



John D. Turner

April 18, 1938 - November 17, 2020

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 John D. Turner went to be with his Lord.

John was born on April 18, 1938 in Huntsville, Alabama. John was the epitome of the American dream. He was raised on a farm, had to quit school to help support his widowed mother, went back to school at night and earned a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1970 John started his own business, Turner Machine, which later became Turner Medical, in Athens, Alabama. By the time the business was sold there were over 200 employees.

When John retired, he continued to pursue his lifelong hobbies of fishing and traveling. He and his wife, Susan, spent many years traveling the country in their motorhome meeting people who would become close friends for life. John was also an active Mason and Shriner. He loved riding his Harley with his Shriner brothers. John never met a stranger. He will always be remembered for his friendly hello, kind spirit and generosity.

John was preceded in death by his son, Kent. He is survived by his wife, Susan; son, Bill (Cheryl); two step-children, Ben Levi and Michelle (Jim) Messier; brother Paul; grandchildren, Matt Messier, David Turner, Aimee

Davis and several great-grandchildren, cousins, nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 29, 2020 from 2:00PM until 3:00PM at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, with a memorial service immediately following. The service will be livestreamed via the funeral home website. Visit <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/John-Turner-53/#!/PhotosVideos> to view the service at it's scheduled time. A private inurnment will be held at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children c/o the Marzuq Shrine, P.O. Box 37130, Tallahassee, FL 32315-7130 or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Turner family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John D. Turner*



Bevis Funeral Home - November 28, 2020 at 03:23 PM



A very moving service for a great Brother and friend. RIP my Brother.

Rudy and Barbara Grun - November 29, 2020 at 03:56 PM

KC

“ I just viewed your beautiful tribute and memorial service to this wonderful man and it truly touched my heart. We have lived in Limestone County, Alabama since 2008, very close to where Mr. Turner spent most of his life.

My daughter is contemplating attending Calhoun Community College in the Fall of 2023. As though the hand of God had directed it, I just happened to click on their scholarship website today (10/27/2022). Among the dozens of scholarship endowment descriptions I clicked on the one funded by Mr. Turner. He shared his wonderful life's story to inform the lucky recipient of how establishing this scholarship was his honor and he felt it was his duty to share his many blessings.

I was truly saddened to learn he passed away just a couple of years ago. I was hoping to tell him what an inspiration it was to see him rise above his struggles and become such a terrific role model to us all. Truly a man for all seasons and I wish I had the opportunity to have known him. May God grant him the joy of entering Heaven; he has earned it. God's Blessings to him and his family. With profound respect and sorrow,

Kenneth P. Chatelain, Colonel (ret)/USAF

Kenneth Chatelain - October 27, 2022 at 11:07 PM

DW

“ Thinking about John today. Seems like a long time, and then seems like yesterday we were talking. It will be 2 years next month. It's hard to lose a friend that no matter what, you could pick up the phone and give him a call and get his take on something you were thinking about.

Danny Waggoner - October 08, 2022 at 06:15 PM

CV

“ *Christina Vizcarrondo lit a candle in memory of John D. Turner*



Christina Vizcarrondo - February 13, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SS

“ *RIP John D.*

1 of a kind

SES

stuart smith - December 13, 2020 at 01:16 PM

PG

Yes John was a very unusual guy. With a lack of a professional education, he became a self made multimillionaire. I gave him his first job in an aerospace machine shop in Huntsville, Al. Paul E. Gibbs. Age 91.

Paul Gibbs - May 09, 2022 at 07:46 AM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of John D. I had the privilege to work for him for 24 years. He was a successful entrepreneur, businessman and a great person to work for. He was a dear friend to me and will truly be missed.*

Lyn Waldrep

Lyn Waldrep - November 29, 2020 at 08:27 PM

ML

“ *From the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethern,*

We assembled at Athens Masonic Lodge #16 to watch the funeral service. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. John will be greatly missed.

*Fraternally,
Kenneth Michael Lorick
Secretary, Athens Lodge #16*

Mike Lorick - November 29, 2020 at 05:09 PM

TL

“ *Miss Sue John Dee is loved by many . Our friendship goes back to him buying his blue vw convertible. I talked him into taking it to a car show in Huntsville .I helped him clean sapphire up and alday he kept sayng that he wouldn't even place in the show. Low and behold he won a door prize (a small bottle of armorall spray) you would have thought he just won a multi million dollar lottery lol. John Dee lit up all smiles saying I won thats me I won ! Well the monster was born he built two of the best show cars period. We started picked at each other about our cars from that day at that small show in Huntsville . Sue i love that man he was kind and caring to me and my family.*

Ted Ahara loggins - November 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

SK

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers for Sue and Family!
John was always “Full of Life and Love”, caring and welcoming!
Anyone who crossed paths with John was left with an imprint of his exuberant personality and kindness! God has another Special Angel!*

Steve & Hilary Kratky - November 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with John, Sue & their family. John will be sorely missed by us & his Seaview ‘family’. He always brought so much life to everyone he knew. Generous & loving doesn’t begin to say enough about John. May you Rest In Peace, friend! John & Charmienne



John & Charrmienne Pohlman - November 27, 2020 at 07:16 PM

DW

“ Rest in Peace my friend. I met John at the Seaview Campground. When I heard him open his mouth, I knew he was from the same part of the country as I am. We started talking and realized we had grown up on 65 miles apart, We had friends in both areas, and one of my good friends, who also just passed away, knew John personally. John was the best example I can think of as being a self-made man. Yet, John always took care of people, in his family, in his business, and friends. I will miss our kitchen table talk sessions, our phone calls, and friendship. John was the brother I never had. I miss you John! Sue and family, I am sharing in your sadness, as we remember John, He is resting in the loving peace of our Lord.

Danny Waggoner - November 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM

RU

“ Our prayers are with the family and all of his Mason Brothers. He was a very gracious gentleman who loved life.
Rudy and Barbara

Rudy - November 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM

LM

“ Leisha / Daryl & Dixie McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of John D. Turner



Leisha / Daryl & Dixie McLaughlin - November 26, 2020 at 07:40 PM

LD

We were so fortunate to have known John. Yes, Peter and Rhonda, John was also like a dad to me (us). He had such a BIG heart ❤️ and we will miss him GREATLY. Sue, we are sending you our hugs and prayers. See you Sunday Leisha / Daryl

Leisha / Daryl - November 26, 2020 at 07:46 PM

RT

Such a great man, he will definitely be missed. New Years just wont be the same, though i know he will be watching over us. We will raise a glass <3

Rhonda & Peter Taylor - November 28, 2020 at 08:47 AM

EB

“ I met John when he joined Egypt Shriners. He came to our Motorcycle unit and immediately we became good friends. I believe the good Lord brings people together for a reason. Our friendship grew and we enjoyed many dinners and social engagements through time. John became President of our motorcycle unit, the Motor Patrol in 2011. We enjoyed competition riding, touring as well as camping and just good fun. John was a sincere “good ‘ol country boy”. It was great times meeting him and Sue, along with Jim and Michelle, and of course “Mdogg”. I will always have fond memories of our escapades.

Alas, my Brother.

Emory & Billie Brantley

Emory Brantley - November 26, 2020 at 10:07 AM

RT

“ *What a great loss. John was a great friend, but also like a Dad to us. There was never a dull moment with John around. We will miss him tremendously . Our heart goes out to Sue xx*

Rhonda & Peter Taylor - November 24, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CH

My daddy worked for John D in 89 and then transfered to IP in Courtland and worked there until he retired, Daddy has many stories of him. Sue and the family are in our thoughts and prayers!!!

Christy - November 24, 2020 at 07:48 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda & Peter Taylor lit a candle in memory of John D. Turner*



Rhonda & Peter Taylor - November 24, 2020 at 06:29 PM