



## Eric L. Sterling

September 12, 1951 - June 16, 2018

On June 16, 2018, one precious man, Eric L. Sterling died at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Eric 'spoon' 'the dipper' was born on September 12, 1951, in Benton Harbor, Michigan to L.C. Sterling and Sheletha Sterling. He was blessed with a big loving family of nine brothers and four sisters.

After meeting the love of his life, Diana Sterling, Eric relocated to Southeast Missouri. He and Diana Sterling were married on October 10, 1980. He affectionately called her, my wife. Eric himself brought about a big family of 9 children.

Eric loved his family along with fishing, dancing and of course the Cubs!

On May 14, 2011, Eric was happily baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was a member of the Cape Girardeau MO North Congregation. Eric loved his brothers and sisters. He enjoyed serving the true God Jehovah, and prayer was so important to him, as well as speaking to others about his faith. He indeed looked forward to the resurrection, as he longed to see his parents, his brother and sisters and grandson again.

In 2013 he retired from working at TG Missouri a place he dearly loved and had many friends that he loved and they loved him.

Eric is survived by his wife, Diana Sterling, children; Sherry Davis, Cassandra Wright-Sterling, Eric Wright, Teon Smith, Terra McKinney, Eric Brown, Tami Phiffer, Elliott Sterling, Ericka Sterling and Jaquayla Brown. Brothers: Barrett, Don, Jeffery, Jeremiah and Kelvin, Duane and Mark; Sisters; Helen Adams and Sheletha Maldonado.

As well as a big host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father L.C. Sterling, mother Sheletha Sterling; brother Larry Sterling; sisters Veronica Sterling and Renell Kyle, also a grandson, Eric Armstead.

Visitation will be Friday, June 22, 2018 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Roy LeBlanc officiating.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
3075 Cape LaCroix Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thirty five years ago, my cousin Little Eric stood 30’ ahead of me on Alabama Street; I stood 20’ ahead of Big Eric on the same street. The finish line was approximately 100’ from Big Eric... from the time my sister said, “Go!” It took Big Eric less than 10 seconds to overtake both of us and cross the finish line with ease.

Many people only knew Eric later in his life, after different ailments robbed him of his great physical attributes but despite those attributes they never outshined his unique and colorful personality.

If you knew Big Eric aka The Dipper aka Spoon, you can attest that knowing him was a blessing and memories of him a treasure.

Eric has carved his name on our hearts and his legacy is etched into the minds of everyone that knew him.

Godspeed to you Eric and your beautiful family.

From the Booker Family

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**Clarence Booker** - June 23, 2018 at 12:09 PM

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“ Robinson Family -California & Michigan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eric L. Sterling.



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**Robinson Family -California & Michigan** - June 22, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric L. Sterling.*



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June 21, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ *TO THE STERLING FAMILY. WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS THE HEAVINESS IN MY HEART THAT I HAVE FOR THE PASSING OF MY BROTHER-IN-LAW THE "DIPPER". MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE BROTHER IN JESUS NAME AMEN.*

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**ALFRED BROWN** - June 21, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric L. Sterling.*



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June 20, 2018 at 02:59 PM