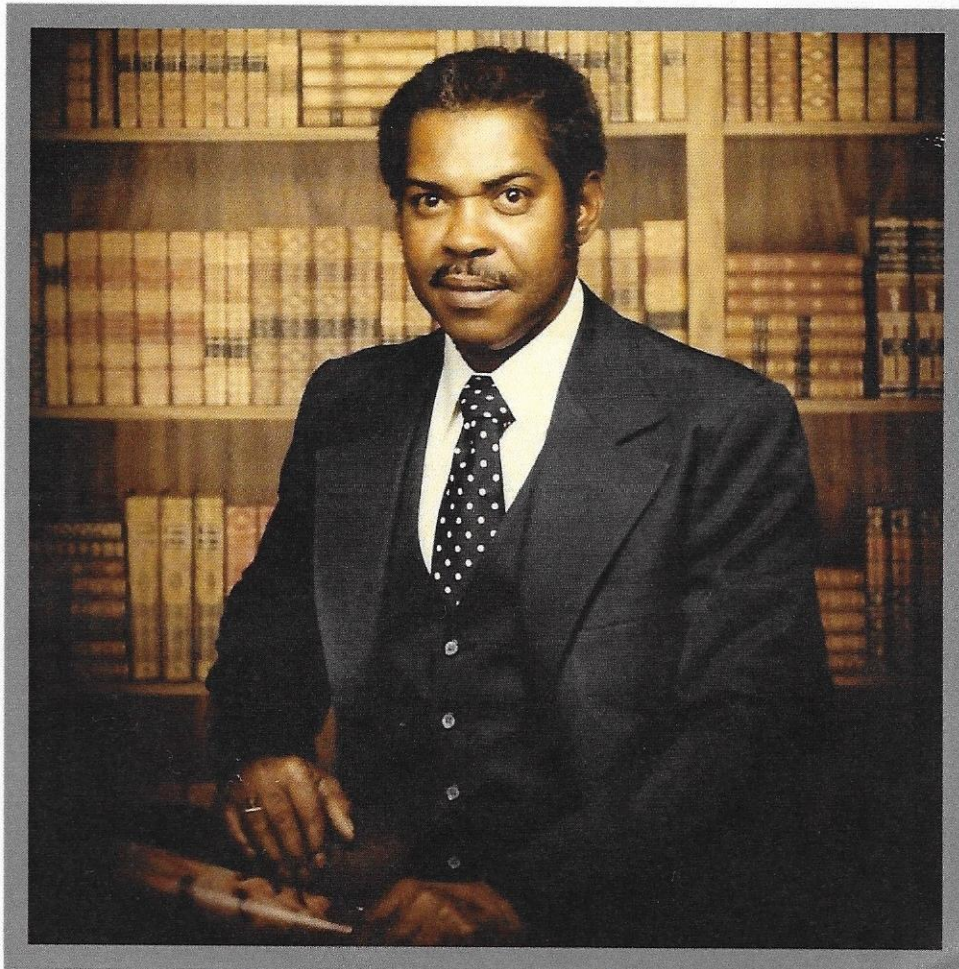


**Celebrating the Life and Homegoing
of
William T. Turner, Sr.**



July 29, 1933 ~ November 20, 2022

Friday, December 2, 2022

Visitation 11:00 A.M.

Service 12:00 P.M.

Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church

703 South Alston Avenue

Durham, North Carolina 27707

The Reverend Dr. Jerry Christian, Pastor

OBITUARY

Departing this life on November 20, 2022, Mr. William T. Turner, Sr. was born on July 29, 1933, to the parents of Lawrence Richard Turner, Sr. and Eva Turner Patterson.

Being a native of Durham, North Carolina, Mr. Turner attended Durham City Schools and graduated from Hillside High School in 1952. During his stay at Hillside High School, he participated in several school and extracurricular activities such as: Four years of the Concert and Marching Bands; a feature writer of the Hillside Chronicle Newspaper; First Place Winner of the North Carolina State Masonry contest held at North Carolina A&T State University in 1951; Contestant in the "I Speak for Democracy" Assembly Program in 1952; Member of the Hillside High School State Mile Relay Championship Track Team, that also participated at the Penn Relays, Philadelphia, in 1951; a member of the Hillside football Team and Body Builders Club.

After completing further studies and an apprenticeship, Mr. Turner worked as a Professional Builder and Contractor in the Southeastern United States for several years. He attended North Carolina State University and received the Teaching Certificate in Trade and Industrial Education.

Additional work experiences included Vocational Masonry Teacher at the following schools: Durham Technical Institute; Project Transition-Army Education Center; Fort Bragg Army Post; Johnson Technical Institute; Durham City Schools Community Education Program; Durham City and Public Schools Extended Day Program at Hillside High School for twenty-three years, which include seven years as Chairman of the Vocational Educational Department and Advisor for the Hillside High School Chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He retired from Hillside and the Durham Public Schools in 1996.

William Turner was a member of Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, where he served as a Member of the Board of Trustees, Past Chairman, Member of the Male Chorus and Senior Choir, Member of the Men's Ministry, Boy Scout Pack and Troop 144's Organization Representative.

Also, Mr. Turner was a member of Dorcas Masonic Lodge #460 and Sertoma International. Membership in professional organizations included: National Educational Association-Retired Members; American Vocational Education Association and Durham Public Schools Retired Personnel. Civic affiliations included: Chairman of the Hillside High Class of 1952; Past Co-Chairman and Charter Member, West End Reunion Committee; Past President and Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, James E. Shepard Sertoma Club; First President/Chairman and founding member of the Hillside High School National Alumni Association, Durham, N.C.: Member of Men of Vision and Past Member/Mentor, Durham Public Schools Reach to Teach Program.

Some of his awards and honors included: Outstanding Service to Trade and Industrial Education in Region III, 1985-1986; James E. Shepard Sertoman of the Year, 1991; James E. Shepard Club Gold Honors and Gold Coat President, 1997; 2003 Hillside High School Alumnus Award Recipient and Honored by the National Alumni Association of Hillside High School Dinner/Dance Program, August 2005. Mr. Turner has been recently recognized by the Lyon Park School. He said, "I have good memories of Lyon Park. This was a very important place for most of us growing up."

Mr. Turner was a family man in every sense of the word. He was a dedicated husband to his devoted wife of seventy years, their three children, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Leaving to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife, Ernestine Turner; daughter, Jewel T. Stephens (Anthony); sons, William T. Turner, Jr. (Sandra) and Stephen D. Turner; brother, Reverend Lawrence R. Turner, Jr.; five grandchildren, Terez L. Turner, Anthony B. Stephens, Jr., Tiffany T. McKinnon (Timothy), Lititia S. Stephens, and Linden N. Stephens; seven great grandchildren; other extended family members; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Mildred T. Davis.

~The Order of Service~

Prelude

Hymn

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Ms. Darlene Perry Woodley
New Testament.....Ms. Darlene Perry Woodley

Prayer of Comfort.....The Reverend Timothy Faison
Board Member, NAAHHS

Solo.....Mrs. Mary Scott
"The Goodness of God" Founder, NAAHHS Alumni Choir

Acknowledgements/Resolutions (Please limit to two minutes)

Mr. Frederick Stoney Brown
President, NAAHHS

Mr. Edward Taylor, Chair
James E. Shepard Sertoma Club

Elder Lawrence L. Turner, Jr.
Family Member

Dr. William Thomas Fletcher
Family Friend

Dr. Victor Maafo
Family Friend

Mr. Lorenza Shaw
Former Student

Musical Selection.....Mrs. Mary Scott
"If I Can Help Somebody"

Eulogy.....The Reverend Dr. Jerry Christian

Mortician's Brief.....Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.

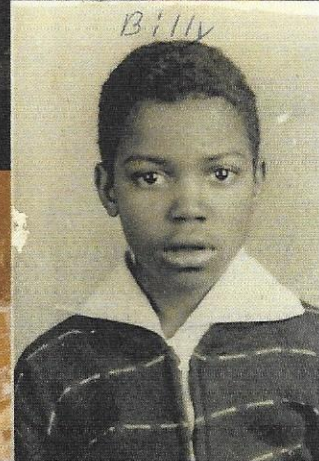
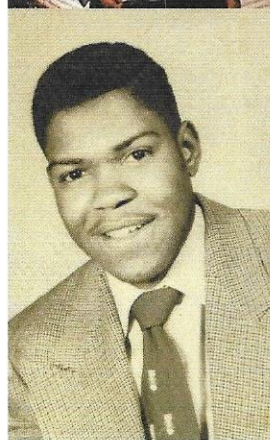
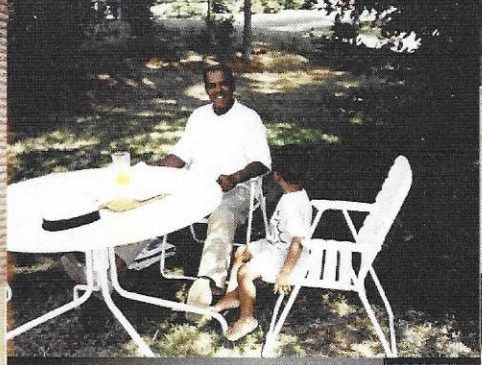
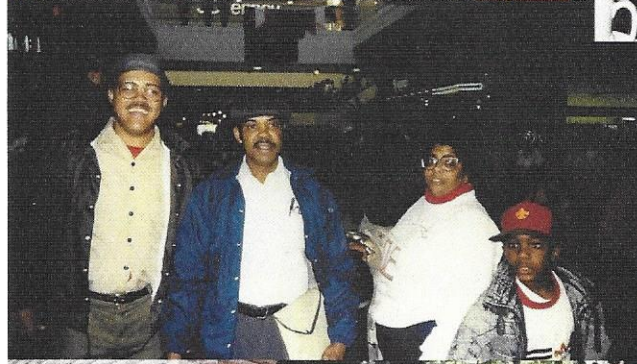
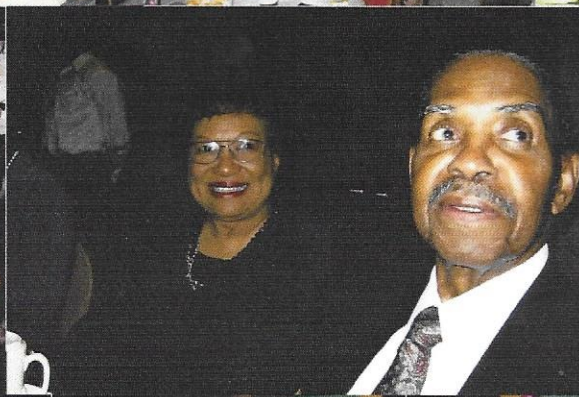
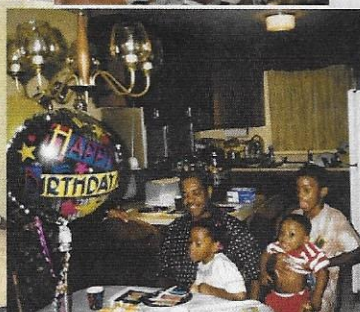
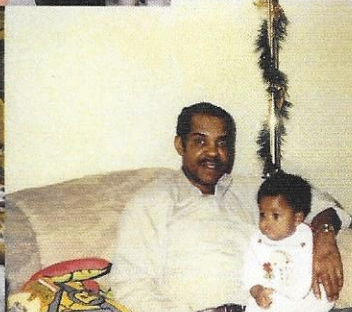
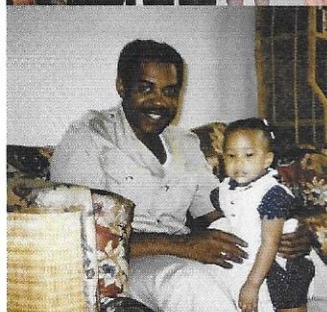
Recessional

~Interment~

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707

(Drivers in the procession, please turn on your headlights
and flashers for safety)





*Those We Love
Don't Go Away,
They Walk Beside Us
Every day.
Unseen, Unheard
But Always Near.
Still Loved, Still Missed
And Always Dear.*

William T. Turner, Sr.
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"If I Can Help Somebody"

*If I can help somebody as I travel along
If I can help somebody with a word or song
If I can help somebody from doing wrong
No, my living shall not be in vain
No, my living shall not be in vain
No, my living shall not be in vain
If I can help somebody, as I sing the song
You know, my living shall not be in vain*

~Active Floral Bearers~

Friends of the Family

~Active Pallbearers~

Friends of the Family

~All That Matters~

*All that matters from the beginning to eternity is Love.....God's love gave us William for a season as a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, nephew, cousin, grandfather, friend, missionary and saint.....he taught us to love God, the name of Jesus, ourselves and each other without condition.....
love*

begets love and we thank everyone for the outpouring of love shown to William and our family throughout our lives and especially during his return to the source of All That Matters.....

To God be the Glory!!.....Hallelujah!!.....Praise God!! Thank You Jesus!!.....Amen!!

The Family

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