



## Joe Palmer Townsend

August 29, 1961 - April 26, 2016

Mr. Townsend passed away April 26, 2016 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He was born August 29, 1961 in Jackson, Mississippi to Atley Harold & Opal Palmer Townsend. He worked in retail for Service Jewelry and Repair.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Kim Kemp Townsend, Cottontown, TN; daughter, Jordan Townsend, Cottontown, TN; brother, Ronald H. (Gaye) Townsend, Brandon, MS; sisters, Connie T. (Smitty) Powell, Hayneville, AL and Cindy T. (Joe) Gautreaux, Dallas, TX; Father and Mother-in-law, Ted and Barbara Kemp, White House, TN.

Funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 2pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Dave Bowers officiating. Interment will follow in White House Memorial Gardens with Jason Savell, Matt Richter, Michael Reisenbichler, Lorne Boger, Trevor Cole Bob Hubbs, Ernest J. Johns and Jamie Johnson serving as active pallbearers. Visitation will be held Friday, April 29, 2016 6-8pm and Saturday, April 30, 2016 1-2pm at the funeral home. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Hwy 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W  
White House, TN 37188

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House  
533 TN-76  
White House, TN 37188  
(615) 672-5000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Visitation

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House  
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White House, TN 37188  
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## Funeral Service

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APR 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VG

“ I just saw the posting by Raymond Zimmerman about Joe's passing earlier this year. I knew Joe for many years at Service Merchandise. We enjoyed so many special times during those years.

Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. He was another one of the "good guys" who has left us much too soon. He is truly missed.

*Vernon Gainer*

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**Vernon Gainer** - August 17, 2016 at 07:23 PM

MH

“ Martha Harvey lit a candle in memory of Joe Palmer Townsend



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**Martha Harvey** - April 30, 2016 at 03:08 PM

BT

“ Blake and Amy Thibodeaux purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.



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**Blake and Amy Thibodeaux** - April 29, 2016 at 08:32 PM

BT

“ *Blake And Amy Thibodeaux lit a candle in memory of Joe Palmer Townsend*



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**Blake and Amy Thibodeaux** - April 29, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 29, 2016 at 01:48 PM

JA

“ *My sympathies go out to Joe's family, friends and colleagues. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with him for several years. He always treated people around him with respect and decency and took time to let people know that they were appreciated. Such a kind man and I'll miss his good natured spirit and laugh.*

*Thanks for being a great guy Joe.*

*Jackson Spellman & David Milley  
Glines & Rhodes, Inc.*

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**Jackson** - April 29, 2016 at 10:26 AM

HD

“ We loved having fun at the Titan football games with Joe. We will always remember his sweet smile and quiet demeanor with such a big heart of kindness in his eyes. We send our most sincere prayers to Joes family and friends he will truly be missed and always remembered.



*Mike Hasenfrazt & Heidi DeWitt*

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**heidi dewitt** - April 29, 2016 at 09:51 AM

JF

“ **JOE WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!** purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.



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**JOE WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!** - April 29, 2016 at 09:07 AM

AS

“ Asurion Jewelry Services purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.



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**Asurion Jewelry Services** - April 28, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *Jene' Harmon lit a candle in memory of Joe Palmer Townsend*



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**Jene' Harmon** - April 28, 2016 at 01:20 PM



*I have chosen to light a blue candle for Joe in memory of his vibrant blue eyes. I always said that Joe, Kim and Jordan have the prettiest blue eyes. We will miss you Joe. I will definitely miss his dry, sarcastic remarks and his chuckle when he laughed. He was not just a business partner for many years, he was a friend and life will not be the same without you Joe Townsend. May God Bless the entire Townsend Family...and the Kemp family. You are all in our prayers with every struggle that you are facing right now. O:)*

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**Jene' Harmon** - April 28, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 28, 2016 at 12:35 PM

JR

“ I first met Joe back in late 90's at the SMC in Rivergate and had the pleasure of working with him again as they opened Service Jewelry and Repair locations. He will be missed!!

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.*

Jeff Ramsey - April 28, 2016 at 08:08 AM

DN

“ I had the pleasure of working with Joe at Service Merchandise in Jackson for several years. We became good friends and worked hard to keep our store the tops in the region. Back then, we were closed on Sundays, but the whole crew from the store would get together and play football. "Joey" was always competitive from sports and into business. Condolences to the family, he will be missed!

David Neelley - April 28, 2016 at 07:29 AM

JS

*I've known Joe since I joined Service Merchandise in the late 80's. I worked many years with him at the old Rivergate store and the new one too. I was with SMC to the end and watched him and Mark build their business. We continued our friendship and I would stop in to see them or he would help me out. What a giving soul and a very loyal friend. He helped my son in law get a beautiful ring for my daughter that I'm forever grateful. Always enjoyed his company and I will miss my old friend. RIP Joe*

Jerry Snider - April 28, 2016 at 08:43 PM

LC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Joey. I went to grade school and high school with him. He was always such a very nice person. May the Lord give you comfort during this time.*

Lisa Broadway Clarke - April 28, 2016 at 07:18 AM

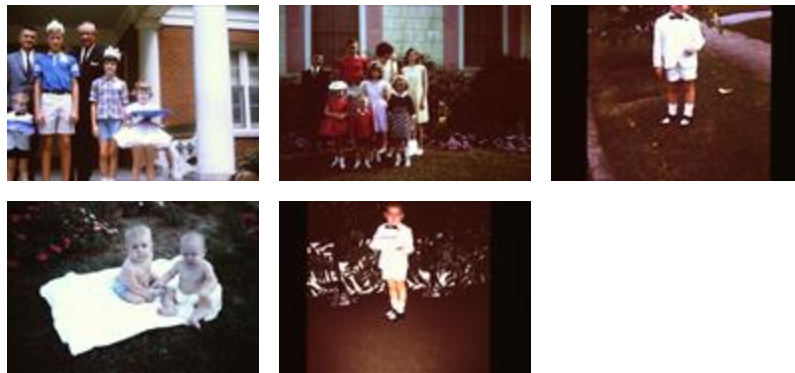
CS

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. I worked with Joe at Service Jewelry and Repair and he was wonderful to work for. He always had the time to listen. I will always remember his kindness. Cheryl Scott*

Cheryl Scott - April 28, 2016 at 01:52 AM

JH

“ *15 files added to the album New Album Name*



Jim Hawkins - April 27, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 27, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 27, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 27, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *I worked with Joe for many years when I was in the Operations Department at SMC. Was fortunate to have reconnected and spent some time with him in recent years at Titans games and to occasionally see him at Service Jewelers or out and about in Cool Springs. Always quietly smiling. I will miss him.*

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**Donna Wheeler** - April 27, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 27, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Jim Hawkins** - April 27, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.*



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April 27, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of this. I worked with Joe for several years at the Rivergate store. My condolences and prayers to Kim and his family.*

*Donna Jones (DeVlieger) Harris*

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**Donna Harris** - April 27, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Palmer Townsend.* ”



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April 27, 2016 at 01:15 PM