



William "Smokey" Robert Turner

January 1, 1957 - June 12, 2020

William "Smokey" Robert Turner, age 63, of Mt. Ayr, Ind. passed away Friday, June 12, 2020 at Franciscan Health Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana. He was born on January 1, 1957 in Rensselaer, Ind. to Harry and Norma (Brunton) Turner.

Smokey attended North Newton High School and graduated with the Class of 1976. On June 4, 1978, in Rensselaer, Ind. he married Pam Minter.

He was employed at Leggett and Platt, Inc., formerly Sealy Springs, for forty-two years. Smokey was a member of the Mt. Ayr Methodist Church. He served as a Mt. Ayr town board member for two terms. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, along with participating in a dartball league and bowling league. A true family man, he enjoyed going on family vacations and attending his grandchildren's sporting and extracurricular events. At Christmas time, Smokey delighted family and friends by playing an authentic Santa Claus.

Smokey is survived by his loving wife, Pam, his children, Athena (Bill) Brown of Demotte, Ind. and Andrea (Paulie) Tyson of Lake Village, Ind., five grandchildren, Autumn, Chase, Drake, Davin and LeiLani. Also surviving are his siblings, Ida Mae (Mike) Winter of Rensselaer, Ind., Cheri (significant other, Russ Martin) Nabours of Mt. Ayr, Ind., Melanie (Don) Rusk of Rensselaer, Ind., and Cara Nesius (significant other, Scott Balch) of

Rensselaer, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Norma.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Sunday, June 14, 2020 from 2:00 to 7:00PM. A funeral service will take place on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 10:30AM with Pastor Dennis Morros officiating. Interment will follow at Weston Cemetery in Rensselaer, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Smokey's family.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5626

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
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Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Ralph And Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Ralph and Lisa Pizer - June 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LK

“ *Pam, we were so sorry to hear of Smokey's passing. You and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Judy*



Larry and Judy Koebcke - June 15, 2020 at 01:50 PM

SC

“ *Love you Smokey!!! RIP & I will take care of baby sis ❤️❤️ Scott*

scott - June 14, 2020 at 10:26 PM

LP

“ *My condolences, and prayers for the family, for God to wrap his arms around you for comfort during this difficult time. RIP Smokey!*



Lib Prohosky - June 14, 2020 at 05:57 PM

VH

“ Valerie Keene Heilman lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Valerie Keene Heilman - June 14, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ Mattie Aregood lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



mattie aregood - June 14, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MW

“ Mike & Christy Wilson lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Mike & Christy Wilson - June 13, 2020 at 11:13 PM

RL

“ Rich And Sue Ludington lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Rich and Sue Ludington - June 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM

T(

“ I'm so sorry about the loss of Smokey. He was always a friendly guy from grade school on through life. Many will miss him. Prayers and Peace for Pam and family. 🙏

Tammy Ellrod (Summers) - June 13, 2020 at 03:26 PM

T(

“ Tammy Ellrod (Summers) lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Tammy Ellrod (Summers) - June 13, 2020 at 03:22 PM

RH

Very sad and sorry for your loss

Richard Huhn - June 13, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss!
Jim and Sandy Miller



Jim and Sandy Miller - June 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM

TB

“ I am so sorry, my family has known the Turner family for a long time. My heart and prayers are with you.



Teresa Battleday - June 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM

AC

“ I am so saddened to hear the news that you have lost your father. I worked with Smokey for many years at Sealy. After leaving Sealy he was no longer considered a coworker but a friend. He was the jolliest Santa I have ever known. He will sorely be missed. My condolences to his loving family. With time may you find peace when you think of him and the tears you cry of sorrow turn into tears of joy.



Ann Cercone - June 13, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Smokey" Robert Turner.



June 13, 2020 at 03:16 AM

JG

“ I have known Pam for many years through her work and my jobs in Rensselaer.. I met Smokey at the Jasper County Fair when I was on Steinke Ambulance covering the Fair with Pam and his family. I pray for Smokies Soul and the family. My heart goes out to you!
Julie Gunter



Julie Gunter - June 13, 2020 at 12:26 AM

KW

“ *Kerby & Phyllis Wireman lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Kerby & Phyllis Wireman - June 12, 2020 at 10:33 PM

ST

“ *Susie Tolleson*



Susie Tolleson - June 12, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RM

“ *Rita Manns McCorkel lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Rita Manns McCorkel - June 12, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Smokey" Robert Turner.*



June 12, 2020 at 07:57 PM

JC

“ Deeply sorry for the passing of a very good man, one of the very first people I met after moving to Mt. Ayr 43 years ago. His wedding to Pam was the first we attended & always remembered because it was on our first anniversary. Always felt a special connection to them.

Jackie & Don Corning - June 12, 2020 at 07:03 PM

KM

“ Kim Montgomery McElroy lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Kim Montgomery McElroy - June 12, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KM

Prayers for the whole family. 🙏

Kim Montgomery McElroy - June 12, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CH

“ Prayers for the family, I remember Smokey in school. He was a great person.



carol hubeny - June 12, 2020 at 05:11 PM

RH

“ *Rich & Dale Huhn lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Rich & Dale Huhn - June 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ *Shonda Harris lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Shonda Harris - June 12, 2020 at 04:26 PM

SH

Extending my prayers and strength to Athena and the whole family during your time of need! May he be showered with great affection from our heavenly father and live on through and watch over you all 🙏

Shonda Harris - June 12, 2020 at 04:28 PM

ML

“ *Martha (Mauck) Langley lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner*



Martha (Mauck) Langley - June 12, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Jerry miller - June 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ I am so very sorry and shocked to hear this news. I use to babysit Smokey when he was a young kid. He was always very helpful and fun to be around. Sending hugs and prayers to all.



Judy Horner Spitznagle - June 12, 2020 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ Thonda "Hiestand" Farmer lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Thonda "Hiestand" Farmer - June 12, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JS

“ Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Judy Siegrist - June 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM

KT

“ Kevin Klemme & Missy Tiede lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Kevin Klemme & Missy Tiede - June 12, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Rebecca Chastain - June 12, 2020 at 03:20 PM

RW

“ Richard And Karen Warne lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Richard and Karen Warne - June 12, 2020 at 03:12 PM

MC

“ Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of William "Smokey" Robert Turner



Mary Jo Casey - June 12, 2020 at 03:05 PM