



Ricky Lee "Starchild" Turner

December 4, 2021

Ricky Lee "Starchild" Turner, peacefully transitioned to his eternal home on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at his earthly home in Harvey, LA at the age of 64. He was the loving and devoted husband to Catherine Turner for the last 44 years. Ricky was born on January 19, 1957, in New Orleans, LA. He was preceded in death by his parents: Isaac, and Gertrude Turner; Brothers: Darryl and Dwayne Turner; Father-in-law: Earl Hill Jr.; Grandparents: Joseph Thomas Sr., Toze Bentley, Marie Taylor, and Nelson Turner.

Ricky was a lifelong resident of Phoenix, Louisiana until he moved to Harvey, Louisiana in 2006, after hurricane Katrina. He was a 1975 graduate of Phoenix High School. After graduating high school, he worked for several years at Brown and Root. His professional career eventually spanned from owning and operating his own landscaping business to working at TECO Bulk for several years.

In 1977 Ricky was joined into holy matrimony to the former Catherine Hill and unto this union 3 children were born: Kenyon, Lauren, and Ricke'ta Turner. He was also blessed with bonus son Keilen Williams. Ricky was a devoted husband and father. Often their biggest supporter and sometimes the unsolicited critic.

He loved sports and was an avid fan of LSU and SEC football. He never shied away from offering his opinion on sports or anything else. Also, among his passions were fishing and cooking. He took pride in preparing delicious meals for family and friends. In his later years he enjoyed the simple things in life like

spending time with his grandchildren.

He was the brother who kept the lines of communications open with his brothers and sisters, checking in frequently on each one. He was the uncle who made each of his nieces and nephews feel special. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather but most of all he was a child of God.

Ricky accepted Christ and was baptized in 1972 at St. John Baptist Church, Phoenix Louisiana by the late Rev. Percy M. Griffin Sr. In recent years he attended service at St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. John Riley Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 44 years Catherine Turner; Son: Kenyon Turner; Daughters: Lauren Turner (Sheldon) of Atlanta, GA; and Ricke'ta Turner (Vanderbill); Stepson: Keilen Williams (Angel); Siblings: Rhonda Redmond (Nelson) of Flint, TX, Laura Turner (Johnny) of Atlanta, GA, Randy Turner (Candy) of Las Vegas, NV; Mother-in-law Pearl Hill; Brother-in-law: Rudy Hill; Sisters-in-law: Patricia Hill, Cynthia Brocks (Clarence), Cheryl Riley, and Onethia Maxwell (Akida) of Chester, VA. Ricky is also survived by his five grandchildren: Eric jr., Semaj, Jae'Lei, Jurnee, and Kendra. One beloved Aunt Joanna Thomas. Two Godsons: Keinthorn Riley and Nelson Redmond Jr., a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and devoted friends.

Relatives and friends of the family, Plaquemines School Board, Belle Chase Primary, Belle Chase High School, Ace City Discount, neighboring churches in Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish are invited to attend the funeral service on Friday, December 10, 2021, at St. John Baptist Church located at 7047 Highway 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040. The visitation will begin at 10A.M. followed by a 11A.M. service. Rev. John Riley Jr. will officiate, and entombment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Phoenix, LA. Due to COVID-19, everyone in attendance must wear a face mask or other proper facial covering.

Funeral planning entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street, Gretna, LA.

Cemetery Details

St Joseph Church Cemetery

Phoenix, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. John Baptist Church
136 St. John Lane
Phoenix, LA

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ricky was like a brother in who I could talk to about anything. He loved to cook but he also loved to learn about anything, was a mathematical genius, and read everything. Now, I have no one to talk to about history, astronomy, plants, recipes. Rest well my brother

To his wife Catherine, you were his best friend as well as his life partner. My heartfelt sympathies to you and the rest of the family

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“ Ricky was on of a kind, a gentle kindhearted friend to my family. Ricky will be missed but never forgotten! Praying for the family, may God comfort you and give you peace! This one really HURTS 🙏
🙏 Much Love Dwayne and Cindy

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