

In Loving Memory of
Mark Eric Turner

Sunrise
February 9, 1966

Sunset
January 5, 2018

Service

Saturday, January 13, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

Jones Funeral Home

247 Elm Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Reverend Calib Turner, Officiating

Robert Arrington, Organist

Obituary

This is the life story of my brother **Mark Eric Turner**. He was the second of three brothers and the fourth of five children. He was the quiet one, the observant one, a powerful thinker. Mark always put everyone before himself and never mind doing it.

He loved singing. In our younger years, when we were just kids, I would sit in the front room and just listen to that beautiful voice. I always told him that one day he would be famous because of it. God had blessed him with many gifts. He enjoyed cooking.

He often cooked for my mom. She would get such joy in boasting about how he prepared his dishes. Mark was the only one that could match her skills in the kitchen. I believe that was what drew them closer together. One thing about my mother's boys is they were very talented in the kitchen. But Mark was her number one Chef. After receiving his culinary art certificate, he became the Chef he always wanted to be. I remembered when he applied for the position at Madison Square Garden. He was so nervous yet excited and very happy. When he was hired to be the Sous-chef, (Second in command in the kitchen) I knew he had finally found his place in the world. His passion became cooking. He loved taking care of everyone which was expressed through the many dishes he had prepared for family and people he didn't know. I can say that he managed to spread that love and joy to many different walks of life while working in New York. He often spoke of how he would give food to the homeless after getting off work.

My brother never married nor had children of his own. But he was always surrounded by his nieces and nephews and was there for them when needed. He enjoyed his music from club to gospel. Mark never complained about his illness. He always said "I'm alright" and kept doing what needed to be done. We could never get him to sit still. God's plan for him was not to our understanding. One of Mark's missions was to change the mindset of the young people he encountered and it often upset him because they just didn't get it. But he never stopped trying. I'm his oldest sister, but every time we spoke he always gave me some good sound advice. A brother's love I will no longer have in the natural but I know he will be there in spirit. Well done my dear sweet brother, I will always love you and never forget the joy and laughter you have given me. I'm truly grateful and honored to have been your sitter for the 51 years of your life. No worries, it's alright you can finally rest.

Your Loving sister Lisa.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer Calib Turner

Song Selection Dwayne Hickman

Old and New Testament Scripture Reading DeWayne Wright

A Written Letter Shanta Alexander

Remarks Open Floor

Song Selection Courtney Wright

Eulogy Calib Turner

Cremation
Private

The Repast Ceremony will take place
1300 Monmouth Ave. Linden, New Jersey*



The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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