



Doug Turner

September 15, 1944 - December 5, 2024

James Douglas “Doug” Turner entered into the presence of his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, surrounded by his family on December 5, 2024 at his home. Born September 15, 1944 in Terrell to Shorty Lee and Mattie Henson Turner, and they both joyfully reunited with him in Heaven along with his brother, Frankie Lee Turner, sisters: Nancy Hill and Joyce Turner.

Doug grew up in Terrell and graduated from THS in 1963. A few years later, in 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, proudly serving his nation during the Viet Nam era. He returned home and on February 14, 1970, he married the love of his life, Dolly Dennis, at Poetry United Methodist Church. Their love story was one for the ages and his quiet, humble temperament fit perfectly with Dolly’s bubbly, outgoing personality. Whenever Dolly was talking to him (or about him!), his name was always “Douglas”, and the mutual respect combined with their love for each other was a great and valuable example of Jesus’ unconditional love to all who met them. They were blessed to have two sons, Jamie and Jeb, each of which was the perfect blend of Doug and Dolly. Doug was a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren and great grandchildren, each of whom Doug was immensely proud of.

Doug worked as a butcher at Safeway for 27 years, and after the store's closing, he went to work at Brookshire's for 10 years until his retirement. Doug was able to lift people’s spirits with his ever-present smile and quiet humor

every day. Doug and Dolly were active members at First Missionary Baptist Church for 25 years where he served in several ministries including being ordained a Deacon. He also served faithfully in the worship choir, even being named Interim Choir Director. He and Dolly then joined First Baptist Church in Terrell, becoming very active and, once again, Doug served as a Deacon and with the worship choir. While he will be remembered for many contributions to First Baptist, his work in the church kitchen will always be the lasting impression that many will recall. Cooking for any church event was the hallmark of Doug's service to others, no matter how large or small the event. His knowledge, experience and talent for making every meal taste home made became a bit of a legend and when complimented, Doug would always tell others, "All I do, I do for the Lord!" For a brief time, he and Dolly moved to Cooper, TX to be closer to Jamie and, once again, Doug found a place to immediately serve the Lord and others as he began singing with a quartet at New Hope Church while he and Dolly made even more friends in Cooper. He loved the outdoors and when he wasn't working or at church worshipping, he could be found hunting and fishing, often with his sons and other family at his side.

Proverbs 13:22 tells us that "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children" and in Doug's case, his legacy of unconditional love and devotion to the Lord and family will be forever carried on even into countless generations after Doug's children's children until that great day when we are all united in Heaven with Doug as well as so many others who have gone on to glory in Him.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Dolly Dennis Turner; sons, Jamie Turner and wife Shelley and Jeb Turner; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; sister, Alice Durbin and brother, Jerry Turner, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family, church families and a host of friends.

Doug's family would like to especially thank Joyce Salisbury and her family, New Life home Health and Trinity Hospice for all the help, prayers, and support but most of all, for loving Doug as much as his family loved him.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Campground Cemetery.

Doug's family will receive friends beginning at 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at First Baptist Church.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in remembrance of Doug to the Vehicle Replacement Fund for at www.fbcterrell.org/give.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

County Road 326
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Doug Turner*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 15, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CH

“ *Dolly, I am so sorry for your loss. You and Doug were always meant for each other and made such a wonderful couple. I know he will be missed. Our hearts goes out to all of you.*

Cindy & Rick Hunter - December 11, 2024 at 11:14 PM

DI

“ *Oh my! What an honor it was to work with Jim for 16 years at Safeway! Always kind Never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. Always had that wonderful smile and quiet spirit about him. He truly Loved the Lord and his family and showed it by his actions. Only gave his advice when asked and would start with a quiet chuckle and a smile. Rejoice thru your sorrow knowing he has earned "Well done they faithful servant! Welcome Home!"*
Diane

Diane - December 11, 2024 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ *To the Turner Family,
I know at this time it is hard for you and words of kindness mean little but I want you to know there are lots of people praying for all of you for strength and comfort to get through this time. Just know that Jim as I knew him will be truly missed not only by you but by people you don't even know. He was a good man also smiling and laughing. It was good seeing you Dolly and you tribe you will never be alone. Brought back good memories.*

shonnie paul - December 11, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MB

“ *Dolly and family, you all are in our prayers during this time and beyond. Love ya, Marsha & Freddy Burden.*

Marsha Burden - December 11, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doug Turner.*



December 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

KS

“ Dear Dolly, Jamie, Shelly & family, Jeb, Alice, Jerry & all of your family,
We were so sorry to hear about Doug. He was a wonderful man whom we are thankful to have called our friend! We always remember his great smile & caring heart, but one Easter Sunday at church he came & gave me a big hug & with his great big smile said “ Did you see all of my family here with us, Jamie, Shelly & all of their beautiful family!(I think there were probably 2-3 rows)?? He was so proud of all of you! Someday we will see him again! Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers!
With Deepest Sympathy & Love,
Karo, Wilson & Duane Stewart



Karo Stewart - December 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Doug Turner.



December 10, 2024 at 10:15 AM

NO

“ NorthStar purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Doug Turner.



NorthStar - December 09, 2024 at 02:12 PM

NO

“ NorthStar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug Turner.

NorthStar - December 09, 2024 at 02:12 PM

GG

“ We admired Douglas for his strength. We will continue to be inspired by his actions, kindness, love for his family and friends, and the love to cook and serving our country and embracing our Lord! Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. Love, Greg & Cindy Griffin.

Greg & Cindy Griffin - December 09, 2024 at 11:48 AM

GG

“ Greg & Cindy Griffin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Doug Turner.



Greg & Cindy Griffin - December 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

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“ Greg & Cindy Griffin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug Turner.

Greg & Cindy Griffin - December 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

RC

“ *Rock Hill Baptist Church purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doug Turner.*



Rock Hill Baptist Church - December 09, 2024 at 10:24 AM

MD

“ *Mary Darst-Yarbrough purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doug Turner.*



Mary Darst-Yarbrough - December 09, 2024 at 08:14 AM

ML

“ *Much love to a family I grew up with at First Missionary Baltist Church.*



May Lee - December 08, 2024 at 11:19 PM

RG

“ *You and aunt Dollie were a great inspiration to us. We will always cherish our times. You have so much to be proud of. Thank you for always sharing God and Family . And teaching us . Love, your nephew Bruce and niece in law Ruthie.*

Ruth Groessel - December 08, 2024 at 12:14 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Massey lit a candle in memory of Doug Turner*



Barbara Massey - December 08, 2024 at 07:15 AM

SP

“ *Susan & Ray Pinson lit a candle in memory of Doug Turner*



Susan & Ray Pinson - December 07, 2024 at 07:08 PM

LH

*I only met Mr. Doug a few times but the way the kids ran to him, I knew he was a Good and Godly man!
May God grant you comfort and peace as you go through this time.*

Linda Hudson - December 08, 2024 at 02:05 PM

DL

“ *Dieann Langley lit a candle in memory of Doug Turner*



Dieann Langley - December 07, 2024 at 02:36 PM

EK

“ Elaine Kasper lit a candle in memory of Doug Turner



Elaine Kasper - December 07, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LB

“ Dolly, I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. I'm so glad I got to see both of you not that long ago, Doug was still one of the most kind and sweetest persons I've ever known, we were classmates all through school so lots of good memories. I'm thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love, Linda Bodin Bankston

Linda Bankston - December 07, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JD

“ Prayers for Dolly and all the family.



John and Anne Davidson - December 06, 2024 at 08:22 PM

SJ

“ Great family Bro. Doug and Mrs. Dolly. Remember many good memories from FBC Terrell family with the Turner's. Prayers for the family!

Sharon Kay Jackson - December 06, 2024 at 06:50 PM

BM

“ *Beth Wilder Maley lit a candle in memory of Doug Turner*



Beth Wilder Maley - December 06, 2024 at 06:14 PM

BJ

“ *I will always remember you uncle great uncle Douglas ❤️ we may not have spent a lot of time together but the times we did I will always cherish 🙏*

Bruce Groessel Jr - December 06, 2024 at 06:06 PM