



Gary Dale Turner

September 14, 1946 - June 23, 2024

Gary Dale Turner, 77, passed away on June 23, 2024, in the peaceful surroundings of nature at his Siloam Springs home.

Gary was born on September 14, 1946, to Lemuel Turner and Mamie Turner in Ozark, Arkansas. After he graduated from Valley High School in 1965, he went on to serve dutifully in the Vietnam War as a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he received the Purple Heart and spent time recovering on a hospital ship.

After returning from his tour in Vietnam, he married the love of his life, Kathy Thomas Turner, on March 23, 1968. Together, they have two children, Stacy Kissinger and Bo Turner.

Gary and his family moved to Siloam Springs in 1979 and Gary joined the fire department. He protected and served his community for over three decades and even led a team from the Siloam Springs Fire Department to New York City to assist with the search and rescue operation in the wake of 9-11. His excellent service to Siloam Springs was honored by naming Gary Turner Road after him.

Following a heroic 32 year career in the fire service, Gary retired as Deputy Fire Chief and spent his time cane pole fishing and traveling with his beloved wife in their motor home. Mowing with his "baby", "Tiffany", a toy maltese, who he loved so much, was also a favorite pastime. He was a member of Cross Church in Springdale, and a longtime member of the VFW, which he was extremely passionate about.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lemuel and Mamie Turner, and his youngest brother, Jerry Turner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Kathy, his children, Stacy Kissinger (David) and Bo Turner (Cara), two grandchildren, Cassie Maday (Matthew) and Tyler Turner (Christy), two stepgrandchildren, Shelby Johnson and Bailey Johnson, his sisters, Linda Milner and Donna Sorensen, brother Ron Turner (Cheryl), brother Bill (Joy) and his new great-grandson, Quentin Maday, who Gary lovingly called Scooby-Doo; along with many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gary was a member of Cross Church in Springdale, Arkansas.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at New Life Church, 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr, Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church
1611 Cheri Whitlock
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Love, Shawn, Jenny, Jordan and Billy purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



Love, Shawn, Jenny, Jordan and Billy - June 28, 2024 at 06:31 PM

RL

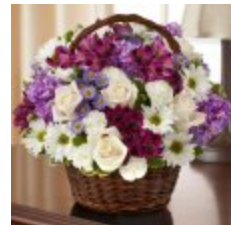
“ Ronney and Linda purchased the Peace, Prayer s, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



Ronney and Linda - June 28, 2024 at 12:13 AM

LE

“ Lee purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



Lee - June 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



June 26, 2024 at 03:41 PM

FS

“ From the SSFD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dale Turner.

From the SSFD - June 26, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



June 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

SD

“ Siloam Springs Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dale Turner.

Siloam Springs Fire Department - June 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

TB

“ The Winger Boys purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



The Winger Boys - June 26, 2024 at 01:42 PM

LT

“ Love, Jane and Chris, and Joe and Terri purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gary Dale Turner.



Love, Jane and Chris, and Joe and Terri - June 26, 2024 at 01:18 PM

ST

“ Bo, Stacy, Cassie and Ty: You all are in my thoughts prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.
Sheila McClelland Tucker



Sheila McClelland Tucker - June 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ We pretty much grew up together, same city, same school,{ he was smarter},same street, same trouble with the law,and the same desire to serve our country. We all did during that period.We ended up stationed at Quantico Marine Corps base in Virginia for a few months, he was always fun to hang with and my favorite thing about Gary was his laugh, His love for Kathy was always up front, the boy wasn't shy about it. Been a long time since I've seen him,,,but he is fresh again in my heart and mind. Love you Kathy, sending prayers and blessings, Mike Sorensen, USMC 1965/1970

mike sorensen - June 25, 2024 at 08:54 PM

KT

Thank you, Mike. We all lived on third street in West Des Moines, Iowa, but it was at Cherry Point, North Carolina where we were stationed together. It was the best of times and the worst of times. I will never forget! Remember when you both took me out in the middle of the ocean in a CANOE?! I have so many wonderful memories. I am at peace. Much love & God Bless You. As Gary would say, "Semper Fi, my brother."

Kathy Turner - July 18, 2024 at 08:55 AM

FR

“*Fabian Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Gary Turner*



Fabian Rutherford - June 25, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SR

“*Kathy - Stacy - Bo and family - Sending condolences to you all at this time. I know how much Gary meant to you all. He was so proud of all of you. Always so kind. Praying for all of you.*

Shannae Rippey - June 25, 2024 at 05:14 PM