



Martin Stephen "Steve" Turner

July 31, 1941 - January 17, 2023

Martin Stephen ("Steve") Turner passed away peacefully at Big Bend Hospice on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Steve was born in Tallahassee on July 31, 1941. He was the third of three sons born to Louis and Lena Turner, owners of Turner's Department Store and founding members of Temple Israel Tallahassee. Steve enjoyed an idyllic childhood, graduating from Leon High School in 1959.

After obtaining his bachelor degree from Duke University and law degree from the University of Florida, where he graduated first in his class, Steve served as a JAG officer in the U.S. Air Force in the Panama Canal Zone, achieving the rank of captain. Returning to Tallahassee, he began his career in private practice, eventually serving as Managing Partner of Broad & Cassel's Tallahassee office for over 30 years. Law was both an occupation and a passion that Steve would pursue until the final months of his life. Steve also enjoyed teaching law as an adjunct professor at FSU School of Law. Steve was devoted to his wife of 51 years, Susan Levin Turner, their children and grandchildren, and his beloved dogs, whom he could often be seen walking in his neighborhood. He had a curious mind, an avid interest in history, a fascination with animals and nature, a love of silly movies, a contagious laugh, and a general zeal for life.

Steve is survived by his loving wife Susan, his children Shawn Turner (Sally),

Serrin Turner (Sharon), and Marisa Harkavy (Jason), and his three adored grandchildren Oscar, Reese and Oliver.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11:00 am, at Oakland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice (www.bigbendhospice.org), ASPCA (www.aspca.org) or Temple Israel Tallahassee (www.templeisraelth.org). The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to all of the caretakers for their tireless care of him over the past year.

Rocky Bevis and Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakland Cemetery
838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *A wonderful lawyer but an even better human being. The world is much poorer for his absence. R.I.P.*

Carlos Loumiet

carlos e. loumiet - April 26, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JD

“ *I am sorry to hear this. Steve was a skilled lawyer with great energy and passion. I recall best his wit and humor. My condolences.*

John Davis - January 25, 2023 at 01:32 PM

AS

“ *I always admired how Steve kept his spark of curiosity alive and well in his life. He will be greatly missed.*

Al Street - January 23, 2023 at 04:57 PM

PC

“ *Steve successfully represented my family in a complex legal matter a few years ago. Steve was a lawyer of the highest skill and integrity. We were extremely grateful to have known him and very fortunate to have him as our attorney. His impact on my family will always be appreciated. My condolences on your loss.*

Paul Chmielewski

Paul Chmielewski - January 22, 2023 at 12:25 AM

SH

“ *Mr. Turner was a great lawyer and dear friend. He loved the law, life, his dear family and his friends - especially Winston. His friendship, guidance and support will be much missed by all.*

My deepest sympathies are with his precious wife Susan, and all of their family.

Sam Hatcher - January 20, 2023 at 10:26 AM

NF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Steve Turner and much love to Susan Turner.
Nancy and Robert Turner.*

Nancy Smith Fichter - January 19, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BP

“ *My sincere condolences to Steve's family. He welcomed me to Broad and Cassel as his partner in 2005, and provided wise counsel over the years. I respected his good judgment, which is perhaps a lawyer's most important quality. I also enjoyed his folksy, genuine, friendliness. I'm glad have known him and worked with him, and will remember him very fondly.*

Beverly Pohl, Fort Lauderdale office

Beverly Pohl - January 19, 2023 at 10:10 AM

TD

“ Steve and I worked together on several major cases over the years at both the trial and appellate court level. He was a great strategist and thinker, the best cross-examiner I ever saw, and the smartest lawyer I ever knew. I will miss him. My condolences to Susan and their children.

Terry Dariotis

Terry Dariotis - January 19, 2023 at 09:20 AM

GI

“ I am sorry Steve has left us. We shared a number of things over the thirty years that we were law partners---legal assignments, spring training games, FSU baseball and football games and treasured discussions about the law and history. Condolences to the Turner family---Gabe Imperato, Ft. Lauderdale

Gabriel Imperato - January 19, 2023 at 07:49 AM

DH

“ A lawyer's lawyer, with passion, enthusiasm, and unquestioned integrity. But it is the heart of gold that I remember most. One of the greats.

Don Hinkle - January 18, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ Steve hired me as a young attorney and literally poured his knowledge and experience into me for 13 years. He made me a much better attorney. And a much better person. He sure loved his family! He sure loved his dogs! Rest In Peace my friend. And try not to get in any arguments on the other side.

MaFitz Patrick - January 18, 2023 at 03:48 PM