

## Joe B Birks

May 25, 1948 - April 22, 2020

Joe Bobby “JB” Birks, Jr., 71, a life-long resident of Johnson City, Tennessee, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at his home. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie Hughes Birks Gordon and Joe Bobby Birks, Sr.

Joe attended Langston High School and graduated from the first integrated class of Science Hill High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War in the 491st Transportation Company. Joe attended East Tennessee State University for two years before his employment with Mason Dixon Trucking and CSX Railroad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers Johnny Lee Birks, Harold Lee Birks, and sister Martha Louise Phillips.

His memory is left to be cherished by his daughters Dr. Ava Holt (Terry) and Michaela Birks, his sons Abdul-Kareem Ali (Dinah) and Alex Dabner (Jamie), his sisters Adeline Madison and Edna Scott, and his 11 grandchildren: Sawyer, Terrence, Victoria, Serenity, Kedar, Qi, Alexander, Wyatt, Jamison, Melissa, Brooklynn, and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Due to the current mandated restrictions on public gatherings, the family will have a private service at Birchette Mortuary, followed by a private interment at

the Veteran's Affairs Cemetery.

Those who prefer to make donations in-lieu-of flowers may do so in Joe's honor to the American Heart Association by going to the website ([heart.org](http://heart.org)) and select donate in the top right corner.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe B Birks*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Alex and I get married in 7 days, wish you were here. We love you and miss you like crazy*



**Jamie cauley** - April 09, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Miss u Uncle Joe going be missed by family*



**jaymon** - September 15, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *Jan Parks Malone lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



**Jan Parks Malone** - April 30, 2020 at 06:22 PM

E(

“ Joe was like a daddy to me when I was growing up. He was an example of a great husband and father. He is truly missed. Rest in heaven. I love you, Charlie.



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**Erica Brady-Swopes (Charlie)** - April 30, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DD

“ Dorothy Conley Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



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**Dorothy Conley Dobbins** - April 30, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DD

“ I will always remember JB for his quick and easy smile. As classmates at Langston, JB was that quiet fellow in the back of the class who was always willing be help. We will miss his sweet spirit.

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**Dorothy Conley Dobbins** - April 30, 2020 at 09:03 AM

JC

“ James And Brenda Charles



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**James And Brenda Charles** - April 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM

AF

“ Alfred & Shonda Gonzales & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joe B Birks.



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**Alfred & Shonda Gonzales & Family** - April 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM

SF

“ Shonda Gonzales & Family lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



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**Shonda Gonzales & Family** - April 29, 2020 at 01:03 PM

JL

“ Jason Love lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



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**Jason Love** - April 29, 2020 at 10:27 AM

YF

“ Yvette Font lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



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**Yvette Font** - April 29, 2020 at 06:15 AM

YF

*You will be missed.*

Yvette Font - April 29, 2020 at 06:15 AM

 Shelea Birks

“ *I love you so much Uncle Joe Bobby. Fly High and give Big Mama a hug and kiss for me!*



Shelea Birks - April 29, 2020 at 02:27 AM

HB

“ *Hattie Barkley lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Hattie Barkley - April 28, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PC

“ *Paula Colston Cavin lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Paula Colston Cavin - April 28, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks



Cheryl Rhea - April 28, 2020 at 04:05 PM



*Birks Family,  
As a child next door at my grandparents, Eugene & Louise Dudley's on Robinson Drive, in his military attire, I thought Joe hung the stars!  
Sincere condolences to you all. Love and prayers, Cheryl Rhea & Family*

Cheryl Rhea - April 28, 2020 at 04:11 PM

LL

“ Our prayers go out to the family.... Joe was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Someone we could count on for help if we needed it, or just to chat. He always had a smile and a friendly hello. It was a comfort to know he was just across the street.. He will be greatly missed.

*Lori, Cody, Shane & Garrett Ledford*

Lori Ledford - April 28, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DG

“ Deborah Grey lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Deborah Grey - April 28, 2020 at 12:28 PM

RG

“ *Rebecca Grindstaff lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



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**Rebecca Grindstaff** - April 28, 2020 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ *My condolences goes out to the family of Joe. No matter where you saw him, he always had a good conservation. He's going to be missed by all who knew him. May you rest in peace Joe, I will miss those random conversations.*

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**Terry and Jeannie (Bowling) Byrd** - April 28, 2020 at 08:08 AM

ML

“ *Mary And James Latham lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



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**Mary and James Latham** - April 28, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe B Birks.*



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April 27, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ Praying for you all. He was a good friend RIP friend



Mary Jackson Harris - April 27, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BD

“ Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Brenda Davis - April 27, 2020 at 12:32 PM

VR

“ Vanessa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Vanessa Robinson - April 27, 2020 at 10:37 AM

AN

“ Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Angelo Newman - April 27, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks* ”



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**Paulette Robinson** - April 27, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ *Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks* ”



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**Claudia Goines** - April 26, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks* ”



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**Carla Forney** - April 26, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks* ”



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**Connie Thompson** - April 26, 2020 at 04:40 PM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - April 26, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RG

“ *we will miss you more than words can express. warm thoughts and love to your family. you were the best friend ever...the world is darker without you. love you so much.*

Rebecca Grindstaff - April 26, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stevens-Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*



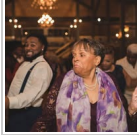
Sandra Stevens-Bell - April 26, 2020 at 07:41 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Louis Locke Jr - April 25, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Carolyn Fain - April 25, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Gail Charles lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Gail Charles - April 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks



Linda Workman - April 25, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Diane Bradley - April 25, 2020 at 03:04 PM

CR

“ Cecil And Clara Rutledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks



Cecil and Clara Rutledge - April 25, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks



William H. Hill Jr. - April 25, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



William H. Hill Jr. - April 25, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks



Melvin Drumgoole - April 25, 2020 at 11:30 AM

MD

*Joe Was A Very Likeable Person. Rest In Peace Joe, You Earned Your Heavenly Wings.*

**Melvin Drumgoole** - April 25, 2020 at 11:32 AM

KP

“*Joe had been a friend for years and years he was a great guy and a true gentleman and friend. We shared a lot of laughs and stories. We used to run into each other at the JC Post Office and at Aldis Supermarket. we would always talk for at least 20 to 30 minutes it did not matter if one or the other was in a hurry or had to be somewhere they could wait Joe and I had catching up to do. It really surprised me a while back when I walked into a very close friend's office Steve Frazier Attorney to visit with him awhile and low and behold if Joe's daughter Makalay (hope I spelled it right) was working there, I didn't know it but we got to talking and she told me who her daddy was I told her we had been friends for years and to tell him hello for me, after that as soon as I walked in I always asked about her daddy, and you could tell she was Joe's daughter she has the same great personality. Even though we did not see one another often I always considered him a close friend and I will miss him deeply and my condolences to the family of a great guy.*”

**Kyle Price** - April 25, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JW

“*Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*”



**Janice wells** - April 25, 2020 at 10:04 AM

PC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the the family at this time* 🙏❤️



Paula Colston Cavin - April 25, 2020 at 01:09 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*



Kathy Mills - April 24, 2020 at 08:40 PM

GR

“ *Gina Rhyans lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Gina Rhyans - April 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Charles Buford - April 24, 2020 at 05:09 PM

CB

*Going to miss you God bless U*

Charles Buford - April 24, 2020 at 05:11 PM

NG

“ Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



Nancy Greenlee - April 24, 2020 at 04:47 PM

GF

“ Gloria Fields-farmer lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks



gloria fields-farmer - April 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks




Gary & Moricina Fain - April 24, 2020 at 04:07 PM

VF

“ *Viola And Family lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



Viola and Family - April 24, 2020 at 04:05 PM

 Sylvia Young

“ *Sylvia Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*



Sylvia Young - April 24, 2020 at 01:53 PM

 Sylvia Young

*My deepest condolences to the family and friends.*

Sylvia Young - April 24, 2020 at 01:54 PM

GB

“ *G. L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*



G. L. & Trish Bristol - April 24, 2020 at 01:50 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Joe B Birks*



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**Elaine Brady** - April 24, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Pamela Renea sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe B Birks*



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**Pamela Renea** - April 24, 2020 at 09:43 AM