



## Vernon L. Starks

September 9, 1959 - August 13, 2009

Vernon Lee Starks, 49, of Houston died Aug. 13, 2009, at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The Bowling Green native was employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church at an early age. Vernon loved the game of basketball and coached several teams. He was a graduate of Bowling Green High School and served in the Army.

He was a son of Lillie B. Gilbert of Bowling Green, who survives, and the late Vernon Lee Starks Sr. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Howard and Marcus Gilbert.

Funeral is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church and at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Fallbrook Church in Houston, with burial in Houston National Cemetery. Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Burnam & Son Mortuary.

Other survivors include his wife: Debra Starks; two daughters: Shatika Starks of Laurel, MD., and Takia Nicole Starks of Houston, TX; three sons: Vernon Lee Starks Jr. of Laurel, MD, Dant Starks (Angela), of Italy and Tremaine Mont Starks of Houston, TX; two sisters: Tonya Starks-Adams and Faye Gamble, both of Bowling Green; two brothers: Earnest Gilbert (Heather), of Bowling Green and Richard Gilbert (Diane), of Houston, TX; six grandchildren: Breya,

Khyon, Davonte, Kamarri, Tierra and Day Jeonna; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
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Bowling Green, KY 42101  
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## Life Celebration

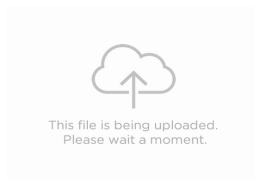
**AUG 22.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church  
200 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
<https://www.trinitybgky.com/>

# Tribute Wall



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“ *The staff of Burnam & Son Mortuary extend our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your loved one. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. May our thoughts and prayers provide comfort to your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Burnam & Son Mortuary###imported-end##*

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