listening to all types of music, but he especially enjoyed good ole soul music. He loved introducing new bands to others by putting on cool vinyl records keeping the sound music as authentic as he could. When he shared his love for music with you, it etched a place in your life and you would forever think of him every time you heard a song you shared with him . Grumpy never hesitated when family, or a friend needed help. There was no favor too big for Grumpy. He would search for you a place to live, help you move city to city, he would do whatever he could to make people he cared about happy. Grumpy enjoyed many things but he was most proud of his children Shamaro, Ajaunta, Jameen, Mattie, Johnny, and Mason. To Shamaro he passed on his humor and quick wit, to Ajaunta he passed on his carpentry and renovation skills, to Jameen he passed on working with his hands and how to give a good shave and haircut, to Mattie he passed on his good intentions and kind heart, to Johnny he passed on his quest for adventure and curiosity to explore new things, and to Mason he passed on the art of landscaping and painting which should serve him well. James is survived by his wife; Darlene Turner, brothers; Sylvester Allen and Eric Turner, sisters; Deborah Turner, Elaine Surratt, Christine (Richard) Anderson all of Jackson, Janie C. Cole of Toledo, and Jean (McKinley (Petterway) of Huntington Station, New York, James also

leaves 13 grandkids and 10 great grand kids to continue his legacy, and he also leaves a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family and friends who will miss him dearly. He is also survived by: Vanessa Davis; mother of Jameen Turner, Mattie Turner, and Johnny Turner, his significant other; Ruch Schnell, and special cousins; Robert and Rosemary Stitt of Jackson and Felicia Silvertooth and family of Chicago, Illinois, and special friends; Brenda Johnson and Craig Ozier of Jackson, Michigan.

Comments



“ Condolences to the family and prayers. Grumpy was a kind person. I'm glad to have known him he is with the Lord now resting peacefully no more pains of this world.

Sabrina Taylor - April 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

Iris Smith - April 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Turner family sorry about your lost of James my God Bless the family Grumpy will be greatly missed.

Vee Stephens - April 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying for the strength and serenity of your family.

Jean Stewart - April 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Miss you Grumpy you were a great brother-law always remember all the shrimp we use to eat at my house..

Linda Allen - April 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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Linda Allen,

Jackson, Michigan

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“ To my Turner Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of uncle Grumpy. As a child your dad would bring me a tree branch every day all different sizes and I'd be so happy. As an adult I haven't had the pleasure of just hanging around him but every time I seen him he had a smile on his face cracking jokes and talking stuff but that's what we do but never the less he will always remain in our hearts God bless and keep you love Vada

lavada allen - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I didnt know James very well but when he came for a visit with my sister, Ruth he was pleasant to be around! Very nice and polite man! I hope he enjoyed his visits with us in Sterling Heights to come see my mom! RIP JAMES! Blessing you and praying for your loved ones!

Patty Schnell - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Miss you James

Ruth Schnell - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Rip my best friend will miss you grumpy

April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ My Condolences To The Turner Family For The Loss Of Your Dear Brother Grumpy My Thoughts And Prayers Are With You In This Time Of Bereavement Rip Grumpy

Terri Robinson Watson And Family - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I have always considered Grumpy as my brother-in-law, and a beloved uncle to my children. My condolences and best wishes to Grumpy's family. Grumpy will be missed not only by my family, but all who knew him. Rest in peace, Grumpy. The Willie Green, Jr. Family

Willie Green - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending my Sincerest condolences to the family!

Natasha McClinton - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ R.I.P. Grumpy From Joyce ,John, Crystal Powell .To the family our prayers are with you .

Joyce,John, Crystal Powell - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ A person that departs this Earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on. Condolences to the family of James Turner. RIP Grumpy

J D Jackson - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Ajuanta, So sorry to hear of your Dad's Passing, please accept my prayers and condolences for yourself and Family...May God Continue to Bless you and your Family especially through your hour of bereavement.

Aulanda Banks - April 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ My dad will be missed . Thanks for all the thoughtful words and condolences- The family appreciates it . Love his daughter Ajaunta Turner

Ajaunta Turner - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Turner family, so sorry about your loss. May all of you find comfort and peace during your time of sorrow.

Edward Gibson - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ My Condolences to the Family of "Grumpy" Turner.He was a Friend to many of us while growing up and we always looked up to him RIP: Grumpy.

Maurice G - April 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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Alan Stevens,

Jackson, Michigan

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“ Prayers to the family. You will be missed grumpy

April 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I Light this Candle in memory of my friend Grumpy, as I always called him. He was a very cool dude to be around. To his family I send you my deepest condolences to each of you. I will always have fond memories of him. Praying for your strength during this most difficult time.

Keith Johnson - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Entire Turner Family, I am saddened to hear that your Beloved James (aka Grumpy), has passed away. I light this Candle in his memory. Growing up on the Northside of town, I have known this family for many many years. "Grumpy" has always been a very pleasant person to be around. Always greeted me with a hug and "how you doing, nice to see you" His soul has been set free from the pain and troubles of this world. He has been reunited with loved ones who meet him in Glory, and will now Rest in Paradise with Jesus. As you all gather not to say "good-bye", but to say we'll meet you on the other side one day. Family remember that Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can not heal. His precious spirit shall always remain in your Hearts forever, and his love will never leave you. You too many special memories that he will never be forgotten. Love, Blessings and Prayers upon each of you during this very difficult time.

Sis. Teresa Gibson and Family - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I will remember Grumpy as a kind and gentle soul who loved his family. Most every family event/occasion I attended he was there and 8 times out of 10 he had prepared one of his 'TOP CHEF' culinary delights. May his memory be a blessing to all. Forever in our hearts.

Teresa Clark - April 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ R.I.P JAKE

jake sampson - April 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM