



William Edward "Eddie" Turner

April 17, 1954 - October 14, 2022

William Edward "Eddie" Turner passed peacefully from this world at his home in Palestine, Texas, and went into the embrace of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, October 14, 2022.

He is survived by his wife Leslie Turner; his 4 step-children - Michael Grillo and wife Stephanie of Lemoyne, Pennsylvania, Anthony Grillo of Kansas City, Kansas, Alexandria Smith and husband Sid of Athens, Texas, Gregory Albright and partner Andrea Nelson of Chicago, Illinois; as well as 4 grandchildren - Milo, Jaxton, Rose, and Eli; his brother Barry Turner and wife Lorin of Princeton, Texas and their son David.

Eddie was born to James and Vickie Turner of Gilmer, Texas on April 17, 1954. Eddie was a Vietnam War veteran serving in the United States Navy. He served in law enforcement with the Marshall Police Department and retired early to open his own business, Marshall Karate & Fitness. He served in the corporate arena with Wal-Mart Asset Protection for 16 years. He enjoyed camping, music, singing, HAM radio, and shooting sports. Eddie graduated from Liberty University with a Master's in Pastoral Ministries and a Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Counseling, and he was a licensed minister. He surrendered to the Evangelist Ministry in 1971 at First Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas. He served as Minister/ Youth Pastor at New Prospect Baptist Church in Jefferson, Texas, Memorial Baptist Church in Gladewater, Texas, and New Diana Baptist Church in New Diana, Texas. He was also a lay minister at Norwood Heights Baptist Church in Palestine, Texas where he

preached, taught Bible studies, and did community outreach. Eddie also served as a religious columnist for the Palestine Herald Press newspaper and ministered to nursing homes in the Palestine area.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 23, 2022, at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas. Interment will be held at 9:15 am, Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Flowers may be sent to McWhorter Funeral Home, or a memorial contribution may be made to The Kittery feline rescue in Mexia, Texas. The family would like to express our thanks to Rhone Funeral Home in Palestine, Texas, and to McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas, for their heartfelt compassion and guidance during this time.

Please visit Eddie's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery

Dallas, TX

Previous Events

Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 9:15 AM (CT)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery
Dallas, TX

Tribute Wall



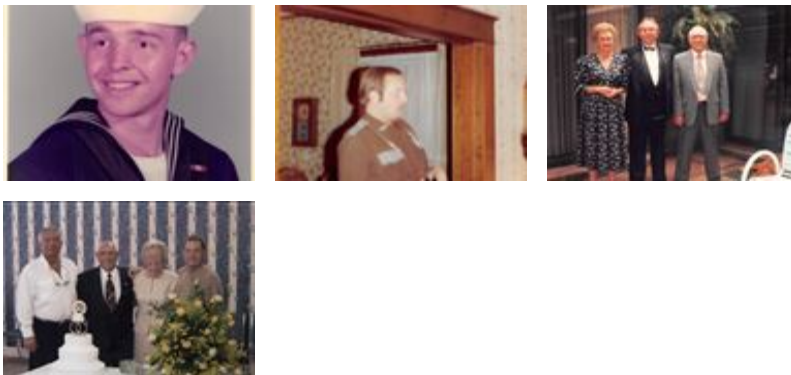
“ 1 file added to the album *Eddie Turner Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 24, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 23, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Eddie, will be praying for you



Stacey Musick - October 22, 2022 at 06:47 PM

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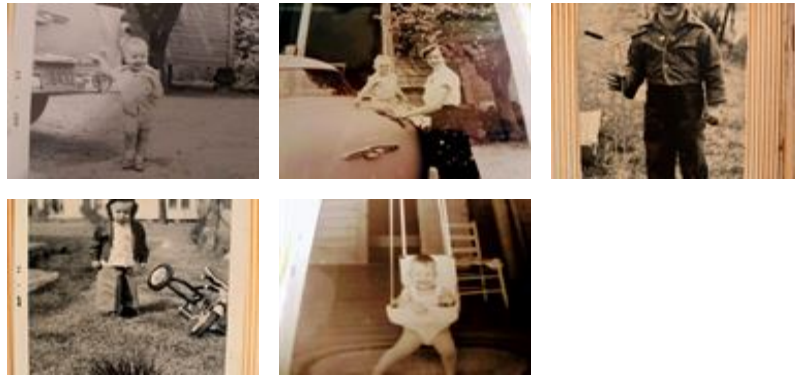
“ David and Linda Rucker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Edward "Eddie" Turner.



David and Linda Rucker - October 21, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ 129 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 21, 2022 at 12:36 PM

JF

“ Rest In Peace classmate. Prayers for you family.

Janet Fincher - October 19, 2022 at 05:47 PM

CJ

“ I remember when Eddie surrendered to the ministry at FBC-Gilmer. I was a young pastor at the time in Camp County. I remember him singing special music at a revival service where Bro. Futrell Cheshire was evangelist. I believe they were related as cousins.

My prayers and thoughts are with the Turner family.

Brotherly,

*Charles Johnson
Rosewood Baptist Church
Gilmer, TX*

Charles Johnson - October 19, 2022 at 04:31 PM

PW

“ Eddie grew up 2 doors down from me and was one of my closest friends in high school. I remember his gift for singing and am glad we reconnected in the last year or so. He and I went to Arkansas the summer after we graduated from Gilmer High in 1972 and saw the Passion Play. I have been terribly saddened at his death and am praying for the family.

Phillip Williams - October 19, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Edward "Eddie" Turner.



October 18, 2022 at 06:27 PM

LM

“ Prayers are with the family

Larry Melton - October 18, 2022 at 05:54 PM

LR

“ Rest well my dear friend. See you on the other side...

Linda Lee Rumfield - October 18, 2022 at 03:31 PM

LG

“ Fly high, buddy!

Lynn Graves - October 18, 2022 at 03:08 PM