



"Oscar" Harry Don Turner

October 31, 1947 - September 29, 2017

Harry Don Turner- "Oscar", age 69, was born in Pike County, Arkansas on October 31, 1947 and passed away on September 29, 2017, as a resident of Huntsville, Texas.

Oscar is survived by his wife of 51 years, Deborah Turner; daughter Tammy Turner-Hooker and husband Chuck; son Robert Turner and wife Gail; daughter Shannon Briggs; grandsons Jason Turner and wife Bridget, Tylor Turner, Christopher Boyd and David; granddaughters Shaylen Wells, Laci Hooker, Molly Swearingen, Rachel, Nina Farwell and Stephanie Farwell; great-grandbabies Maddilynn Paige Turner, Landon Wells and "Lil" Willie; brothers Bennie, Michael, Randy and Teddy; and sister Laretta. He also leaves behind many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and tons of loving friends that were dear to him. He is preceded in death by his father Troy Turner; mother Bernice Ward Turner; brother Lennie Turner; and sister Jana Turner.

Oscar was born in Pike County Arkansas in the small community of Kirby. He was the 4th of 8 children born to Troy and Bernice Turner. He was born at home a couple of years after his father returned from serving 3 years in World War II. In 1961 the family moved to Houston, Texas, where his father and all his brothers became carpenters. Music was a huge part of Oscar's life, dating back to his school days; along with all his siblings representing communities

throughout Arkansas. After moving to Houston, they would attract neighbors, along with many others as they played music in the garage of their home. It wasn't long before they began playing professionally. Oscar was the leader of their band the "Citations" he played bass and sang. He was loved for not only his talent for music but his personality on stage and for being the best friend a country song lover could have.

Oscar met his beautiful wife in 1964. He and Deborah had their first child Tammy in 1966. He was elated at the news of becoming a father. Three years later they had their only son Robert, and in 1971, they had their second daughter Shannon. Oscar and Deborah settled in Spring, Texas for 30+ years with their children. In 1985, he became a grandfather to his first grandson, his family continued to grow with grandbabies, all of which brought him so much joy. Oscar and Deborah later left the city life, building their retirement home in Huntsville, Texas. He enjoyed several years of country life where he enjoyed playing on his John Deer, amongst other things. He always wanted a place "Out In the Country".

Oscar leaves behind his beautiful wife of 51 years, his children, grandbabies, family and friends, whom all loved him and will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life for Oscar will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be read and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Huntsville, TX 77340
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Tribute Wall



“Oscar” Harry Don Turner

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ My Dear Sweet Father in Law - Words can't describe how much I love ❤️ you! Your a very special man I will always have our personal jokes and laugh! You will always be in my heart - love u bunches!!



Gail Turner - October 06, 2017 at 12:50 PM



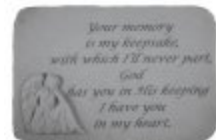
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.



October 06, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." was purchased for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.



October 06, 2017 at 09:46 AM

BB

“ *Beau Brown purchased the Stately Croton for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.*



Beau Brown - October 05, 2017 at 08:19 PM

KT

“ *Kent, Linda, and Casey Scholten of Royse City, TX purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.*



Kent, Linda, and Casey Scholten of Royse City, TX - October 05, 2017 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ *Oscar, Oscar, Oscar!! We grieve because of our loss but rejoice in your gain. I regret not seeing the family for several years. Wanted to let everyone know that Kent, my husband, and I sure enjoyed dancing to your music many years ago when my husband first met your Momma. That was a weekend we both remember with such fondness and I have the pictures to prove it. To Oscar's family, my deepest sympathy in your loss. Ask any of those around about the year the "Tip" Turner family and the Zelma Simmons family shared a "haunted" house together in Indiana during a tomato harvest (Tip and Zelma were brother and sister). The music that rang out in that house was amazing and should have put the ghosts to rest! May God richly bless you during this time; He is there to lean on and His shoulders are big! Blessings - Linda A. Simmons-Scholten, for the Scholten family and the entire Simmons family.*

Linda A. Scholten - October 05, 2017 at 10:09 AM

RT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



robert turner - October 04, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ Oh my sweet paw paw I will never forget being 5 years old and getting a mini hammer from Mrs ester across the street and you being the amazing carpenter you were had to have it so I gave it to you for one dollar. You kept that hammer in your truck for 22 years and I never thought I would be getting it back at 27. This is just one of the wonderful memories that I have shared with you over the years. You were the most amazing man anyone has ever had the pleasure of knowing. I love you my angel. Your little pugo.

Lydia Wilson - October 04, 2017 at 12:26 PM

LS

“ To the family of Oscar Turner, we met 40 plus years ago and instantly became family in the old neighborhood in Houston. Living just 2 doors down the street from you guys. Watching the kids grow up and play with my niece and nephews everyday Tim, Tanya and John. I remember going to the club I think it was called Luckenbach to dance and hear music. We used to have so much fun just being together. Over the years we've moved away but thanks to social media we were able to stay connected. I've watched the kids grow with their individual families. I love you all so much. I'm so sorry for the loss of a great man, husband, father, granddad and friend. Keep entertaining them up there Oscar. Til we meet again

Linda Marie Sterling - October 04, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.*



October 04, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *Just wanted to write you again. It's almost time for me to get off work and head home where I would see you sitting on the couch while momma made you breakfast. You won't be there today. And my heart will break more and more. I miss you Daddy sooooo much already. This just doesn't real. As it won't for a very long time. I always told you, you were gonna live forever. To even begin to think your gone forever hasn't sunk in. My mind won't go there. You were my go to man when I needed anything. I'm just lost Daddy. Please watch over me, all of us. I love you more then life. Be back soon to write you again. Love, Your Baby Girl*



Shannon Turner - October 04, 2017 at 04:31 AM

MS

“ You are missed and forever in my heart, and all my memories I have with you will never go away. I want you to know I love you so much, and will miss you more then you know. I can't even explain all the pain I'm going through right now. You were a bright light in my life, and you will continue to be my light. You excepted me even though I know it was really hard to, and that made me so happy that I knew that my pawpaw was okay with me being who I am. I wish I could of got my car fixed sooner so you could of seen it look brand new again! And I will work so much harder now to do that for you. I feel like I'm in a dream that I can't wake up out of, it doesn't even feel real. I have shared so many memories with you that only you, memmaw and me know. I was always be your Molly sue, and I ask you to please watch over me as I'm having such a hard time excepting this. I feel your presents sometimes, it's a real peaceful and calm present. I know it's my pawpaw. I'm always thinking of you, I know your in heaven dancing and singing with all your favorite singers and friends. I love you so so so so much and I miss you everyday. Not a days go by where I don't think of you. Forever in my heart and my gaurdian angel up above, Rest In Peace.

Molly Swearingen - October 04, 2017 at 01:57 AM

LH

“ My sweet sweet pawpaw. Words do not describe the pain I am feeling. You were my hero & you meant so much to me. You were very special. It's crazy to think that this has happened. My mind has ran a thousand miles to nothing trying to figure this all out. Half of My heart belonged to you. You always told me how proud you were of me. That's something I will continue to do every day & night... I won't let you down. A couple weeks ago when we were down at the beer joint that is a memory that I will hold in my heart forever. I'm so glad we had that long special talk. Because of that I'm at peace with knowing your up there with Jesus. I'm so jealous pawpaw. I know you are loving it up there. Give pawpaw Garber, aunt leann & Phillip kisses for me. Don't you worry about a thing down here pawpaw, your "tough girl" will keep a good eye and mamaw In check lol. I will blow you kisses to the sky everyday to remind you that we're okay down here. It will never be the same when I walk through the door.. seeing your face light up when you saw me reassured me every time just how much you loved me. I know I probably got annoying coming over all the time and saying "how do you feel", "you okay", "well let's do this & let's do that" I just wanted to help you pawpaw. I will forever remember the jokes, the laughs & even the tears... you were so very special to my heart. I could go on & on for days, weeks, months, even years of just how special you were to me. I want you to talk to me pawpaw because I know I will be talking to you asking you to please watch over me. You are my special angel. I will forever love you no words can even express it. Until I see you again pawpaw. I love you forever & ever & ever... you sweetheart Laci Louuuu!



Laci Hooker - October 04, 2017 at 01:02 AM

KS

“ *My sweet Uncle Oscar, I am so sad and heartbroken that you are gone! You are one of my most favorite people in the whole world! I am trying to be strong but it is so hard! I know you are no longer suffering and with the Angels. I have the best memories with you and Nanny. Y'all are like my other parents and my cousins are more like siblings. I miss you and love you so much!*

Kelley Seevers - October 03, 2017 at 11:28 PM

JK

“ There is way to many things that you could call this wonderful kind hearted

Father

Uncle

Grandfather

Friend

Hero

And so on there are to many to list!!!

But I was lucky to get the honor of calling him PAW-PAW!!!

Witch was great for me as I lost my pawpaw when I was in the 6th grade !!

Growing up in post wood with my best friend or as I call him my brother Jason Don Turner!! We always would go to pawpaws house being that it was rt down the road !! So I got to know pawpaw pretty good as I became a young teenager I started to look up at men and trying to be like them!!

I picked a few men to look up too!! Oscar and cotton were some of these men!!

Every time I saw Oscar even if he had the worst day he always had a smile and was joking around always putting a smile on your face!

He always made u feel part of the family !!!

What I'm trying to say is !! When u hear someone say they don't make them like that anymore!! Well pawpaw is who they are speaking of!!

Strong hard working man that provided for his family this best he knew how and loved doing it!!

I hope I can be just a fragment of the man he is !!

*Hate to see you go !! But happy you got your old singer lungs back
and I know ur just a picking away with no pain looking down
guarding all of us!!!*

Oscar Turner===Mighty ol man

*Maw-maw,
Tammy/mom
Aunt shay
Uncle Robert
Jason
Lay*

My pryers and condolences go out to y'all!!

Love u all

I'm here if y'all need me !!!

Always Jake Kennedy

jake kennedy - October 03, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ *What a wonderful testimony and legacy you have left behind in your family! I know the King of Kings and Lord of Lords has you now and today I had the awesome opportunity of leading your daughter to the Lord! The angels are rejoicing as I am sure you are as well! I look forward to the day we are all together serving Jesus in heaven! Although the family mourns now, the promise in Jesus Christ is constant and shall be forever more! May the Lord give you all peace and comfort.*

Beau Brown - October 03, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ My sweet precious Daddy. I can't believe I'm writing you on here. This feels like a nightmare I can't wake up from. I will never ever be the same. My heart is broken. I can't imagine never hearing you say "Shanie, you have baby feet, or when I tried fixing things and I couldnt. You would say "It's because your left handed" You were the best Dad, Father anyone could ever ask for. I always told my friends their Daddy couldn't close to being like mine. You left me with the most greatest memories Daddy. I will never forget anything you taught me. I am just lost right now but the memories keep coming. I wanted to tell you I got Saved today. I opened my heart more to Jesus. How is Heaven Daddy. I know your singing and smiling, laughing. But most of all watching over us. I love you Daddy. I will write again later. "Your Baby Girl"

Shannon Turner - October 03, 2017 at 09:49 PM

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“ Dad my best friend my life the man who made me who I am I can't believe this is happening ur the man I go to the one I call on ur in heaven now I will miss u so much words can't explain this feeling I have in my heart it hertz but at the same time I no ur right here with me I fill ur presents ur not in no more pain Dad it's all good now ur with the angels I love u so much I miss u so much I just don't no wat to say but I LOVE U AN MISS U SO MUCH until we see each other again 🙏 PEACE AN LOVE ❤️ POPS

Robert Turner - October 03, 2017 at 09:44 PM

TT

“ Oh my sweet daddy, how I love you and miss you so much. What am I going to do, how is it possible to live without your smiling face, your laughter, your unconditional love. I've been waiting for you in the mornings, our little talks when you would ride over. I don't hear the tractor, there's just silence. I'm broken daddy and I can't do this alone. I need your guidance. Please let me know your hear. I'm sorry daddy, I tried, I wasn't prepared to let you go. I wanted to save you, I'm sorry. Our sweet Jesus is bigger than me, he needed you. Thank you dad for being the most amazing father a girl could have. You were my first love, the man that set the standard for life. I love you daddy and you will always be my heart. Love your first born ❤️



Tammy Turner - October 03, 2017 at 09:25 PM

HS

“ Henry and Gail Fitzgerald & Sharon Stanley purchased the Stately Croton for the family of "Oscar" Harry Don Turner.



Henry and Gail Fitzgerald & Sharon Stanley - October 03, 2017 at 09:02 PM

DT

“ My sweet, sweet Angel! Half of my heart is missing and the other can barely keep up. I don't know how me and Rosco will survive without you. I pray that you will watch over us every minute of everyday, as you have me for over 54 yrs! You were the most wonderful husband, Father and Grandfather, God ever made. SHINE ON, YOUR THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN !! I will love you forever and ever.

Deborah Turner - October 03, 2017 at 08:50 PM



Daddy will always be with you momma. He will watch over us. We will never be OK again but we will be together and find a way. I love you momma ❤️

Tammy Turner - October 03, 2017 at 09:49 PM