



Joseph Turner

September 24, 1932 - September 13, 2014

Joseph V. Turner, 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 8, 2014, in The Woodlands, Texas. A devoted family-man, Joe was a respected business owner within the local community for many years. He was an avid bird hunter and fisherman and a lover of many diverse interests such as woodworking, gardening, jelly-making, coin collecting, country and western dancing, and bar-b-queing for his family and friends. But most importantly, his generosity towards others was unsurpassed, and he never met a stranger. Joe was born on September 24, 1932 in Dozier, Alabama to Vester and Christine Turner. He graduated from Andalusia High School in 1950 and attended Auburn University for two years. He was drafted into the US Army Corps of Engineers and moved through the ranks from Private to Lieutenant Colonel, serving as a commander of a 200 member engineering construction company and later as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the US Army Command in Thailand. His military education included graduations from the following: US Army Engineer Officer Candidate School, Army Primary and Advanced Flight School, Army Primary and Advanced Helicopter School, Engineer Officers Career Course, US Army Command and General Staff College, Defense East Coast Language Institute, and Inspector General Orientation Course. His military career took him throughout Central and South America. He was also involved in the Bob Hope USO Show which allowed him to be a private escort for such notables as Neil Armstrong, Connie Stevens, Miss Universe, and The Gold Diggers Dance Troup. "It was tough duty," Joe said, "but somebody had

to do it." Upon retiring from the military in 1973, he began a second career in engineering, and in 1978, he moved to Montgomery County and opened his own firm. Joe was one of the founders of the South Montgomery County /Woodlands Chamber of Commerce in 1978 and served as its president from 1983-1984. He was instrumental in forming the Montgomery County Citizens for Progress, the South County group that lobbied for the creation of Road District 1. As president of the Lions Club, he energized efforts to generate funds for the eye bank, a children's' hospital, and scholarships for deserving students. He served as the first president of the Republican Club of Montgomery County and chairman of "Tom Loeffler for Governor." "Turner and Associates," the company he started from the ground up, was the contractor that built the InterFaith Center in The Woodlands. In local community affairs, he was one of the organizers of the memorable "Bottom of the Lake Festival," a sponsor of the Kuykendahl Bridge dedication, a moving force in the US Olympics Festival, and was leader and one of the major contributors to the Ed Lee Memorial Golf Tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society. He was actively involved with the Montgomery County Fair Association for 35 years and served many years on the San Jacinto River Authority Board. Upon retirement from his life as a business-man, he spent his time exploring many different hobbies. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Peggy J. Turner, plus four daughters and one son: Cindy & Terry Wibberg of Conroe, Cathy & Dyke Browning of Fort Worth, Carrie & Paul Glenn of Conroe, Marjorie Wentworth & Dustan Foley of The Woodlands, and Louis Turner of San Diego, CA. He is also survived by his sister, LouAnn & Tracy O'Rourke of Scottsdale, AZ, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. A visitation will be held Friday evening, September 12, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas from 6-8 pm. A service celebrating his life will be held Saturday, September 13, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 10:00 am. A graveside service will be held immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Hope Ministries or Wounded Warrior Project. Condolences may be left at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Turner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Peggy: It was shocking news to hear Joe passed away. When I spoke to several of our TEOCS classmates they were all in disbelief Joe had passed away, almost to every man they thought Joe would out live us all. I always looked forward to our annual class reunions because I knew you and Joe would be there. On our cruises we knew you and Joe would have a large state room and gathering accommodations for the class to gather and enjoy conversations and refreshments before our dinner meal. Joe never failed to ask if anyone in our class needed financial assistance to attend the reunions. He was always thoughtful and willing to help in anyway he could. I and Bruce are sorry we were not able to attend the funeral services. Bruce was committed too a Medal of Honor program he had to honor and was not able to cancel and I had some medical problems which keep me from attending. Joe talked me into purchasing a set of dress blues to wear at a class reunion, he dearly loves the service. Rest in Peace my dear comrade in arms. My condolences to to you and your family Peggy. May God Bless all of you and grant you Peace. Should I ever get to Texas, I will stop bye and take you out to dinner Peggy.*
Mike Pinon

Michael D. Pinon - September 22, 2014 at 02:51 PM

RF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We looked forward to seeing Joe on hunting trips in south Texas each season. Joe could make you feel like you were the only person, in a room full of people. He was always delighted to see us, and so welcoming each and every time. We will miss him.

Rick Mayfield and Family - September 12, 2014 at 10:47 PM

CS

“ Peggy - I am so sad about Joe's passing but I know he left you with wonderful memories - just as he left his many friends with wonderful memories. What a terrific man! I was truly blessed to know him for so many years and to have had so many great times with him. As I think back over the many experiences I had with Joe, I am struck with one singular recollection: I think I only shook Joe's hand one time and that was when we were first introduced back in the late 1970's. Every other time I greeted or said good by to him was with a hug. I truly loved that man and his memory will live with me for all my days. God bless you.
Chuck Stuber

Chuck Stuber - September 12, 2014 at 07:44 PM

BM

“ Terry and Cindy, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He is an amazing man, full of great accomplishments, and more importantly, the love of his family and everyone else who ever met him. He has truly left an amazing legacy and will be remembered with so many fond memories by all of us. We are praying for your family's comfort and even joy, as you celebrate his life. Let Holly know it was our pleasure and honor to donate to Camp Hope Ministries in his honor. Bless you all!

Boardie and Denise Munson - September 12, 2014 at 01:04 PM

JD

“ There is no man I have ever known for whom I have higher respect. No man that I hold in higher esteem. Most of us are lucky if we have one or two "best friends" in a lifetime. Joe had many, as he had a natural love for people.

Yes, the hunts were fun, but it was being with Joe that was so special. On the long car trips, we discussed everything from politics to religion. I loved his stories, even though I had heard most of them more than once.

This week, I have a heavy heart and feel an emptiness like I have rarely known. I know this feeling is shared by his beloved family and his many other "best friends". Hopefully the emptiness will gradually subside for us all, and we will be left with joyous memories of the times we shared with this wonderful man.

See you on the other side, Col. Joe.

Judge Mike Davis - September 10, 2014 at 11:30 PM

DC

“ Peggy, I was saddened to hear of Joe's death. Pat and I are in Alaska so I will not be there to give you a hug. Joe was one of the nicest men I have ever known. I'm sure you have some great memories. Dwell on them. I extend my deepest sympathy to you and the rest of his family. God be with you all.

Love and Blessings,

Dale Buckalew Crane

Dale Buckalew Crane - September 10, 2014 at 07:29 PM

PK

“ Peggy-
So very sorry for your loss! Joe was a truly a gentle giant. We loved running into y'all around town and he was always good for a HUG and time to visit.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love & Hugs-
Mike and Patti Kozole

Patti Kozole - September 10, 2014 at 05:33 PM

SM

“ Keeping you and family in my prayers.

Sarah Morris

Sarah Morris - September 10, 2014 at 11:49 AM

JP

“ My heart felt sympathy and love to the family. I was very saddened to hear of the passing of this wonderful man who was both a friend and a mentor to me. His kindness and genuine love of everyone he met was a rare and precious gift to all who knew him. Rest in peace dear man. My prayers for comfort are with you all.

Jimi S. Payne - September 10, 2014 at 11:04 AM

JJ

“ So very sorry to hear of this loss. A wonderful man to whom I owe much. Rest in peace my friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

John Joyce - September 09, 2014 at 02:06 PM