



# Robert J Sturnes

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**R**obert J. Sturnes, 78, of Chattanooga, peacefully entered eternal rest on Monday, December 1, 2025, in a local hospital. Born on October 23, 1947, in Montezuma, Georgia, Robert moved to Chattanooga in 1970, where he built a life grounded in hard work, loyalty, and deep love for his family.

In August 1975, Robert married Juliet Readus, with whom he shared 35 years of marriage until her passing in 2010. A devoted husband and father, Robert worked tirelessly to provide for his family—often holding two full-time jobs for more than 30 years at Erlanger Hospital and Planters Life Savers, where he served as a dedicated supervisor at both. Even after retiring, he continued to work part-time at Food City on Hwy 58, demonstrating the strong work ethic for which he was well known.

A lifelong member of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Robert faithfully served on the Usher Board, supported Environmental Services, and was an active member of the Widow's Ministry. His faith guided his steps, his character, and his service to others.

Robert was known for his storytelling, his love of sports, and his stern yet caring nature. He enjoyed fishing, was an avid bowler, and could always be counted on for honest wisdom and steady guidance. Above all, he was a man who worked hard, loved deeply, and provided faithfully, ensuring his daughters always had what they needed.

He will be remembered as a devoted father, a loyal worker, a man of faith, and a steady presence in the lives of all who knew him. His legacy of perseverance, service, and love will continue to resonate in the hearts of his family, friends, and community.

Robert was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Juliet R. Sturnes; his mother, Annie Lee Sturnes; and his grandparents, Roland and Fannie Sturnes. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughters, Shenikia Sturnes, Robin Sturnes, and Denise Morris; and grandchildren, all of Chattanooga; his sister, Annie Ussery of Chattanooga; cousins, Phyllis (Cornel) Williams of



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Houston, TX, and Fannie Mae Carter of Jacksonville, FL; and a host of sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law who loved him dearly, including Jo Ann Cooper, Evelyn (John Lee) Moore, Zebedee Williams, and Bernard Readus. He also has several nieces and nephews that loved him dearly. He also leaves behind special friends, Martha White, Ruth Boykin, and Phillip Gilles, who held a meaningful place in his life.

Robert will lie-in-state on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the Chapel with Dr. Ternae Jordan, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.



# Events

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## Lie-In-State

**Tuesday**, December 9, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**Taylor Funeral Home**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

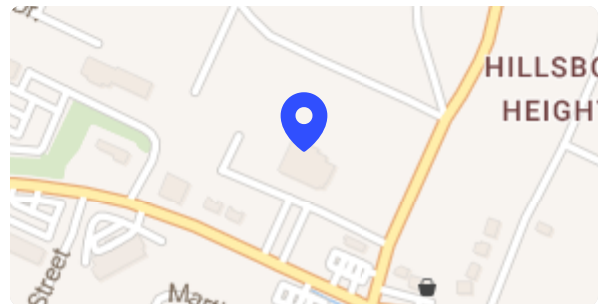


## Funeral Service

**Tuesday**, December 9, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

**Taylor Funeral Home**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



## Burial

**Tuesday**, December 9, 2025

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

**Lakewood Memory Gardens East**  
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**Margaret Ryan** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

My condolences to the Family, May God Bless each one of you, I pray that God will continue comfort you and strengthen the Family.

January 2 at 9:16 PM



**Yahunna Wadley** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

He was a great Supervisor at Erlanger

December 12 at 10:31 AM



**Rai Klaus** posted:

Our prayers are with the entire Sturnes Family in this time. May God continue to hold you and may you cherish each other in this difficult time. -Dr. Rai and Jake Klaus

December 11 at 11:41 AM



C

**Cheryl Locke** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 10 at 5:48 AM



JW

**Joann Whaley Whitlock** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 10 at 5:37 AM



**Randy Toney** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

The Toney family would like to extend our prayers and condolences to the family in their time of bereavement

December 9 at 10:21 PM





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**Henrietta Taylor** posted:

Hello to the Sturnes family. It is with love for each of you, especially Joann and my girls Robin and Shenika, that I send my love and regret for your loss. Mr. Sturnes was always a wonderful man who was always smiling and who I loved being around. I thank God for his life and that I got the chance to meet and know him. I'm so sorry for your loss and may God bless each of you, especially my girls. In His love, Henrietta Taylor

December 9 at 9:51 AM



**Tina Tate** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Robert was one of my best employees before he became a Supervisor. He was a very kind guy, he always made sure I had a way home before he left for home. Robert was a good storyteller. We worked together for over 20yrs...I will truly miss him. My heart and prayers go out to his daughters and the rest of his family. Rest in peace, Hazel M. Simmons



December 8 at 8:20 PM



**Kenneth Hammocks** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I meet Mr. Sturnes in the PACE program. We talked about the jobs he worked and when he worked them. By the way he talked I could tell he was a hard working man with a lot of knowledge . We had that in common. Mr. Sturnes remained me of my father. Now you can rest in peace sir.



December 8 at 8:04 PM



**Lawanda Smith** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

RIH Mr. Robert You will be missed.



December 8 at 2:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sturnes family.



December 8 at 11:42 AM



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**Linda Thompson** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

To the family of Robert Sturnes, Your heart holds his legacy-the wisdom he taught you, the strength he gave you, the love he showed you. Shenikia & Robin Sturnes and Family we're praying that God give you strength doing this difficult time! 🙏🙏  
🌟👉 Linda R Thompson, Malika Thompson Maples & Family



December 7 at 8:58 PM



**Joann Ballard** sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.



December 7 at 7:23 PM



**Joann Ballard** sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.

Robert and I go a long way back. We use to have a Boy Scout Troop at Mt Cannan Baptist Church, I was a Den Mother for the troops, Robert worked with us with whatever we needed done. 40yrs or more. I will miss Robert, rest in Glory.



December 7 at 7:22 PM



**Arletra D Bolden** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

RIH! My deepest condolences to the family!



December 6 at 9:20 PM



**Marva Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 6 at 1:11 PM



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HE

**Henrietta Erskine** posted:

Praying for the loving daughters and the entire Sturnes family as you celebrate the life and legacy of your dear loved one. God is always faithful to his promises. Continue to cherish the precious memories that you shared and trust in God to see you through. :pray: Rev Henrietta Erskine-SMBC.

December 6 at 10:00 AM

LR

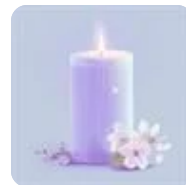
**Lillie Sampson-Roshell** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 6 at 1:41 AM

FL

**Freida Lewis** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



December 5 at 3:36 PM

DB

**Deborah Bramlett** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Our prayers are with you in the loss of your father.



December 5 at 3:22 PM

RB

**Ruth Boykin** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sturnes family.



December 5 at 12:14 PM

RB

**Ruth Boykin** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

During this difficult time, may God's love and mercy be with you and your family. May He give you strength and courage to face this loss.RB



December 5 at 11:40 AM



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**Vincinetta Brown** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Our sincere condolence is extended to the Sturnes and Readus familiarity .We pray that God grants peace and comfort to each of you.Vinvinetta Brown and family.

December 5 at 5:26 AM



**Valery Norwood** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 5 at 2:11 AM



**Bessie Lovelace** sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.

December 4 at 7:47 PM



**Bessie Lovelace** posted:

Light acandleforrobertdtearms

December 4 at 7:44 PM



**Tovasha Myree** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 4 at 7:01 PM



**Allene Ward** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Praying for the family of Mr. Sturnes. May God strengthen you in this time of sorrow. Sending sincerely condolences.

December 4 at 5:50 PM





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RD

**Rosalyn Smedley Dodson** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Minister Rosalyn Dodson

December 4 at 2:23 PM



EB

**Evelyn Baker** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Robert was a coworker of mine at Planters Lifesavers ,Kraft a great guy.

December 4 at 12:57 AM



DD

**Dr. L. A. Davidson** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sincere Condolences to the Family!

December 4 at 12:47 AM



CC

**Christopher Cooper** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

My heartfelt condolences to the family.

December 3 at 7:57 PM



IS

**Iciephine Smith** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 3 at 2:54 PM



JP

**Janice Parham** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

My sincere condolences to the Sturnes and Readus families, with Love and Prayers!

December 3 at 2:25 PM





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**Yolanda Dave** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 3 at 1:31 PM



**Marilyn Brown** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

December 3 at 12:40 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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