



# Charles Thomas Turner

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**C**harles Thomas Turner, 86, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, November 29, 2024, at his residence in Harbor City, California. He was born to Harry and Mamie (Nelson) Turner on October 17, 1938, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Stanley Methodist Church for many years.

After graduating Chattanooga's Howard High School in 1956, Charles enlisted and served eight years in the United States Air Force where his assignments took him to Alaska, Texas, Mississippi, Las Vegas and Italy.

Upon separating from the Air Force, Charles moved to the state of California. His first job in California was with TRW Corporation's Apollo 11 Lunar Module staff, allowing him to, quietly; help put the first man on the moon. Charles briefly worked for Hughes Communications before moving to the City of Los Angeles as a Communications Electrician. Charles also worked for the L.A. Unified School District as an auditor, the Internal Revenue Service as a field agent and finally the Department of Water and Power where he was an instructor, trainer and supervisor in its Information Technology Services Business Unit.

Charles continued his education by earning his Associate's degree from Los Angeles City College, two (2) Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration majoring in Finance-Real Estate, Accounting, and a Master's degree with a major in Vocational Education all from California State University, Long Beach. He was also a credentialed Community College Instructor at Pasadena City College.

Charles liked to swim, walk, and attend jazz and blues concerts, play tennis, basketball and pool. However busy his schedule, he always took time to listen to you.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Harry W. Turner Sr., Mamie Turner; and his brother, Harry W. Turner Jr.



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Charles is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Curlean (Washington) Turner; son, James (Susan) of Long Beach CA, son, Jeffrey of Harbor City, CA, and son, Gregory (Melissa) of Apple Valley, CA; brother, Ruben (Bernadine) of Chattanooga, TN; grandchildren, Jennifer, Jason (Heenle), Kathleen (Gordon) Turner-Purves, Charles, and Victoria; great-grandchildren, Jemina and Jarrin; sisters-in-law, Marie Bailey, of Chattanooga, Celia Stovall of Cleveland, OH, Nancy Roseberry of Jacksonville, FL, Deloris (Johnny) Pruett of Las Vegas, NV, Glenda Washington, and Jancie Washington, both of Chattanooga; brother-in-law, James Washington, of Cleveland, TN; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; devoted friend, Abraham (Doretha) Yates of Ocala, FL, who he met while serving in the Air Force.

Charles will lie-in-state on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel of Taylor Funeral Home with Pastor Ronald Harris as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests don



# Events


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## Lie-In-State

 **Wednesday**, December 18, 2024

 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Service

 **Thursday**, December 19, 2024

 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET


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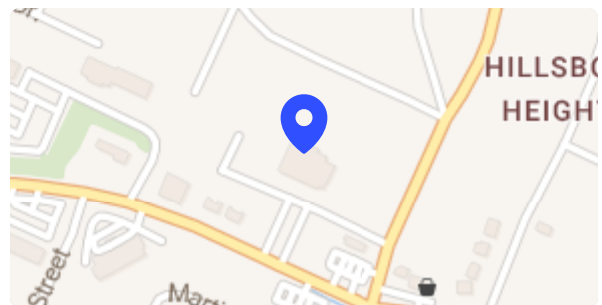


## Burial


 **Thursday**, December 19, 2024

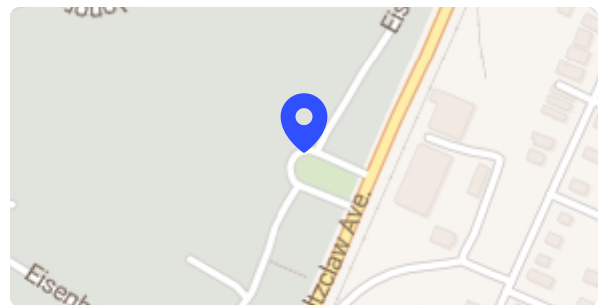
 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

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## Cemetery Details

 **Chattanooga National Cemetery**  
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404





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LW

**Lenard Wigfall** lit a candle in honor of Charles.



December 18 at 2:38 PM

LT

**Loetta Taylor** posted:

Extending prayers and condolences to Curlean and family. May God's peace abide with you. I will always remember Charles riding the bus from Howard. He sat in the back and always had a book in hand. Blessings! Loetta Taylor

December 18 at 2:18 PM

GM

**Gwen Moore** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are for the family. May God's blessings, comfort and peace be with each of you. Gwendolyn Moore and family Howard High School Class of 1956

December 18 at 1:50 PM

VB

**Vincinetta Brown** lit a candle in honor of Charles.



December 18 at 12:18 PM

VB

**Vincinetta Brown** December 18 at 12:20 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Turner family at this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Vincinetta Brown and family.



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Turner family.



December 17 at 12:42 PM



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**Betty Palmer** posted:

I remember Charles from High school, and his sweet heart, that he married.

December 14 at 9:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Turner family.



December 13 at 9:31 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Charles.



December 13 at 9:31 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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