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*Sweet Peace My Courageous Husband*

*Sometimes its hard to understand why some things have to be  
God has planned our destiny beyond our power to see.*

*He saw this road was getting rough.*

*The hills were hard to climb.*

*So He gently closed his loving eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine."*

*No more weary hours... no more days of pain*

*For those who loved and knew him, things may not be the same.*

*But he leaves us with beautiful memories*

*Things we can't ever part*

*So even though he's gone away*

*He is close within our hearts.*

*Your loving wife Mary*

*Listen With Your Heart*

*Memories are treasures time can't take away*

*So may you be surrounded by happy ones today.*

*May all the love and tenderness of golden years well spent*

*Come back today to fill our heart with beauty and content.*

*And may you walk down memory lane*

*and meet the one you love,*

*For while you cannot see him, he'll be watching from above...*

*So for his sake be happy and show him that his love*

*Has proven strong and big enough to reach down from above.*

*Brother Tyrone & Family*

*Auspices*

**Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home**

**995 Genesee Street**

**Buffalo, NY 14211**

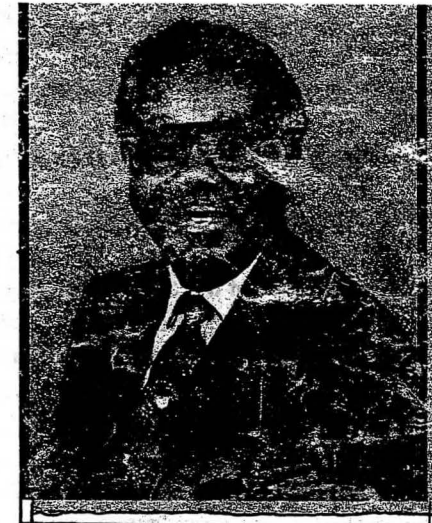
*Acknowledgement*

The family of the late James R. Turner would like to thank all for all your prayers and acts of kindness during his illness and now during their bereavement hour. May God continue to bless you to bless others.

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*James Richard Turner*

**Sunrise January 13, 1928**

**Sunset February 6, 2005**



**Saturday February 12, 2005**

**Wake 11:00 a.m.**

**Funeral 12:00 Noon**

**Friendship Baptist Church**

**402 Clinton Street**

**Buffalo, NY 14204**

**Dr. William S. Wilson, Jr.**

**Officiating**

## Obituary

James Richard Turner departed this life on Sunday, February 6, 2005 after a long courageous illness.

James was born to the late William ( Bill) Turner and Lureana Fay Turner on January 13, 1928 in Houma ,LA. He was educated in the New Orleans Public Schools and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. On December 11, 1945 at the age of 17, he went to the United States Navy and was honorably discharged October 14, 1947 but re-enlisted in the Army, January 23, 1948 and served his country until he was honorably discharged April 18, 1954.

James confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized in New Orleans, LA. He moved to Buffalo, NY while still in the Army in 1951. He united with the St. John Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Bernie McCarley. He later joined the Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. Charles Ware in 1978. He was the first Deacon ordained under the leadership of the late Rev. A. Charles Ware. James worked with the Building Fund. He was a member of the famous Male Chorus of the Friendship Church. He really loved the Male Chorus and enjoyed singing God's praises with the brethren. " God's Been Good To Me " was one of his favorite songs. He was also a faithful member of the Sunday School.

He retired from TRICO September 1992 after 25 years of service. He was one of the persons responsible for getting Local 2100 Union in TRICO. He was the first vice president of the union and later became a committee person.

James was preceded in death by a brother Joseph Turner and a son James R. Turner. James leaves to cherish his memory: a loving, devoted wife, Mary L. Turner; children: Beverly Gonzalez( Rev. Rodobaldo), Lureana Harris and Mark Turner (Jewell) all of Buffalo, NY; stepchildren: Charles Davis(Everlyene), Zaffran Davis ( Cheryl), Dedra Johnson, all of Buffalo, NY, Marilyn Weatherspoon( Mark), Marlene Walker( Keith), Cato Davis III( Bridget) Antony Davis ( Chrtistina) all of Houston,TX, and Derrick Davis of VA. 29 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; 2 brothers: Daniel Turner ( Audrey), Tyrone Turner( Theresa) of Houma,LA; 5 sisters:Dorothy Bell Turner of Dallas, TX, Juliann Turner, Maryann Sims ( Kerrie), Theresa Turner, Lana Marie Turner; brother -in laws: Ira Mozee, Herbert Mozee and James Mozee ( M. Frances) adopted brothers: J. C. Donelson ( Catherine) and Gene Smith( Laura); adopted sisters: Mary Hill and Shirley Tucker ; 3 god children: Diane Johnson (Moses), Mary Woodard ( Thomas) and Angie Cannon ( Leroy)and a host of other relatives and friends.

*" I must work the works of him that sent me,  
while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4*

### Visitation Period

11:00 a.m.

### Funeral Service

12:00 p.m. Noon

### Service Order

#### Musical Prelude

Scripture Old Testament Psalms 23 Rev. J. R. Christopher

New Testament John 9:4

#### Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Melvin Brooks

Selection "On my way to a city, Where the Male Chorus  
Remarks ( Brief - 2 minutes please) Streets are paved with Gold"

#### Acknowledgements

Selection "Heaven is Looking Down on Me" Male Chorus  
Obituary ( Silent Reading)

Selection "I Believe"

Male Chorus

Eulogy Jobe 14:14 "The Power of Waiting"

Pastor Wilson

#### Recessional

#### Pall Bearers:

Mark Turner

Salicon Riley

Demoan Daniels

Zaffran Davis

Cato Davis III

Charles Davis, Jr.

Antony Davis

#### Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery