



James Edwin Turner

July 24, 1960 - July 26, 2020

A TIME TO BE BORN: On July 24, 1960, the late James Edward and Jacqueline Scott Turner were blessed with their 2nd child, James Edwin Turner. Jimmy, along with his 5 siblings were raised in Washington, DC.

A TIME TO LEARN: Jimmy was a proud product of the DC Public School System. He started at Emory Elementary, in NE; the family moved from North Capitol St. to “Uptown,” NW as it was referred to back in the day. He finished grade school at Powell Elementary, moved on to Alice Deal, Jr High and Woodrow Wilson Senior High. Jimmy was an outstanding athlete and excelled in track & field, basketball, and football.

A TIME TO WED: Jimmy was blessed to have experienced the gift of marriage “two-fold.” His first marriage to Patricia Mayo fine-tuned his early life skills in preparation for the arrival of a beautiful son, Marcus James Turner – whom Jimmy loved dearly. In 1993, Jimmy was working on assignment for Metro and a young lady laid eyes on him, “uhm, she thought - he sure is clean & good looking, with his creased work pants and nice gray hoodie.” She commented on his breakfast of oodles of noodles and sausage. He offered her some, and from that day on, paid a bit of extra attention to helping her out on her work assignment. On April 3, 2003, Jimmy was joined to his “best friend,” Deborah Coleman. That day had special meaning to both Jimmy and Deborah – chosen to honor the memory of Jimmy’s Dad (his birthday) and for

Deborah, as “Mr. Turner” always referred to her as “Daughter.” While Jimmy & Deborah did not have children together, they did raise – from a puppy - their beloved and energetic Yorkie|Terrier, Woody James Turner.

A TIME TO WORK & SERVE: Jimmy paid attention to the work ethic that his Dad instilled in him and his siblings, along with cousins, and friends – who also had the opportunity to work with “Uncle|Mr. Eddie.” Learning from his Dad, he recognized the reward of an honest day’s work. Throughout his life Jimmy held a variety of jobs- at the DC Department of Public Works, the Washington Hospital Center, to his final position at the Canopy Hotel of the Hilton Hotel Group. At each stop along his work path, Jimmy was always recognized as a dependable, and hard-working team member. Jimmy’s maternal Grandmother (Lillie B.) instilled a strong religious foundation throughout the family. At an early age, Jimmy and his brother (Benny) were baptized together at the Mount Bethel Baptist Church (Washington, DC). Later in life, Jimmy (along with his brother Benny) re-dedicated his life at the Zion Baptist Church (Washington, DC). Along his journey, Jimmy never forgot the importance of simply thanking God for blessings and the strength to face and overcome challenges.

A TIME TO LIVE & LAUGH: Jimmy was an “everyday-neighborhood” type of guy. Growing up in NE, he hung out at the Langley Rec Center & McKinley swimming pool. Jimmy and his cousin Pam lived at the pool and both could “swim like a fish.” Oh, the life stories that could be told on growing up on North Capitol & Seaton PI with his siblings and cousins- Mike, Charlie, Pam and Rosa. The Turner family moved to northwest and Jimmy, was still that “everyday-neighborhood” type of guy. He found a home at the Upshur Rec Center. He and his cousins, Wendall and Dennis would stroll down 14th Street with friends, Rob, & Binky (Aaron) Ferguson, and Billy Boy (to name a few). Along the way - everyone knew JimBob. One could be surprised at this level of recognition given he was the quiet one in the family. He didn’t say much,

but- he could surprise you with his own level of wit and wisdom. Jimmy had a peaceful nature about him and folks recognized this and often commented on his honesty and openness to help anyone he felt was in need. Deborah often shared how Jimmy would chastise peers for negative statements made towards others.

A TIME FOR PARADISE: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise – With the limited circle of interactions forced upon us by the 2020 pandemic, Jimmy was blessed to spend quality time with his immediate family. Preceding his passing, he was with his family for 3 weekends straight – just enjoying life. Little did we know that God was leading us into gentle and peaceful good byes – very much in the spirit of Jimmy’s demeanor. On July 25, he was blessed to celebrate his 60th birthday with a surprise family celebration. On the morning of Sunday, July 26, Jimmy woke and said to Deborah, “thank you for the party, I really enjoyed myself.” During their errands that day, Deborah said to Jimmy, “don’t it feel good to be loved the way we love each other and to be happy; and his reply, “It sure does Deborah, I love you; I love our life together.” Clearly Jimmy and Deborah have weathered life’s storms, but were blessed to be “living their best life.” Though, when we least expect it, we are reminded that our plan is not always God’s plan. Later, on that Sunday afternoon, Jimmy’s leaf suddenly fell from our family tree. We take comfort that Jimmy confirmed in many ways - he was truly at peace. His leaf is part of the bouquet which includes his parents James and Jacqueline among other cherished family members.

A TIME TO MOURN: For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints- Left to cherish his precious memory- wife, Deborah; son, Marcus James; siblings; Benjamin, Renetta (Roderick), Michelle, Shawn, Jacqueline (Tyris); nephews; Donte (Tonya), Dustin, Eugene, Benjamin, Roderick, II; uncle; Robert W. Scott; Scott Unlimited

Cousins; Mother-in-Law, Edna Coleman; Sister In Law, Judy (Rick); Brother In Law, Thomas (Deidre); Sister In Law, Chawn; Nephews; Ronald (Tori), Tyreiq, Rico, Sayvoné; Nieces; Renea (GodDaughter), Ricola, and Ayteil, and let us not forget “Woody James” and a host of extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
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Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James Edwin Turner, Please Click the Link below.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 04, 2020 at 11:38 AM

RM

My condolences to this beautiful family, and may God continue to bless you with peace in this difficult time.

Ronald McCrimmon - August 17, 2020 at 12:55 PM

CH

God Bless The Turner Family. Jimmy Turner Scott Love you my Brother. I Thank God for our Friendship, Craig Hughes

Craig Hughes - August 19, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *James Edwin Turner*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ Jim Bob you will never be forgotten The Ferguson family will always remember the times we shared with you and Deborah you took memories of the life you had here on earth with you and You made a huge impact in your brother from another mother Aaron's life and us all so we are forever grateful for the the times we spent together Sleep in Paradise, Love Binky, Theresa and Lil Binky til we meet again

Theresa Ferguson - August 17, 2020 at 08:17 PM

PH

“ Condolences to the family... stay strong...

Phyllis Stevenson

Phyllis - August 17, 2020 at 04:50 PM

CC

“ Good morning family this is Charles Louis Conner Jr. to start in behalf of the Conner family I would like to say we're deeply sorry for this huge loss and send our sincere and deepest condolences. It's truly a blessing to be a part of this family as far back as I can remember. My fondest memories mostly go back to the big house Eddie and Jackie had on Vernom Street I don't even know if I said the Street right. I always value the well spent time we had together as a family on our visits, me being between Jimmy and Scoot in age hanging with Jimmy during the day stuck in the house with Scoot at night. The best times at reunions and when we were all vending with Eddie at events.

Charles Conner - August 17, 2020 at 01:52 PM

SL

“ *My sincerest condolences to you during this sad time. Jackie, I can see how much you and your brother resemble each other!*

Love,

Sharon

Sharon Like - August 17, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Edwin Turner.*



August 15, 2020 at 10:49 AM

GD

“ *Deborah, Marcus and Turner siblings you have our deepest and heartfelt condolences in the loss of Jimmy. Earth has not sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*



Gina Darby & Family

Gina Darby - August 14, 2020 at 06:41 PM

KM

“ *Kelvin Mayo lit a candle in memory of James Edwin Turner*



Kelvin Mayo - August 14, 2020 at 02:08 PM

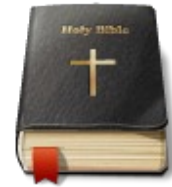
RO

“ Devoted wife Deborah, adored son Marcus., and devoted siblings. When something as sad as this happens, there are no answers. But there are countless reasons why we will remember Jimmy’s life that was taken away so unexpectedly. Jamille, Ronda., Tiffany, Taylor, and MacKenzie are so deeply sadden to hear of the loss of your loved one.

Ronda - August 03, 2020 at 03:42 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - July 31, 2020 at 07:26 PM

PA

“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to Jimmy's wife Deborah and the Turner. Prayers of comfort and strength are being prayed for u all.

From The Ransom Family

Pamela - July 31, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 30, 2020 at 01:28 PM