

# Obituary

Mr. William Andrew Turner, Jr., age 81 was called home on January 17, 2024.

William "Billy" Turner was born on March 7th, 1942, to William A. Turner Sr. and Mabel Berry in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William attended St. Francis De Sales School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1963.

That same year, William married Geraldine M. Hughes from Lincoln Heights, and they had three girls: Lisa, Tammy, and Michelle from this union. He married his second wife, Joyce Gentry in 1979 with whom he would spend 44 years together before she passed away in May of 2023.

William and Joyce joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Glendale together under the Pastorate of Reverend L.Waldrop.

Throughout his life he worked for various companies. One of them being the U.S. Post Office, loved going city to city as a truck driver and working as a security guard for the Cincinnati Enquirer Building.

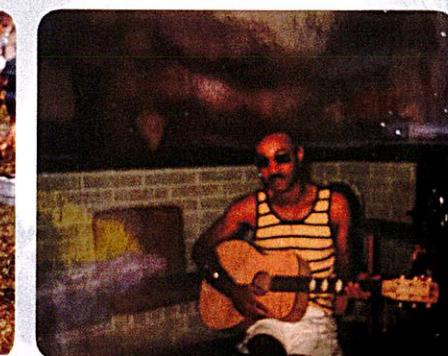
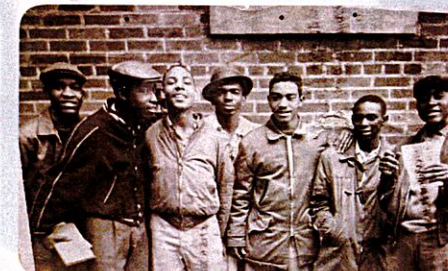
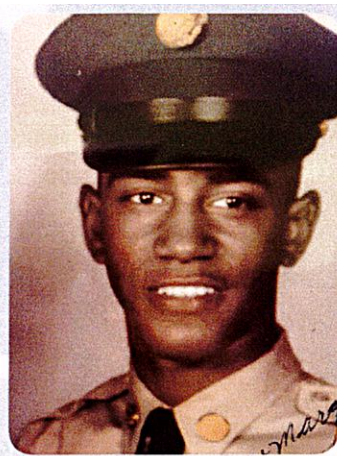
William loved spending time with his friends and family. He was the eldest son of eight boys and he shared a special bond with each one of them. He talked hours on the phone to loved ones (Aunt Margaret and his best friend Butch). He enjoyed spending the day listening to jazz and the blues on his favorite record player. He could watch old military movies all day with his grandson Darian. He also enjoyed reading military books and the Readers Digest to name a few.

William was born and raised around a family of athletes. He enjoyed basketball (his brother was a coach), football (another brother played in the NFL), but he was an outstanding baseball player along with another brother they called "Hot Dog". If you asked anyone in the City of Cincinnati that knew him, they would agree that his talent was undeniable.

He was a kindhearted soul that would give you the shirt off his back if you asked him. He was a proud man of his community of Lincoln Heights.

He is preceded in death by parents William Turner and Mabel Berry Browder, his late wife Joyce Gentry-Turner, brothers Kenneth Turner, Randall Turner, Reginald Turner and Gregory Stemrick.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his brothers Ronnie Turner, Gerald Turner and Larry Stemrick, his sister Myra "Miki" Turner, his seven children Vanessa Vandivier, Tonya Moore, Lisa Ramey (Mark) Tammy Turner, Jerrold Jefferson (Valarie) Michelle Reece (Steven) Kimberly Scott (Alan), 16 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.



**LOVE** is patient, love is kind...  
 it does not envy, it does not boast  
 it is not proud. It is not rude,  
 it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered,  
 it keeps no record of wrongs.  
 Love does not delight in evil  
 but rejoices in **TRUTH.**  
 It always protects, always trusts,  
 always **HOPES**, always preserves.  
**LOVE NEVER FAILS**

- 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude .....
- Parting View ..... The Family
- Scripture ..... Rev. Stephen Evans
- Prayer ..... Rev. Stephen Evans
- Selection ..... Mt. Zion Choir
- Acknowledgements ..... Carole Dillor
- Silent Reading of the Obituary
- Remarks ..... Family & Friends
- Selections ..... Mt. Zion Choir
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Stephen Evans
- Benediction ..... Rev. Stephen Evans
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Bearers & The Family

## To Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me – let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tune yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many beautiful years. I gave to you my love, you can only guess. How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you have shown. But now it's time I travel on alone. So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part. So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart you'll hear all my love, soft and clear. And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with open arms and say,

St. John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

## 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD forever.

## Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of William Andrew Turner, Jr.

## Pallbearers

Brandal Evans

Brian Evans

Jerrold Jefferson

Reginald Fletcher

Ronald Turner, Jr.

Sean Vandivier



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*William Andrew Turner, Jr.*

March 7, 1942 - January 17, 2024

*Friday, February 9, 2024*

Visitation: 9:00 am - Funeral Service: 10:00 am

*Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church*

40 Coral Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Rev. Stephen Evans, Officiating