



## Ernestine P. Tumlin

April 7, 1934 - January 24, 2024

Ernestine Tumlin was born on April 7, 1934, to parents James Bush and Velma Woods, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She retired from Erlanger Medical Center after many years of dedicated service. She is preceded in death by her parents, James Bush and Velma Woods; husband, Lewis Tumlin; son, Alfonso Bush (Pete); grandson, Derek Bush; brothers; Roland Bush, James Bush, Larry Bush. Sisters; Gwendolyn Taylor (Pig), and Velma Jean Bush. Ernestine passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in a local healthcare facility. Survivors include her daughter, Argentinita Peoples (Michael) Ware; grandsons, Kelvin Byrd, Brandon Westfield; granddaughter and caretaker, Bonnie Peoples (Dewayne) Moore; granddaughters, Ronika Bush, Brittany Westfield; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; aunt, Dorothy Woods; brothers: Jimmy Bush, Lebron Bush; sisters, Argentina Pollard, Carolyn Bumpass, Vivian Bush McClendon, Thelma Crutch; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. She will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, February 2, 2024, at 12 noon in the chapel with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. as the eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga , TN 37409

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

## Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Ernestine was a very good woman. She will always be remembered. I am glad to have good memories to reflect on. You couldn't help but to love her! ❤️❤️



Rhonda McWhorter - February 04, 2024 at 07:16 PM

GD

“ Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin



Gloria J Daniels - February 02, 2024 at 01:29 AM

DL

“ Darlena Lee-Toney sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin



Darlena Lee-Toney - February 01, 2024 at 08:24 PM

JB

“ Aunt Ernie, remembering your hugs and laughter. You are missed. Love Jamal Bumpass

Jamal Bumpass - February 01, 2024 at 05:49 PM

EM

*Kitty Mc Whorter For my Aunt Ernestine I love you and I will misses U*

**Ellen McWhorter** - February 01, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JW

“ *Joi Whaley lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Joi Whaley** - February 01, 2024 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ *Jamal & Jasmine Bumpass lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Jamal & Jasmine Bumpass** - February 01, 2024 at 05:41 PM

TF

“ *The Whaley Family lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**The Whaley Family** - February 01, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JO

“ My memories of you Aunt Ernie were growing up coming to visit Granny Carolyn for the summers and spending the night with Bonnie and every morning you would fix us a sausage biscuit with grape jelly and a cup of coffee heavy on the cream. You were always a joy to be around and have always welcomed me into your home with open arms. You will truly be missed. Love you. What a beautiful race you have ran.

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**Joi** - February 01, 2024 at 04:14 PM

RB

“ Ms. Ernestine, I shall cherish the memories of your kind, loving and friendly spirit. You always made sure people around you had something to smile about. Oh yes, I still remember the jokes you had about me being a hungry college student at UTC. How you and Ms. Carolyn always made sure I had something to eat and cared for me when Ced was away. A wonderful Great Aunt you were to our children and granddaughters. We will miss seeing your beautiful smile on earth. The memories of you through family stories will always keep you in our hearts, giving us Something Too Smile About. Thanking God for his comforting spirit and knowing you are smiling in heaven.

*Love Ced, Rosaleen, Joi, Jamal, Jayde & Malaya*

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**Rosaleen Bumpass** - February 01, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MF

“ Min.Reva Fisher lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin



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**Min.Reva Fisher** - February 01, 2024 at 02:49 PM

MF

“ *Min.Rea Fisher lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Min.Rea Fisher** - February 01, 2024 at 02:46 PM

BB

“ *Betty Kirby & Sandra Blalark lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Betty Kirby & Sandra Blalark** - February 01, 2024 at 02:43 PM

RB

“ *Rosaleen Bumpass lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Rosaleen Bumpass** - February 01, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TS

“ *Tajuana Sterling lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



**Tajuana Sterling** - February 01, 2024 at 08:07 AM

CA

“ Oooh Sooo many wonderful and delightful  
memories we've shared,  
Words alone can't convey how much fun we  
had together.  
Nor say just how much I miss you already.  
You were a big sister, a friend, and a confidant I  
could always share my best secrets as well as my knee-bending  
problems because you were always there when I needed you the  
most.



You have been a ray of sunshine within lives, amongst our entire  
family  
A source of joy and inspiration.  
You taught me how to be brave and kind, how to love and  
appreciate.

Now you are gone and I feel so empty,  
But I know you are in a better place, free from pain and sorrow.  
I know you are watching over me and smiling,  
I hope after you have greeted other loved ones gone before you -  
Jack, Pete, Roland, Pig, James, Larry, and Jean please find my  
Nicee and tell her I love and miss her too.

Last we spoke you said "Pray for me" I did and I know his will be  
done. I love you in life and beyond..

Your loving sister Carolyn.

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Carolyn - February 01, 2024 at 04:15 AM

CA

“ Carolyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin



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**Carolyn** - February 01, 2024 at 03:56 AM

CE

“ Aunt Ernestine will always be remembered for her kindness and the joy she brought to those around her. May we all find comfort in the loving memories she so merrily shared with all of us. You will always be in my heart And I will never forget your art Of boiling peas and making me happy.. Ced & Greg

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**Cedric** - February 01, 2024 at 01:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernestine P. Tumlin.



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January 31, 2024 at 10:20 PM

CB

“ Comm. Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin



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**Comm. Greg and Pat Beck** - January 31, 2024 at 01:38 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - January 31, 2024 at 01:37 PM

PC

“ *Preppie, Bronny, Karen, Alex & Chase planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernestine P. Tumlin.*

Preppie, Bronny, Karen, Alex & Chase - January 31, 2024 at 02:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernestine P. Tumlin.*



January 31, 2024 at 02:11 AM

KA

“ *Katrina Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ernestine P. Tumlin*



Katrina Alexander - January 29, 2024 at 04:22 PM

ST

“ TO MR. JIMMY BUSH & FAMILY YOU HAVE LOST SOMEONE WHO WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS A WONDERFUL INFLUENCE IN THIS WORLD WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY FROM SANDRA HYTER TREMBLE & FAMILY

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**Sandra Hyter Tremble** - January 29, 2024 at 10:31 AM