



Obituary

Died: Saturday, August 3, 2019

Mr. Hermie D. Turner (Hermie D) was born to the late Mrs. Lorean Turner Leaper and David Leaper on February 22, 1938, in Myrtle, Mississippi. Mr. Turner met and later married Bobby Clara Ball on July 20, 1957, and they were blessed with two children; son, Kelvin A. Turner and daughter, Michelle D. Turner.

Mr. Turner attended Pine Bluff Middle School and received his G.E.D. from Union County Training School in 1956. Shortly after completing his formal education, on April 24, 1957, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served for nearly four years before receiving an Honorable Discharge on April 12, 1961 as an Airman Second Class. This was the beginning of a 20 + year career of serving his country.

After a brief sabbatical, Mr. Turner re-enlisted in the United States Army on July 11, 1961, where he completed two tours of duty in Vietnam as well as served in France and Germany. Mr. Turner received several decorations medals and commendations during his service including, Marksman (M-1 rifle), Sharpshooter (M-14 rifle), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge just to name a few. Mr. Turner held the positions of Lt. Weapons Infantryman and Drill Sergeant while serving in the army.

Throughout his military career, Mr. Turner was stationed at McChord Joint Base Lewis AFB in Seattle, Washington, Ft. Polk in Louisiana and Ft. Knox and Ft. Campbell in Kentucky before he retired in 1978 as Sergeant First Class (E7).

Affectionately known as Mr. Tee to a close group of friends he made while living in Louisville, Kentucky, he was well respected and loved by this group, especially by his adopted sons, Rodney, Shawn, Anthony and adopted daughter, Cindy. Mr. Turner was a man among men, who freely gave of himself imparting wisdom, knowledge and love into anyone he came into contact with. Mr. Turner was the original UBER before they became famous as he was known to provide rides all over Louisville, spare change, counseling and any other support to those who were in need.

Mr. Turner was a jack of all trades and enjoyed being a DJ on the side, known to his listeners as DJ Tee O Mite!

Mr. Turner relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana in July 2016 to be closer to his children after an extended illness where he was hospitalized for a month and a half, but made a miraculous recovery and was discharged from the Veterans

Service Summary

Visitation

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Sat Aug 10, 2019

Church Of The First Born Saints

2909 East 28th Street
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Celebration of Life

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Administration Hospital in Louisville. It was then that he moved in with his daughter, who nursed him back to health.

Mr. Turner inherited a grand dog named Delta with whom he had a love/hate relationship. Their daily routine consisted of him fussing at her to quit begging him for his food and him subsequently giving her some of his food anyway. Mr. Turner and Delta “hung out” every day and although she was very afraid of his oxygen cord, she followed him everywhere he went...especially into the kitchen!

A gentleman and a scholar, Mr. Turner could relate to and hold a conversation with absolutely anyone about anything! He was always well versed on a range of world topics and loved to talk about sports and politics. Mr. Turner usually couldn't wait to spark up a conversation with his other son, Pastor Foreman, as soon as he saw him. Although he typically had a quiet demeanor, Mr. Turner would become quite boisterous when he was passionate about a particular topic.

The Indianapolis Colts, Louisville Cardinals and Golden State Warriors were among his favorite teams.

The running joke that his overprotective daughter didn't find very funny, was if he came up missing for an hour or two, you could probably find Mr. Turner at one of his frequent visits to Walmart or getting something to eat at the local fish market. He would often get busted “sneaking” back into the house by his daughter and would usually say, “Now baby girl, you know I had to get out the house”, or other times Mr. Turner would just head directly into his room without making eye contact!

Mr. Turner truly was a social butterfly that never met a stranger! A modest and simple man who loved life and family, especially his grandchildren who called him “Big Daddy” or simply “Grandpa”.

Mr. Turner fought to stay here until his son arrived home from his Navy duties and was able to pass away peacefully with his son and daughter by his side on August 3, 2019. Mr. Turner repented and gladly accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his life and heart while speaking with his Pastor, Pastor Foreman before he left this earth.

Mr. Turner was preceded in death by his parents, David and Lorean Turner Leaper and sister Annie Turner. Those left to cherish his memory are: his wife, Bobby C. Turner; his son, Kelvin (Kimberly) Turner; daughter, Michelle Turner Jackson, all of Indianapolis, Indiana; brothers, Charles (Monika) Webber of Las Vegas, Nevada, Larry (Paulette) Turner of Myrtle, Mississippi, Lee Roy (Dorothy) Turner of Ripley, Mississippi and James Turner of New Albany, Mississippi. Mr. Turner will be sorely missed by a host of

nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who loved him dearly and all of whom he loved just as much.