



Dorothy Turner

February 15, 1918 - April 19, 2019

Dorothy Burnet Turner, 101 years young, passed away Thursday morning, April 19, 2019. She was at her daughter, Gwynetta's home, surrounded by her family. "Dot" slipped from this life to her heavenly home peacefully, while sleeping and in no pain. Dorothy Mae Burnet Turner was born February 15, 1918 to Amanda Elizabeth Sims Burnet and Simon Marion Burnet. She married Horace James Turner January 1, 1942. They had four children, Horace Dale, Gwynetta, Carolyn Jean and Rodney James. Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother and father, husband and son, Horace Dale as well as her two sisters Grace Ready and Kathryn Woods.

Dorothy is survived by her children Gwynetta, Carolyn, Rodney and his wife Evelyn, grandchildren Russell Bates and wife Maribeth, Heath Bates and wife Ofelia, Marty Turner Moore and Matthew Powledge, Alexis Turner and Demi Dortha Turner. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Austin, Dylan and Kylie Bates, all of Huntsville as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy graduated the 10th grade from San Jacinto School in Goshen (West Sandy) in 1934. She then graduated the 11th grade from Huntsville High School in 1935. Dorothy received her Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree in Elementary education from Sam Houston State Teachers College at Midterm 1939.

Dorothy's first teaching job was in Willow Hole, near North Zulch and it paid \$97.50 a month. Dorothy paid \$15.00 a month for room and meals. She

boarded with wonderful family, the Dowell family. After approximately two years at Willow Hole, she transferred to the San Jacinto School and taught with Mr. and Mrs. Tampke and she moved back home with her parents. She taught first through fourth grade, all subjects. Dorothy always had the children say the pledge of allegiance to the Flag and they always had a prayer.

Dorothy taught at San Jacinto for approximately 14 years. In 1960, the San Jacinto school consolidated with the Richards school and Mrs. Turner became their third and fourth grade teacher. While there, she also coached Jr. High and High School basketball, volleyball and baseball. Dot's main love was basketball and in her day she was quite the "hoop" maker. She made 42 points in one game. In her annuals, many of her classmates made note of her great athletic ability. She was fast and accurate with her shots. She could shoot overhand, with both hands or one, as well as underhanded when needed. "Like the time she was driving for the goal and she had a tall guard on her and she shot underhanded under her and made the two points!" She was a real lil' hustler. She played hard, and she was good.

Dorothy also drove the school bus for the West Sandy route to Richards. She taught at Richards for 26 years and after a forty-two (42) year teaching career, Mrs. Turner retired in 1985.

Since Dorothy's retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her teacher friends, her children, and her nieces. She enjoyed going and watching her grandchildren play ball. She was still the sports enthusiast! Dot kept busy as a volunteer at three nursing homes in Huntsville. She was a member of the United Methodist Women's Wesleyan Circle, a member of the Texas Retired Teacher Association, both of which met monthly. She was also a member of AARP and DRT (Daughters of the Republic of Texas)

Dorothy was a member of the Farris Chapel United Methodist Church. She retired in 1999 as the church treasurer after a very dedicated fifty-seven (57) years. Also through the years she helped the church Methodist Youth Fellowship "MYF" groups. She would drive the youth to different churches for fellowship.

Dorothy was a wonderful teacher, a beautiful (inside and out) Christian lady who always enjoyed helping others. She was a very witty, positive and uplifting lady that loved and enjoyed people (especially children) and life.

Family will receive friends Wed. April 24th, 10am-11am at First Methodist Church in Huntsville. Service will begin at 11am. Burial will follow the service at Farris Cemetery in West Sandy, TX.

Cemetery Details

Farris Cemetery

West on 1791
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1016 Sam Houston Ave
Huntsville, TX 77320-3999
(936) 295-5441

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Turner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Turner*



M. Hyvl - April 27, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Mrs. Turner was my basketball coach Richards High School 1967-68. She was a great coach always had a smile. Carolyn it has been many years since we saw each other(1968) but my prayers will be with you and your sister and brother. I can see you know driving that red 67 car.*

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Lola Robinson McBride, New Waverly, Texas

lol - April 24, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *I was so blessed to have known this beautiful human being, “Aunt Dot”. She was one of finest ladies ever and I can’t say enough about the kindness she showed my boys, Blair and Ellis. They learned a lot about sweetness and kindness from her. She will be truly missed. Gwen and family please know how very sad I am for your loss and thanks for sharing this sweetheart with all of us.*

Sherry Johnson - April 24, 2019 at 12:42 PM

DM

“ *Debby Mikulin lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner*



Debby Mikulin - April 24, 2019 at 09:57 AM

DM

What a wonderful woman and teacher! One of the most fun times I remember was playing volleyball at Rodney's home. Ms. Turner (who was about 80 then) played with us. Laughter was shared by all. We will miss you so much.

Debby Mikulin - April 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM

FS

“ *God's comfort and love.
Flecia, Brenda, & Johnny Stribling.*



Flecia Stribling - April 22, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dorothy Turner.*



April 22, 2019 at 03:53 PM

CW

“ *Christie Wood lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner*



christie wood - April 22, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Turner.*



April 22, 2019 at 11:03 AM

CB

“ *Carl Maples and Beth purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Turner.*



Carl Maples and Beth - April 21, 2019 at 06:56 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila Jeffcoat purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dorothy Turner.*



Sheila Jeffcoat - April 21, 2019 at 02:22 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Ringo lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner*



Teresa Ringo - April 20, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner*



Sherry Carter - April 20, 2019 at 01:58 PM

MC

“ *Mark & Mary Chalker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner*



Mark & Mary Chalker - April 20, 2019 at 12:40 PM

BS

“ *God's Blessings to you all.
Betty Sue Dobiynski-Small*

Betty Small - April 20, 2019 at 10:59 AM

PV

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Dot. She lived a very long life and now at peace with Uncle Horse. She was a great lady and will be missed by many Prayers be with Gwynetta, Carolyn, and Rodney. A friend always Philip.

Philip Vezorak - April 19, 2019 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ Dean And Sammie Halley lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner



Dean and Sammie Halley - April 19, 2019 at 07:03 PM

DH

“ Dianne Harmon lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner



Dianne Harmon - April 19, 2019 at 04:48 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Turner



M. Hyvl - April 19, 2019 at 01:16 PM