



Walter Guy Turner

September 21, 1943 - June 8, 2015

Walter Guy Turner transitioned from his broken earthly body to his glorious eternal one on Monday, June 8, 2015. Walt lived a life of service to his God, his family, and his country. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 21, 1943. He grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and became an avid Pirates fan, spending summer afternoons at the ballpark with his grandfather. He passed this love for the game of baseball on to his children and grandchildren. He graduated from Edison Community College in Ft. Myers, Florida, and received a Bachelor's of Science in Criminology from Florida State University, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He served two tours in Vietnam, and earned four bronze stars for heroic and meritorious service in a combat zone. He retired from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, where he served numerous tireless nights and weekends at the State's Emergency Operations Center, coordinating Florida's law enforcement agencies in their emergency response efforts to hurricanes and domestic security threats. He also developed and managed the State's emergency resource database. Walt was a reserve wildlife officer for the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission, an outlet for channeling both his love for law enforcement and his appreciation and reverence for Florida's natural ecosystems. He was an avid guitar player and singer, and loved acoustic and folk music, especially Gordon Lightfoot and Peter, Paul, and Mary. He served as an ordained Elder at Covenant Church in Tallahassee, actively serving with many ministries, but most precious to him

were those in which he could work with the children and youth group. His wit and humor were unparalleled, and he kept his family laughing through life as well as his death. A towering 6'6", his impressive and intimidating size were immediately offset by his humble demeanor and gentle spirit. The countless lives he touched will be forever changed for the better. Walt is preceded in death by his father, Isaac Worthington Turner, and his mother, Alberta Beatrice Stafford Turner. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Sheryl Diane Wilson Turner; his brother, Jonathan Jared Turner; two daughters, Trueby Kathryn Turner Bodiford and Evie Turner Crosby; and five grandchildren: Sam, Katy, and Bradley Bodiford, and Wyatt and Leah Crosby. Visitation and viewing for family and friends will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Abbey Funeral Home, 4037 North Monroe Street from 5:30-7:30PM, and funeral services will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Covenant Church, 2221 Old Bainbridge Rd at 10:00AM, with an honorary graveside service to follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.abbeyfh.com. "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Shelton Crews of Tallahassee, FL - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I am so saddened by the news of Walt's passing. I will always remember his humor and love for family and friends. He was a wonderful man and will be missed deeply. I am praying for all of you as you grieve this deep loss. Love and God's peace, Mary Lee Kight*

Mary Lee Kight of Raleigh, NC - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I remember many great things about Walt, but my favorite memory is of Walt helping the FDLE Miami office back during Hurricane Andrew. He helped coordinate care packages and had them delivered to MROC for delivery to our members in need. What a great and thoughtful guy. I will miss him.*

Carol Frederick of Key West - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Walt was a great guy. He served the state well. Our prayers are with you.*

Michael and Donna Ramage of Tallahassee - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Walter was a real professional whom we all admired .A gentleman who was respected by everyone . I know the good Lord has a special place for Walter. He deserves it. Chief Lionel Cote Satellite Beach Police Dept. Retired

Lionel A. Cote of 609 Grant Ct. Satellite Beach Florida 32937 - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Trueby and Jeb and family,My heart hurts for you all. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers though and that your daddy is no longer struggling, is strong and healthy and whole and is with our loving Lord. You will see him again and he will forever be in your heart and your memories. Your kids are so lucky to have gotten to know him :)

Tara Harmon of Tallahassee - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Turner Family. Walt was a very genuine guy. Very kind with a giving heart to help others. May you rest in peace Walt. Heaven has gained an angel indeed.

Cheryl of Tallahassee - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ My sincere condolences to Walt's family and friends. I worked with him for many years when I lived in Tallahassee. May fond memories of him ease your pain and heartache.

Lynne Schumacher of FDLE, Jacksonville - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ What a beautiful testimony to his life!

Debbie Thayer - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our family is sorry for your loss. He was a great man, one who made a difference in our sons life. God bless and sustain you during this difficult time.

Larry and Gayle Quinn of Tallahassee, Florida - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ The love you have for your husband and father will continue to grow as time moves forward. The joys of special moments and the traits that made him unique will make you love him more. You are so fortunate to have shared in his life and laughter. We hope these memories will bring you peace and comfort as you come together to lift one another up. Love and peace, Diane, Joe, Madeleine, & Calista

Diane and Joe Bodiford - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ To the Turner Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of Walt. He was a wonderful, kind man. We were all fortunate to have enjoyed his humor. With love from Shelley, Paul and Rebecca Srygley

shelley srygley of tallahassee - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My heart felt condolences at your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Byer of Monticello, FL - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dear Evie and family,I just saw the notice of your father's death. We send our love and prayers for your continued strength during this time. I just lost my Mother 3 weeks ago. It seems the Lord is calling many people home. We love you all. The Brocks

Patricia Brock of 5524 Westview Lane - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Thinking of you during this time love you all so much.

Rebecca Wilson of ponca,ne - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ You have my deepest sympathies. Barbara

Barbara Stanphill of Disability Determination, Quality Assurance - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Wow, a man I could have been very close friends with. The world will miss him.

Steve Dickinson of Tallahassee, Florida - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Susan Eldredge - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ His whole life spent in service to God and country! He no doubt left the world better than he found it. I'm very sorry for such a loss.

Juliet Yaques of Tallahassee, FL - June 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM