



William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr.

June 18, 1932 - February 24, 2014

William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr. passed away at his Lubbock home on February 24, 2014 at the age of 81. Taft was born on June 18, 1932 to Taft Turner, Sr. and Mattie Woodson Turner in New Home, Texas. He had two younger brothers, Roy Douglas and Doyle Eugene.

Taft lived and attended school in New Home, New Deal, Hobbs, and Pyote. While in Pyote, Taft met and married his wife of 65 years, Joy Hendrix on March 28, 1949.

Taft was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of McKenzie Lodge for 61 years. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Khiva Temple. He belonged to the Duffers.

Motorcycling and golf were his favorite hobbies. He helped to organize the Red Raider Road Riders Motorcycle Club and enjoyed riding his Harley. Golf was his passion. As a long time member of Hillcrest Country Club, Taft played daily. He and Joy also loved to dance; their Jitterbug won the 4th of July dance contest in 2007.

Taft retired from Reese Air Force Base as the Supervisor of Quality Assurance after 37 years of service.

Taft is survived by his wife, Joy; his daughters, Sharon Doyle (Floyd), Connie Wilson (John) and Brenda Stanfield (Jerry), 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great- great- grandchildren, as well as aunts, Leta Burleson, and Margie Holley..

Visitation is from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, February 26th and the Funeral is at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 27th, both at Sanders Funeral Home; burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock or the Covenant Palliative Care Unit. The Turner family expresses special thanks to Ruth Simmons for her care, compassion and love and to Hospice of Lubbock.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.
Lubbock, TX 79407

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
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Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



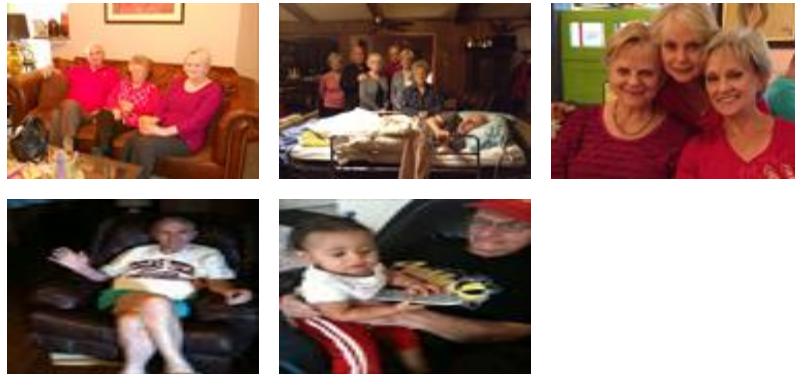
“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr.



Sanders Funeral Home - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ 9 files added to the album Daddy, Taft, Gramps or Papaw



Connie Wilson - March 03, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr..



February 26, 2014 at 06:18 PM

SS

“ *Sammy & Sara Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr..*



Sammy & Sara Smith - February 26, 2014 at 04:34 PM

CW

“ *My daddy could fix or repair almost anything; it was frustrating to him when he no longer had the strength to do a job. i was his "boy" or helper when he could no longer do things alone. the last big job we did was to install two new commodes in their home. he was so proud to have finished...he enjoyed coke breaks during the work and a "high five" when we finished. Although Daddy & I were not close while i was young; we enjoyed a great relationship during his last ten or 15 years of life. i will miss him.*
Connie Turner Wilson

Connie Turner Wilson - February 26, 2014 at 11:09 AM

LS

I am so sorry bout your loss! I am praying for your family. I know it will be particularly hard on your mom.

Lynn Simmons - February 26, 2014 at 01:22 PM

SP

am sorry to hear about your loss. Will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Turner Petersen - March 01, 2014 at 12:41 PM

RB

“ *Ricky & Donna Box - Kyle and Sandy Bagwell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr..*



Ricky & Donna Box - Kyle and Sandy Bagwell - February 26, 2014 at 06:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Howard "Taft" Turner, Jr..*



February 25, 2014 at 02:07 PM