

My "Family"



Acknowledgement

We, the family of MR. NATHAN TUCKER JR., wish to acknowledge EVERY act of kindness during this time of separation from our loved one. Our spirits have been lifted in a very special way. Your presence, calls, condolences, prayers and expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated. To Mr. Kelvin Baucom and the staff of BAUCOM'S Life Celebration Center, your EXCELLENCE will long be remembered. It is our prayer that everyone remains vigilant and safe during this Pandemic.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL !!!!

The TUCKER Family

Pallbearers

Grandsons & Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Reggie Hart
Lynn Turner
Guy Turner
Roy Malone (Butch)
Ricardo Bradley

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Celebration of Life



"Tuffy"
MR. NATHAN TUCKER, JR.

Sunrise: OCTOBER 14, 1955 Sunset: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020, 10:30 A.M.

Visitation 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

NEW SPRING CHURCH

10229 Lewis & Clark Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63136

PASTOR TONY FARR, Host Pastor
PASTOR DEVONE CRUSOE, Officiant

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Processional "Glorify The Lord, Praise His Holy Name"	FAMILY
Scripture Old and New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort	PASTOR DAKETTA MARSHBURN
Musical Selection	"SINGERS"
Acknowledgement and Condolences	MELINDA CURRY JANICE MCCOY
Family Tributes	MIN. VINCENT TUCKER (BROTHER) MIN. DERRICK GREGORY BYRD (COUSIN) TIMIKA TUCKER (DAUGHTER)
Musical Selection "Changed"	VONZELLA JACKSON (Greater Progressive MB Church)
Ministerial Remarks (3 mins, please)	ARCH BISHOP MICHAEL A. WEST (St. Michael's Temple) PASTOR DAKETTA MARSHBURN (Glory to Glory Christian Church) PASTOR FRENTRIOUS KINNEY (THRIVE Christian Church) PASTOR RUTH SNIDER (Christ Love Devine Fellowship Church) BISHOP MICHAEL ROBINSON (Destiny Family Church) BISHOP LLOYD EDWARDS (Progressive Baptist Church)
Musical Selection	"SINGERS"
Message of Comfort	PASTOR DEVONE CRUESOE (Temple of Destiny Church)
Benediction & Committal	BISHOP LLOYD EDWARDS

In the Name of JESUS
"VICTORY..TODAY...IS MINE"

Life Reflections

MR. NATHAN TUCKER JR. was born October 14, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the third of six children born to Nathaniel and Morline Tucker. He was affectionately given the name "TUFFY" by his maternal Grandmother and Grandfather (Lucy Ann and James Edward Foster) and he lived up to his nickname in every way for "65 Years.

Despite what Tuffy experienced throughout his life, he had a heart filled with LOVE, LOYALTY, DETERMINATION, and PERSEVERANCE. He consistently served others, shared words of Wisdom and was an "AMAZING FATHER" to his CHILDREN. Nothing was more important to him than his "GIRLS" and "FAMILY". His LOVE for FAMILY was the joy of his life. Tuffy is preceded in death by his parents, maternal and paternal grandparents and siblings: Calvin Tucker, Shirley Mae Tucker, Clyde "Pokey" Tucker and Loretta Tucker.

He accepted Jesus Christ early in his life and was baptized at Greater Progressive MB Church where his Mother and Grandmother served.

In 1971, he met his "friend for life" Christal Chavis who he ultimately married in 1979 and is the Mother of three of his daughters; ShaLonda, Timika and Keysha. His oldest daughter: Tracy was his early introduction to becoming a Father. Tuffy overcame many challenges throughout his life that became his testimony of the Grace and Mercy of GOD.

Tuffy's ambition to become a professional Painter began in 1973 when he entered the Job Corps where he received high honors and used his skills with passion and excellence. In 1979, he moved his family to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he exercised his skills as a professional Painter. In 1981, he and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he raised his girls and worked at Baldwin-Wallace College for several years in Maintenance. Tuffy took pride in every project from start to finish.

Tuffy had a giving heart of LOVE for his friends, family and many who were finding their way in life. He never looked down on anyone who was struggling, because he knew personal struggles. He also knew GOD and no matter what, he always acknowledged his FAITH in GOD. Upon his return to St. Louis, he rededicated his life to Christ in 1999 and united with First Baptist Church of Webster Groves, under the leadership of Dr. Wendell Bonner, who he loved and appreciated. He served as the church's maintenance man, crossing guard, grounds keeper and was honored to become a Trustee of the church. He loved his church family and they loved them some "NATHAN". Under Pastor Bonner's leadership, Nathan learned the Grace and Mercy of GOD in a whole new way and he became stronger in FAITH, always acknowledging that no matter what "GOD is GOOD!"

Tuffy was an early riser in the morning and did not think twice about dropping by to check on those he loved. He loved playing cards, driving, taking trips, and talking "smack" with lifelong friends and cousins. His favorite TV show was the "First 48" and he loved listening to TUPAC and Ole Skool Jams. His laugh was infectious, and his SMILE would light up a room. He always made you feel like "somebody" and encouraged you to: "Keep It Moving", "Make It Happen", "Keep GOD 1st", "Love FAMILY", "Be There For One Another" and "Handle Yo Business".

Tuffy was diagnosed with Liver Cancer in 2019, but he never allowed his illness to keep him from doing the things he loved. His STRENGTH, FAITH, and PERSEVERANCE during his health challenge was demonstrated until the end. He was "TUFFY" through the pain and discomfort.

On Monday, November 9th, 2020 around 2:30pm at his home, surrounded by FAMILY, after his baby brother Vincent arrived, one tear fell from his eye and he transitioned peacefully into the presence of the LORD. He kept the FAITH and FINISHED his earthly assignment leaving behind a LEGACY of VICTORY and MEMORIES that will never die.

Life Reflections Continued

WE, mourn his passing, but WE CELEBRATE his "LIFE":
Daughters: Tracy Hampton (Demetrius-RIP), ShaLonda Tucker (Orlando" Big O" -RIP), Timika Tucker (Reshad), and Keysha Tucker;
Wife/Friend for Life: Christal Tucker, Baby Brother; Vincent D. Tucker;
Paw Paw's Grandkids: Craig, Greg (RIP), Michael (RIP), James, Marshawn, Keivon, Saivon, Jalisha, Tayvion, Rajon, Atorian, Jada, Amon, Amia, Demetrius, Taya, and Rionne;
Nephews: Byron, Tyrie, Torrey, Brandon, Ondray, Tramaine, Tevin;
Nieces: Nachel, Sherrita, Shontay, Sabrina, Mornay, Morline;
A "GANG" of Great and Great Great Nieces and Nephews;
Uncle: James T. Foster;
Aunt: Catha Tucker; Special Aunts: Ann Williams and Vivian Wright
"The Boys" (Since Childhood): Richard McAlpine (Hardbop), "Fat" Jerry Hebb, Jake Brock, Ricardo Major and Darryl Newburn
The Cards Crew/Cousins: Geneva Hammonds, Albert" Duck" Royston, Dorothy Royston, Diane Whitaker, and Cookie;
Cousins: Roy L. Foster (Steve)/Sherry, David E. Byrd (Sonny), Derrick Byrd (Greg), Charlene Byrd, Geraldine Byrd;
Special Bonus Brother: Lynn Turner
Our Family Dogs: Benjamin & Dash
Host of Cousins, Family, Extended Family and Friends in St. Louis; Cleveland, Ohio; Holly Springs, Mississippi; and Birmingham, Alabama



A "Golden Heart" stopped beating, Hard working hands are now at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go, but at your request, We did our BEST

They say that memories are golden, Well maybe that is true
But we never wanted memories. We only wanted YOU

Your Life was full of Lessons and Laughter, Your Love for FAMILY true
You did your best for ALL of US, We will always remember YOU

We sat beside your bedside, Our hearts were crushed and sore
We did our duty to the end...Til we could do no more

In tears we watched your pain, We watched you fade away
And though our hearts were breaking, We knew you could not stay

What comes to our remembrance is the LOVE you consistently gave
And how you did YOUR part

The countless MEMORIES we have of you, "TUFFY"
Will FOREVER and ALWAYS remain in our hearts.

