



Ernest Latimer Jr.

September 15, 1945 - April 9, 2024

Ernest was blessed with a loving family throughout his life. He was formerly married to Doris

Jeter Latimer, with whom he lovingly raised three daughters: Trinita LaShawn Latimer Simpson, Rachelle LaVerne Latimer, and Sherina LaVelle Latimer.

Later in life, Ernest found love again with Elwanda Holley Latimer, and together they had a child, Ivan Jermaine Latimer. Ernest was born in Due West, SC, to Walter Ernest Latimer and Willie Mae Gambrell. Growing up in Due West, he was actively involved in the church, nurturing a foundation of faith that guided him throughout his life. He graduated from J. S. Wright High School in Due West SC and R. H. Bouligny – Trade School, in Charlotte, NC, which led to a remarkable career in trucking. He dedicated over 45 years to the road, primarily with Roadway Express, from which he retired in 2004, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and safety exemplified by his No Accident Awards.

A proud member of the Teamsters Local 71, he was deeply committed to the rights and welfare of his fellow workers. His hobbies included deep sea fishing, drag racing, gardening, bowling, and anything NASCAR, which he pursued with passion and shared with friends and family. Ernest was affectionately known by several names. His grandmother, siblings, and a myriad of cousins and other relatives called him "Guygee", a nickname that echoed through family gatherings. His fellow truckers and colleagues knew him as "Disco"; a nod to his vibrant personality and the camaraderie they

shared on the road. Beyond his professional life, Ernest was regarded as one of the neighborhood dads and was known as “Mr. Ernie”, to all that truly adored him. He was often seen riding bikes, playing football with the local kids, or transporting a cheerful group of neighborhood children home in the back of his pickup truck after school. A dedicated fan of the Carolina Panthers, Ernest’s spirit and enthusiasm were as inspiring as his favorite team’s games Ernest leaves behind his beloved wife, Elwanda Holley Latimer, and his cherished children, Trinita Simpson, Rachelle Latimer, Sherina Latimer, and Ivan Latimer. He is also survived by siblings; Ervin Latimer, Kenneth Latimer (Linda), Walter Douglas Latimer (Rose), Jennel Butler, Patrica Latimer Dixon, and Doreen Latimer Austin (Charles), grandchildren; Shanika Latimer, LaQuasia Simpson, Prentiss Stafford, great grandchildren; Riley Harris and Paisley Stafford, sisters-in-laws; Sandra Orr and Ann Martin. He was predeceased by parents; Walter Ernest Latimer and Willie Mae Gambrell Latimer, siblings; Clarence Latimer, William Foster Latimer, and Shirley Gambrell.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Weeping Willow A.M.E. Zion Church
2220 Milton Road
Charlotte, NC

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ My name is Amber I was one of many people who took care of Mr. Latimer at Dialysis. He made a huge impression on my heart. I always called him my friend never by his actual name. He was like family and the uncle you always wanted around! He was full of life and had a smile as bright as the sunshine. Loved joking around with us and always made our days so much better. He will be greatly missed and thought about often. The family will forever be in our hearts and we have great memories with "My Friend".

Amber - May 01, 2024 at 09:26 AM

TB

“ Teresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Latimer Jr..

Teresa B. - April 18, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LL

“ Larry Kimball Latimer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Latimer Jr..

Larry Kimball Latimer - April 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Latimer Jr..



April 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JP

“ Jim and Anna Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Latimer Jr..

Jim and Anna Phillips - April 16, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Latimer Jr..



April 16, 2024 at 11:20 PM

AP

“ Avery & Doris Pruitt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest Latimer Jr..



Avery & Doris Pruitt - April 16, 2024 at 10:50 AM

WC

“ Wallace Cunningham purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ernest Latimer Jr..



Wallace Cunningham - April 15, 2024 at 12:27 PM