



Joseph Turner

September 24, 1932 - September 8, 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.

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