



Ernest Edwards

June 16, 1969 - February 16, 2023

Ernest Torrell Edwards, 53, of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2023, in Chickamauga, Georgia. He was born on June 16, 1969, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was affectionately called “good daddy” by his family and friends. Ernest was a 1987 graduate of Central High School. He confessed his hope in Christ at an early age and was of the Baptist faith. He loved quartet music and was the manager for the Spiritual Highlights for many years. Ernest loved to spend time with his family. He had a passionate love for his grandchildren. His grandchildren brought him so much joy. Ernest was loved by many and didn’t meet a stranger. He was a long time employee of HCA Hospital at Valley as a manager. He loved working with children there. Ernest was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah Kitchens; stepfather, Marvin Kitchens; siblings, Cynthia Edwards and Ivan Edwards; and grandparents, Emma Shepherd and Jimmie Edwards. Survivors include his wife, Leslie Edwards; son, Brandon Edwards, daughter, Keyona Rizer; son he reared as his own, Roland Rizer; grandchildren, Rakayla, Amari, Kyrie, and Mia; father, William (Charlotta) Edwards; grandmother, Ethel Ricks; brothers, Cedric (Towanna) Edwards, Maurice (Tabitha) Edwards, and Jamarion Edwards; sisters, Danita (Tyree) Lidge Edwards, Sylvia Edwards (Terrance) Taylor, Hosanna Edwards, and Kenya Edwards; mother-in-law, Brenda McClendon; father-in-law, Arthur Howard; brother-in-law, Laurence Howard; LaWanda Turner; a host of aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Ernest will lie-in-state on Friday, February 24, 2023, from

2-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 12 noon in the chapel with Pastor Ron King as the eulogist. Burial at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023, in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Service

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Burial

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery
4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Kookie Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ernest Edwards*



Kookie Rollins - February 25, 2023 at 05:48 PM

RS

“ *Renee P Sharp lit a candle in memory of Ernest Edwards*



Renee P Sharp - February 25, 2023 at 02:19 AM

GP

“ *Condolences to the family. Good Daddy, you will be missed, you were such a gentle giant and God's light shined bright through you. RIP my friend, I will see you again some day.*

Gail Pace - February 24, 2023 at 09:05 AM



My prayers are with the family

Anna Butler - February 24, 2023 at 05:20 PM

CH

“ We have so many warm memories of "GOOD DADDY"!! Our love, prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family. Cynthia and Jasmine Honeysucker



Cynthia Honeysucker - February 23, 2023 at 08:54 PM

TP

“ Tim Thomas and Renita Pollard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest Edwards.



Tim Thomas and Renita Pollard - February 23, 2023 at 12:34 PM

KK

“ Sending Condolences in the Homegoing of Ernest. Praying. John and Kathy Sligh 🙏🙏



Kathy Kelly-Sligh - February 23, 2023 at 06:12 AM

JB

“ Jeanetta L Ballanger lit a candle in memory of Ernest Edwards



Jeanetta L Ballanger - February 21, 2023 at 07:26 AM

BB

“ *Barbara Bates lit a candle in memory of Ernest Edwards*



Barbara Bates - February 20, 2023 at 08:25 PM

D ♥

“ *Diane Ellison & Family ♥ lit a candle in memory of Ernest Edwards*



Diane Ellison & family ♥ - February 20, 2023 at 06:23 PM