



## Vester Johnson Turner Jr.

April 22, 1935 - June 18, 2017

Vester “Ves” Johnson Turner Jr. was born on April 22, 1935, to Vester Johnson Turner Sr. and Lillian Gracie Rush in Terrell, Texas. Vester attended schools in Shreveport, LA, and then in Terrell where he met the love of his life, Wynona Kay “Tootsie” Smith, and they were married on August 4, 1956.

Everyone that knew Vester was made aware of the loves of his life: His Lord Jesus Christ, His beautiful wife and sweetheart Tootsie, his growing family, and his career with the Air Force. Vester never met a stranger and was a loyal and generous friend to many. He had a big heart and freely gave his love and kindness to each. He was proud of his country and was always eager to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pop was always there for his kids and grandbabies, offering help, advice, love, cookies and anything else you needed. No one could ever say or do anything against his sweetheart. She was the queen of his world and he made it known.

Vester enjoyed automobiles and airplanes from his youth. He was in the Texas Army National Guard, serving at the Terrell Nike Base B Battery 4th Missile Battalion 132nd Air Defense Artillery Tx NG from 1963 to 1968. He then enlisted in the 136th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW) of the Texas Air National Guard at Hensley Field, Grand Prairie from 1968 to 1992. He worked as an airplane mechanic, served in refueling missions during the Vietnam War, and then received his degree as a flight engineer on the C-130 Hercules. Vester served in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm from August 1990 to April 1991, where his plane was the first plane to enter Baghdad to

carry in troops during the Desert Storm Invasion. He retired on April 22, 1995 from the Armed Forces of the United State of America, and then began multiple jobs including 911 mapping for Kaufman and Hunt Counties, Door Greeter at Walmart, Pharmacy deliveries for Bass Rutledge Drug Store, and finally mapping for Kaufman County Precinct 3, where he retired in January, 2017.

Vester was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and has served faithfully over the years as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and on occasion giving Sunday messages. He loved his church family, and especially loved his talks about scripture with Brother Billy Martin. He was proud to serve his church family, and always overjoyed to teach or share the gospel. He especially loved reading and sharing the writings of J. Vernon McGee, and provided his family with copies to help them grow in their spiritual walk, which was his greatest joy and desire.

Vester, Ves, Daddy, or Pop, however he was known, will be greatly missed. He was welcomed into heaven by his father and mother, Vester & Lillian Turner. Those left to celebrate his life are:

His bride of 60 years, Wynona "Tootsie" Turner;

Daughters:

Kandy Horn of Rockwall, TX and her daughter Marcella Viktorin of Austin, TX; Catherine "Cathy" Boyd and husband Scott Boyd of Terrell and their family, Courtney and Zach Webb of Terrell, Zachary "Zach" and Amber Boyd and children Addison and Paisley of Wills Point, TX; Zane and Amy Boyd and children Alex and Tripp of Edgewood, TX;

Donna McHone and husband Mark McHone of Rockwall, TX and their family, Jordan and Samantha McHone and children Sean and Ryan of Okinawa Japan, Evan and Shantelle McHone of Rogers, AR, Ainslee and Derek DeMars of Rockwall, TX, and Mark Hayden McHone of Rockwall, TX;

His sister Frances Hall of Peeltown, TX; a host of brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors, co-workers, church family members, and each one a special friend.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday June 24, 2017 at the First Baptist Church 403 N. Catherine Terrell with interment to follow with full military honors at Oakland Memorial Park. Family will receive friends Friday June 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. Condolences may be left at [www.maxslaytonfunerals.com](http://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com)

SECOND TO NONE

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
642 N Rockwall Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160  
(972) 524-0881  
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Angela Hayes lit a candle in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



**angela hayes** - September 27, 2017 at 12:57 PM



*I have known vester and his family for all my life and I love them he went to heaven on my birthday my thoughts and prayers are with you all every one of this family are special I am sorry I did not know of his passing you are very special people you are close to each other and god will get you through*

**angela hayes** - September 27, 2017 at 01:03 PM



*I love you all*

**angela hayes** - September 27, 2017 at 01:04 PM

UR

“ *Dear to the Family*

*Sorry for the lost of your dear love one. There is hope, the Bible says that there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous.*

*Act 24:15*

*Sincerely Yours,  
Ursula*

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**Ursula** - June 30, 2017 at 02:38 PM

KG

“ *I started working as a Deputy Constable in 2005 and one of the first persons i met was Vester. When I met him he treated me with the up most respect a person could ask for as I was new to the job ahead of me. Vester was such a good friend and I will miss him greatley.*

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**Kyle Gross** - June 29, 2017 at 01:46 PM

AB

“ *Vester Turner"or as I called him Pop"was an amazing and sweet great grandpa.He always provided cookies in the cookie jar and always took good care of me when I needed him.He lived his life to the fullest,he fought in the Air Force, and also was there to see his great grand babies.*

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**Addison Boyd** - June 27, 2017 at 05:39 PM

MB

“ *Mary Brumbaugh lit a candle in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



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**Mary Brumbaugh** - June 24, 2017 at 10:13 PM

Sue  
Riley

“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Sue Riley** - June 23, 2017 at 04:27 PM

BM

“ *Brandon Mashburn & Tina Mashburn purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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**Brandon Mashburn & Tina Mashburn** - June 23, 2017 at 03:58 PM

JL

“ *John, DeAnn and Annette Lund purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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**John, DeAnn and Annette Lund** - June 23, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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June 23, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ *Vester - a man of service to his country, a man of faith and strength, a man who cared deeply and loved Jesus ~ wife~ Family and friends!! Go in peace dear servant of Jesus. Love and condolences to your entire family!!  
Whit & Carolyn Drake send you an arrangement with a cross & HUGS*

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**Whit & Carolyn Drake** - June 23, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - June 23, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Rita Crump, Wasson Family and Eddy Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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**Rita Crump, Wasson Family and Eddy Family** - June 23, 2017 at 11:53 AM

WD

“ *Whit & Carolyn Drake lit a candle in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



Whit & Carolyn Drake - June 23, 2017 at 11:21 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa J. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



Lisa J. - June 23, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



June 23, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 22, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..



June 21, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ Texas A&M College of Nursing purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..



Texas A&M College of Nursing - June 21, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ so sorry Tootsie and family our prayers go out to all of you for your lose

Alice and Charles Patton - June 20, 2017 at 09:04 PM

DW

“ *Dennis And Sue Wood lit a candle in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



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**dennis and sue wood** - June 20, 2017 at 08:16 PM

GK

“ *My condolences go out to the Turner family.  
Glenn Kuntz  
136 MXS/181 AS  
1985-2005*

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**Glenn Kuntz** - June 20, 2017 at 06:31 PM

JG

“ *Our hearts go out to Tootsie and family for the loss of Vester! We love y'all!  
Jimmy @ Gloria family*

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**Jimmy @ Gloria** - June 20, 2017 at 03:05 PM

RB

“ *Ron and Betty Brown purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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**Ron and Betty Brown** - June 20, 2017 at 02:38 PM

CT

“ *CECIL & DONNA TAPP lit a candle in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



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**CECIL & DONNA TAPP** - June 20, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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June 19, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vester Johnson Turner Jr..*



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June 19, 2017 at 09:43 PM

TS

“ *It was a pleasure and an honor to serve with Vester! He will be missed on this earth, but oh - what a time he is having now in heaven!*

*Tommy & Stephanie Williams  
(We are out of state and unable to attend)*

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**Tommy & Stephanie** - June 19, 2017 at 05:53 PM

TC

*We are so sorry to hear of Vester. We have special memories of him & times gone by. Our sincere sympathy & prayers for you & family. He will be missed*

**Thomas & Connie Clower** - June 23, 2017 at 07:25 AM

LD

“ *Larry And Dieann sent a virtual gift in memory of Vester Johnson Turner Jr.*



**Larry and Dieann** - June 19, 2017 at 03:56 PM

DW

*Wynona, (chicken) and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very sad time. We will miss Vester so much. We love you so much. Love, dennis and sue---hot springs, arkansas*

**dennis and sue wood** - June 20, 2017 at 08:13 PM