



## Gregory W. "Greg" Towns

March 2, 1960 - July 7, 2019

Gregory W. "Greg" Towns age 59 of Mentor, OH. Formerly of Newport News, VA, died Sunday July 7, 2019 at home. He was born March 2, 1960 in Newport News, VA.

Mr. Towns was an Assistant Superintendent, former Principal and teacher in the Lake and Cuyahoga county area for many years.

Greg enjoyed bowling, golfing and traveling.

Survivors include his siblings: James Towns, Agnes (James) Perry, Justine Towns-Stith, Elizabeth (Stanley) Burnett, Gladys (Floyd) Turner, Rex (Sherry) Towns, Gary (Teresa) Towns, Quintin (Carolyn) Towns and Keith Towns and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Greg in death are his parents: James and Bessie Towns and sister: Hope Towns.

A celebration of Greg's life will be 2-4 pm Saturday July 13, 2019 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060. Inurnment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

Family requests contributions may be made in Greg's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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“ Aretha Webster lit a candle in memory of Gregory W. "Greg" Towns



Aretha Webster - July 14 at 10:21 AM

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E Kaye Burnett - July 12 at 08:14 PM

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“ My condolences to the family in the loss of Mr. Greg Towns. May God bless you with comfort and the fond memories of your loved one.

Cheryl Blockson Retired teacher- East Cleveland City Schools

Cheryl Blockson - July 12 at 07:11 PM



“ My condolences to the family and friends of Greg Towns. I was saddened to hear of his death. My prayers go up to you.

karen hicks - July 13 at 01:06 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory W. "Greg" Towns.



July 12 at 05:02 PM



“ Gregory will be miss rest in peace love you will see you again

**Gloria Watson** - July 12 at 03:23 PM

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“ GREG YOU WILL BE MISS, YOU COME FROM GOOD STOCK, ALL OF YOU TOWNS ARE MUCH RESPECTER PEOPLE. ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT ALL OVER HEAVEN NO SICKEST THERE THE STREETS ARE PAINTED GOLD, WE WILL ALL SEE YOU ONE DAY, REST IN PARADISE.

**JOYCE WILKINS** - July 12 at 02:29 PM

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“ Mr. Towns was my 4th grade teacher. He made me like math and is the reason I have a love of classical music. He was an excellent role model and it was great for us to be mentored by an upstanding Black man in that position. That meant a lot to us. I am better for knowing him. I am sad that I was unable to find him in time to thank him, but am overjoyed that he left such a deep impression on us all. Mr. Towns - Caledonia elementary alumni students are heartbroken today at hearing this sad news, but are glad to have had their lives touched by you sir. Fly high, you will be missed. - Former student, Caledonia Elementary School, 1989

**Tameka Womack-Jean** - July 12 at 12:14 PM

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“ Greg was one of a kind! He was a fabulous leader and educator. The kids respected and adored him and he brought the best out in his staff. He was an advocate for teachers and students. As the union president and a teacher in his building, I can tell you he respected the contract and remembered he was an ECEA member every day. He just loved that I had the "union phone" in my classroom (long before we had cell phones). He was our principal during a two week work stoppage in EC, and when we came off the line he was at the door to greet and hug us all. He had the insight to know it would be his leadership to move us forward and he did it! What a guy! You will be missed!

**Mary Alice** - July 12 at 10:56 AM

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“ Greg was one of the first elementary Principals that I had the pleasure to work with. He would rather be walking from room to room greeting the students and the staff and he would love to sit in the cafeteria during lunch and do math facts with the students. If he was not in his office he could be found in the Blue Pod (Kindergarten

& 1st grade wing) sitting on the floor with the students reading one of his favorite books. Greg found time to sit and share with us in the office about this or that or even just day dream at the end of the busy day. Greg was a wonderful Principal and will always be in our hearts. I will miss you Facebook posts and your short "Hello's" and notes. Rest easy Greg and watch over all of the little ones. <3 Kristen

**Kristen Sanders** - July 11 at 10:44 PM



“ You summed up his whole outlook as an educator and leader! He knew the name of every child in our building.

**Mary Alice Conkey** - July 12 at 10:50 AM



“ He was indeed an educator and leader. His students loved him, the parents respected him, and his staff enjoyed his leadership skills. Rest well Greg. The battle is over and the victory is won.

**Darlene Skillman** - July 12 at 06:58 PM



“ Greg was an awesome educator, one who could not tolerate anything but the best from other educators for his students. He won the Hall of Fame Award for State Street Elementary as principal back in 2007. Greg was so happy to share his birthday with Dr Seuss and hear the children greet him every morning...”Good Morning, Mr. Towns!” Greg, you were loved by many and we will miss you Deb Sarosy

**Deb Sarosy** - July 11 at 09:54 PM



“ Mr. Towns was an awesome principal! He was also a great friend to many! He loved children! He did an awesome job working with children. He will be missed by all that knew him. Praying for his family.

**Rachel Gregory** - July 11 at 09:00 PM



“ Gone Too Soon! To me Mr. Towns was a great and caring person and principal. He was always fair in whatever he was involved in. We always exchanged Christmas cards. He was very kind and I loved him dearly. I will not ever forget you. Rest my dear friend rest well. Much love in my heart for you. Floretta Lee James.

**Floretta Lee James** - July 11 at 08:05 PM



“ Mr. Towns was an exceptional educator and leader. I was privileged to have him as my principal when I worked at Rozelle. My heart felt sympathy to the family. Mr. Towns was loved. He will be missed. God bless you.

Stephanie D. K. Tyus

**Stephanie D. K. Tyus** - July 11 at 09:04 PM



“ Mr. Towns was a great boss educator, and friend. What I loved about him the most is how he loved the kids and wanted nothing more for them to be educated. He let me be a part of that when I worked for him as his custodian, he didn't look at me as being the cleaner but somebody who can help take part in educating children. Gone but not forgotten. God Bless the family! Jessica McClain

**Jessica McClain** - July 13 at 09:18 AM



“ Mr Gregory Towns was a great educator, role model, principal, leader, and friend. He loved education, children, and people. He was a compassionate leader that had a unique way of reaching and teaching students. He was well respected and he had a way of drawing our staff together with gatherings, celebrations, dinners, performances, outings, and various meetings. Equally, I appreciate so much the care he took in connecting with and involving the parents and community in our students education. He was knowledgeable about many subjects. He had a great sense of Humor, he was generous, and he was innovative.

The one thing that I will always remember is his Christmas Gift to all of the students and staff in the building one year. He and his group sent the entire school to the movies one year. We took Lakefront Lines to Randall Mall Park Mall. We saw "The Santa Claus." There were snacks for everyone provided. It was a great time! Everyone was so excited! It was an awesome gesture! We were a family. Greg Towns, you will be missed.

God Bless You and Keep You Always....

In Loving Memory, Evelyn Dean & Family

**Evelyn Dean** - July 13 at 01:10 PM