

He Was Different

He was different. He was special,
Unique in a thousand ways,
He was giving, he was loving,
And we'll miss him all of our days.

Those who strive for praise,
They yearn for world applause,
There are some who chase sweet comfort,
As their one and only cause.

But he was different,
He knew sorrow in great measure,
And was stung by illness too,
But neither could defeat him,
Nothing could his faith subdue.
And when he saw death coming,
He didn't cower in fear,
Instead, he called out boldly,
My Lord, I'm over here,
Of course, the Lord will welcome him,
With angels magnifying,
The beauty of the celestial place,
Devoid of pain and crying.
But forgive us Lord for pining,
For wishing he was here,
It's so hard to give us someone,
We have come to love so dear.

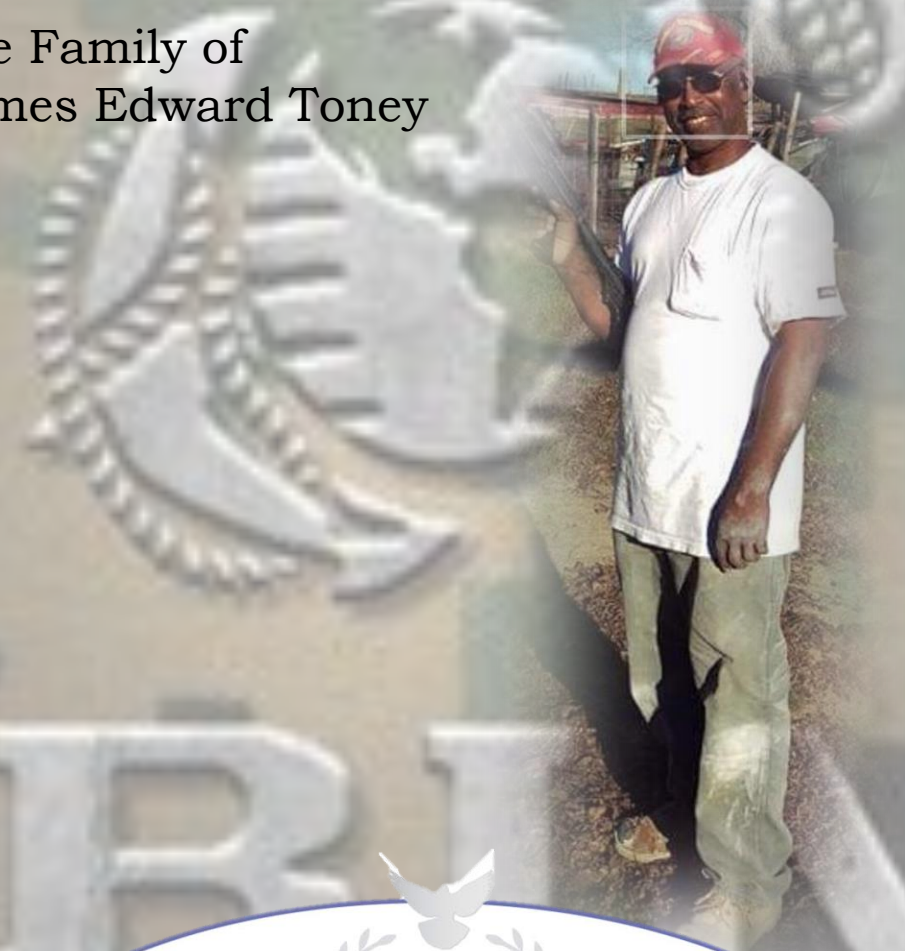
Because you see, He was different, he was special,
Unique in a thousand ways,
he was loving, he was giving,
And we will miss him, miss him, miss him all our
days!



Expression of Gratitude

With sincere gratitude, there are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

The Family of
James Edward Toney



Celebration of life for *James* EDWARD TONEY

SUNRISE:
February 21, 1956

SUNSET:
February 12, 2021



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
Columbia, SC 29229

Order of Service

HONORS

POEM - CIERRA

SONG - KELLI

LIFE STORY – WANDA

WORDS OF COMFORT- PASTOR

BENEDICTION

Obituary

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die a time to mourn and a time to dance” Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

James Edward Toney, AKA JT or Pop Pop, was born February 21, 1956 in Bishopville, SC to the late Roland Toney and Mary Lee Toney. James was raised in Lower East Side Manhattan, New York, where he attended Western House High School and Seward Park High school. After high school he mastered auto mechanics with his father. A passion he would later pass on to his grandsons. James was a proud Marine, serving his country beginning 1977. His time in the service with his brothers left an everlasting impression on him. And though he lost many, he was honored for the connections and the experiences. He carried them in his heart daily, and was quick to embrace any of his fellow armed brethren.

Of all the things that James loved, he loved his family the most. His wife, children, grandchildren, great grands, nieces and nephews were often spoiled when it came to him. If you spotted James in town, at home, or working then it was always in the company of family. Due to his loss of sight, he valued and cherished every moment he had. So he took pride in being able to still drive, being able to still build, being able to still teach, and being able to still see the growth of his legacy. Any holiday, birthday, or even school event he could be spotted in attendance. And during the unfortunate times such as funerals, he could be spotted being a shoulder to lean on. Bringing laughter to dark times. He was always the light in a gloomy world. A human google for advice. Mr. Fix It.

James wore many hats. Carpenter, Plumber, Electrician, Mechanic, Marine, Singer, Comedian, Teacher, Husband, Father, Uncle, Brother and a specialist in so many other areas. Now he puts on one final hat as a guardian angel over those he is leaving behind:

Left to cherish his memory and keep him alive in spirit and love is his Wife Diane Toney; Mother- in- Law Bertha Williams; Children, David Williams, Sonia Williams, Dina Williams, Ronald Williams (Shaketta), James Edward Toney Jr. (Rochelle), Tona Walker (Terrance), Christopher Caldwell (Sharon), Davon Williams, Terrell Champagne, and Cierra Gardner (Al). His Siblings; David Grant (Marva); Mae Mahoney; Betty Jean Toney (Joseph); Mary Ann Lancaster (Eddie); Ervin Century; Bobbie Toney; Betty Lou Toney; Leslie Toney; Harold Parks (Patricia); Vickie Hannibal (John); Beverly Holloman (Robert); Robert Williams; Everlina Boyd (Wendell), and Wanda Issac (Terrance). Additionally, a host of grandchildren, great grands, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Those that James has met in heaven with open arms are his parents Roland and Mary Lee Toney, his father -in- Law Haster Williams, his brothers Roland Toney Jr., Curtis Toney and sisters Jenette Toney, sisters-in- law Pamelyn Williams, and Sharon Caldwell.

“In my Father’s House there are many mansions, if it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you” John 14:2

While we will miss James on this side of heaven, we are sure that he is in His Father's house resting from his earthly labor to his heavenly reward.

