



Mr. Norman H. Turner

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Funeral services for Norman H. Turner of Longview will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Tuesday evening. Mr. Turner passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, May 3, 2014, with his family by his side after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Norman was born on August 25, 1942, in Redland, TX to Sherwood and Lucille Turner. He graduated from Hawkins High School and then served 6 years in the United States Air Force Reserves holding the rank of Staff Sergeant before being honorably discharged in November of 1968. He then worked for Southwestern Bell for 25 years until his retirement in 1990. In 1965, he married Mary Margaret Mitchell. They would have celebrated 49 years of marriage on July 8, 2014.

After retirement, he enjoyed buying and trading antiques. He always had a story to share and an ear to listen. Norman was a Master Mason and a member of Pine Tree Masonic Lodge #1396. He was a mason for 45 years. He was also an active volunteer for 17 years with Neal McCoy's Angel Network.

He was a beloved husband, father, and PaPa. PaPa was his grandsons biggest fan and enjoyed spending time with them at their Circle MT Ranch in Mineola, Texas. He was a lifelong hunter and was able to hunt one last time this past fall in a deer stand built to accommodate his wheelchair with his sons and grandsons by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter, Grace Ann Turner. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary M. Turner; son Wade Turner and Fiancée Suzanne; son and daughter-in-law Jason Turner and Deanna; grandsons Davin Turner and Camden Turner all of Longview. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Zelma Turner of Alpine, CO, and sister and brother-in-law Shirley Turner Todd and Doyle of Mineola; his nephew Jerry Wayne, and his nieces Cheryl, Gayna and Amanda. He leaves behind his "antique buddies" at



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Greggton Antique Mall and a host of other friends.

The family would like to thank the numerous doctors, nurses, and other health care providers that took care of Norman during his illness. They would like to say a special thanks to Dr. Weindorff, Dr. Buckelew, Dr. Pevey, Dr. Suits, Dr. Donty and the staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center. The family request that in lieu of flowers, please send donations in Norman's memory to: The East Texas Angel Network PO BOX 9544, Longview, TX 75608. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.




Events


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Chapel Service - Longview

 **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

 2:00 PM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601





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KB

Keith & Donna Blanton posted:

Dear Mary, sons & families: We are very sorry to just find out about Norm's passing due to being out of state traveling in our ol street rod. Please know we love you all & will greatly miss a gentleman at heart, yes, Mr. Norm. Jesus is the only way to have "peace within", we love & praise our Lord! With deepest sympathy, Keith & Donna Blanton White Oak

May 11 at 6:38 AM

YB

Yvette Barnes lit a candle in honor of Norman.

Mrs. Turner, I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Turner's passing. I enjoyed discussing all the changes we've seen in the military over the years when he came into the office. He was a very enjoyable person to talk to. You and your family are in my prayers. Sincerely, Yvette GSMA-Gastroenterology



May 8 at 10:29 AM

GC

G.B. Carroll posted:

Will treasure the many times Norman visited my antique shop in Gladewater. We shared many stories. My prayers to the family and friends. God Bless, G. B. Carroll

May 7 at 5:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Turner family.



May 7 at 3:59 AM

AY

Anson & Donna Young sent a Sweet Liberty to the Turner family.



May 7 at 3:54 AM



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SA

Sam Adams posted:

So Long to a Special Canton Friend and Someone who always made a point to speak and was so nice to share a kind word! Missed you these past months at Canton but knew you were grappling with the terrors of your condition. My own Father passed away with Lou Gehrig's disease so I knew what you were having to deal with. I'm sorry I didn't get to come visit during this time but we will have a good reunion in the time to come and I will fill you in on what all was at Canton that was a good buy! Thanks for being my Friend. Sam Adams Tatum, Texas

May 7 at 2:40 AM

JL

Joyce (Sissie) Lacy posted:

To the precious Turner family: My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you lay to rest this wonderful husband, father, grandfather as I knew him. He will truly be missed, but he will no longer be suffering and in pain. He was a very interesting man and I so enjoyed every visit, Thanksgiving, etc. with him and the family. I know God will help with your grieving and know that He is always close by. Wish it had been possible for me to have been there to celebrate his wonderful life. Love to all of you.

May 7 at 1:50 AM

NE

Nan And Mike Graves And Dorothy Evans posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Norman's passing. He will be so missed. We were so blessed to have had him for a friend all those years. He always watched over my Mom and the neighborhood, always had a sweet smile, and something funny to say. Our prayers are with you and the family Mary. Nan and Mike Graves and Dorothy Evans

May 7 at 1:47 AM

SF

Sydney Ford posted:

Mary, I was so sorry to read about Norman. I always enjoyed visiting with him. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sydney Ford

May 6 at 3:47 PM



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LT

Linda Toon posted:

Mary, I was so sad to hear of Norman's passing. David thought so much of him, of you all. I know you will miss him, but somehow it does get better. Please call me if I can help in any way. My prayers and love goes out to you today and in the days to come.

May 6 at 3:38 PM

LT

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May 6 at 3:38 PM

ME

Mark Evans posted:

I grew up across the street from Norman, Mary, and the boys. I played "wiffle" ball and football in their front yard. When I had kids of my own, I took them to see Norman's "gas station" and old time "drug store", so fully adorned with antiques. After my father passed and my sister and I moved out of our parents' house, I felt comforted that Norman was watching out for my 94 year-old mother just across the street. I was very saddened today to learn that Norman had passed. Norman is one of the BEST guys that I have or ever will know! He was a treasure to us all. His memory will remain with me for the rest of my life. Mary, Wade, and Jason, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know Norman is no longer in pain and I'm sure is already roaming the great hunting ground in the presence of our Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless Norman and you all. Mark Evans, Austin, TX

May 6 at 9:00 AM

DT

Deanna Turner shared an album called **New Album Name**.



May 6 at 7:33 AM



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JD

Joe Deupree posted:

I will always recall Norman's friendliness and gift of gab at the many Mineola High Class of 1965 he attended with his lovely wife and my lifelong friend and classmate, Mary. He was truly a class act and felt like a true member of our class. We'll miss you, Norman. Mary, know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as you have been throughout Norman's battle. Joe DeuPree

May 6 at 6:35 AM

EP

Ellen & Johnnie Pollock posted:

Norman was a wonderful person. He was very interesting to speak to on just about any subject. He introduced us to the world of antiques back in the 70's. The last time I spoke to him, I asked him "how he was doing?" He replied, " I'd be doing better if I could walk". Norman you will be missed. Our prayers and love are with Mary Margaret and he sons. God be with you Ellen & Johnnie Pollock

May 6 at 3:48 AM

CF

Connie Falgout posted:

I remember Norman as always having a smile and a kind word. I always enjoyed visiting with him at our family reunions. I know he will be missed by all who ever met him.

May 5 at 9:02 PM

CW

Cheryl Woods posted:

To the best uncle in the world, no one ever treated me the way he did. I will love him and miss him forever. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Jason, Wade and there families. Cheryl & Jimmie Woods

May 5 at 1:54 PM



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KW

Kevin And Sabrina Walpole posted:

Mary, Wade, and Jason: Kevin and I learned today of the sad news of you losing your soul mate and father. I pray God will surround you all with his great big arms during this time and the quiet times when everyone's gone back to life as usual. Norman was a dear friend to the Walpole family and we have such wonderful memories of him. I know he's probably already having a long awaited conversation with his dear friends Cecil and Elizabeth. Of all the talking going on...ha...We love you guys, and know there will be a void in your life that nothing can replace, but knowing one day soon, we will join him in that great reunion day. Love you guys!

May 5 at 11:44 AM

KH

Kathy Barnett Hodges posted:

I am very sad to hear of your loss. We are praying that God strengthens your family during this time. Love and Prayers Kathy Barnett Hodges

May 5 at 9:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Turner family.



May 5 at 8:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Remembrance Spray to the Turner family.



May 5 at 7:56 AM

RH

Ronald And Patti Hicks And Babe Hicks sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Turner family.



May 5 at 6:42 AM



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Danielle Pilkinton sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turner family.

May 5 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Blooming Garden Basket to the Turner family.

May 4 at 5:20 PM





Media

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Deanna Turner shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

May 6 at 7:33 AM



PaPa and the boys at the farm 2013



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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