James "Zeke" Turner

January 19, 1938 - December 24, 2018

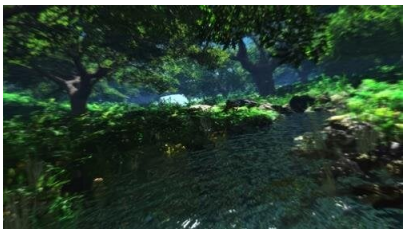
James Daren (Zeke) Turner, 80 years old, of Girard, Illinois died Monday, December 24. Cremation rites have been accorded, services and a Celebration of Life will be held later.

James Daren (Zeke) Turner was born Wednesday, January 19 1938, in Quincy, Illinois the son of James R and Arvilla L (Marshall) Turner. Zeke's family moved several times due to his father's employment as manager with FS Services, he therefore attended many different grade schools. He was a graduate of Carlinville High School class of 1956. He attended trade school in St Louis. Zeke was a lifetime laborer in construction, sold mobile homes in Virden and at the time of his retirement, he worked several years as the owner of his masonry company. He married Vickie Sue Estock on Saturday May 20, 2000, at their home in rural Girard. He was a faithful member of Church of God Worden, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife Vickie Turner of Girard, loyal companions Gus and Mister Mister, brother Dennis (Janice) Turner of Tulsa Oklahoma, sister Linda (Jack) Jacobs of Phoenix Arizona, nieces Kelly (Howard) Framptom of Phoenix Arizona and Julie (Scott) Boehler of Girard. Many great nieces and nephews also survive Zeke. His parents preceded him in death.

Tribute Wall

Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors PC created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Zeke" Turner



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - December 27, 2018 at 02:35 PM

SW

Rest In Peace my dear friend,you will always be remembered,Fly High "Zeke""
This is a beautiful video in remembrance of Zeke❤️

simona white - December 27, 2018 at 08:24 PM

BM

Lovely tribute to Zeke,RIP my friend.Barbara Matthew

Barbara Matthew - December 30, 2018 at 07:43 PM

JB

Vicki--that's a great video tribute to Daren. He was a real down to earth person.
He'll be missed. jim b

jim b - January 09, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DB

Vickie, The CCHS Class of 1956 lost a very important member when Zeke passed. We will miss him and the help he always gave to our class. I am so glad I got to talk to him a week before he died and he thought he just might make our Christmas lunch. Let us know when his Celebration of Life is planned and I will pass the info along. RIP Good Friend.

Donna Bowman - January 01, 2019 at 01:40 PM

CS

I loved the picture tribute to Daren! Thinking of you all. Cathy Hollembeak Scheffler

Cathy Scheffler - December 30, 2018 at 03:43 PM

SW

1 file added to the tribute wall

simona white - December 29, 2018 at 03:12 PM

SW

We love you "Yellow Mellow" your Day Hospital family💜😘💜😘 RIP our dear "Zeke"

simona white - December 29, 2018 at 02:40 PM

SW

Simona White lit a candle in memory of James "Zeke" Turner

simona white - December 29, 2018 at 02:35 PM

RF

Many fond memories of our time in high school and even at our class reunions and birthday parties We all did some good things together as well as a few "not so good things" but Zeke will always be remembered by me as a friend for many years. Joyce and I send our condolences to Vicki and family. Rich & Joyce Featherstone, Sun Lakes, AZ

Rich & Joyce Featherstone - December 28, 2018 at 08:56 PM

JB

Vickie please accept our deepest sympathy, Darin was a good friend and will be missed
All I can say is Rodders Rule Forever
Jerrry and Pat Barton

Jerry &b Pat Barton - December 27, 2018 at 08:45 PM

SW

We love you "Mellow Yellow" and Vicki you are in our prayers as well as your family and everyone who loved "Zeke"
It was a honor and blessing to have "Mellow Yellow" as apart of our VIP group,there will never be anyone who can replace him ,he was one of a kind. I know we have another guardian angel looking over us,and every time I eat a cinnamon roll I will remember my dear friend.
You are apart of my life as well as your sisters and loved ones and we will celebrate his life when you are ready💜😘💜Rest In Peace "Yellow Mellow" you are free,fly high my friend ,Love you always!

simona white - December 27, 2018 at 08:21 PM

SW

Mellow Yellow,you will always be in our hearts ,even though you are gone in flesh the memories we shared with you will last a lifetime💜😇😘

simona white - December 27, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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RJ

Vickie, my prayers are with you at this time!!! Our class meetings will definitely miss him. Ruth Johnston, class of '56

Ruth Johnston - December 27, 2018 at 09:14 AM