



Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner

October 18, 1944 - November 24, 2024

Donald "Homer" Turner, 80, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at Sacred Ground Hospice House in Knoxville, TN.

Donald was born October 18, 1944, in Bowdon, Georgia to the late Fred and Mary (Lovvorn) Turner.

Donald attended Bowdon High School and worked at D&L for 10 years and then worked 35 years at Southwire where he had perfect attendance, not even missing a day of work when he had chemotherapy in 2004. During his first 9 years of retirement, he spent many days in Birmingham with his pride and joy his only grandchild – Tessa. The past 8 years he worked part time at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Carrollton while visiting Tessa some in Knoxville.

Donald was a soft-spoken man that was full of stories and laughs. Donald spent almost half his life battling cancer when his battle began in 1991 at the age of 47. After 25 years fighting prostate cancer through so many different types of treatments and surgeries and trials he decided to forego any more treatments 8 years ago. Donald also struggled the past 18 years following the death of his wife Judy which he never got over. Then Tessa came along 17 years ago, which brought him so much joy. His favorite thing to do was to go on golf cart rides with her or anything she put him up to and his weekend visits to the flea market and visiting with his friends. He was always there to lend a hand to anyone that needed help. He loved hanging out, talking and laughing with his friends. If anyone needed anything, they could always count on him. All his caregivers and nurses over the past 6 months said he was the kindest,

funniest patient they had ever had.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Judy (Robinson) Turner, his parents Fred and Mary Turner and his brother Terry (Gloria) Turner. Donald is survived by his only daughter, Tracy and her husband David Vaught and his granddaughter Tessa Scherer and 2 step-grandchildren, Pierce and Brooke Vaught. He is also survived by siblings, Calvin (Julia) Turner, Kenneth "Pete" (Louise) Turner, Lynda Allen, Charles "Bill" (Denise) Turner, and Victoria "Vickie" Austin and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Mr. Dennis Rollins will officiate. Serving as pallbearers will be Justin Rollins, Jacob Turner, Jeff Harper, Joel Harper, Lawrence Williams and honorary pallbearer Shane Williams. Interment will follow at Bowdon City Cemetery.

Prior to the services on Friday, the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

A special thank you to Caris Hospice for their loving care and support for his past 5 months of care. The family would also like to extend their gratitude to Loudon Funeral Home in Tennessee and a special thank you to Donald's friends at Rainwater Funeral Home for his final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bowdon City Cemetery

Johnson Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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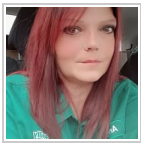
Tribute Wall



“ *Craig Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Craig Walker - December 07, 2024 at 07:24 AM

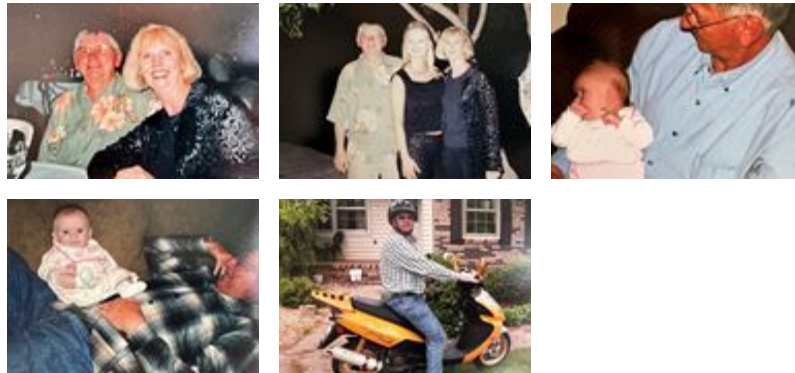


“ *I had the pleasure of working with Homer for a couple of years at O'Reilly. He always made my days better just hearing his jokes and seeing his smile. RIP Homer, you are truly missed by the whole O'Reilly team* ❤️❤️

Angie Brook - November 29, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - November 29, 2024 at 07:49 AM

BB

“ I worked with Homer for a couple of years and he was always happy and tried his best to get a laugh out of you. I am going to miss the knuckle sandwiches he used to offer everyone. Rest in Paradise!

Brandon Brook - November 27, 2024 at 09:25 AM

EH

“ This is a reply for Tracy for you question yesterday. He drove me to Birmingham February 1963.

ed harvell - November 27, 2024 at 09:03 AM

TV

Oh wow - he was just 19. Thanks for sharing!

Tracy Vaught - November 27, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CM

“ "Homer" was always a pleasure to work with. He always had funny anecdotes for everything. Chris Morris

Chris Morris - November 26, 2024 at 05:45 PM

MH

“ Mike & Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner



Mike & Lee Haynes - November 26, 2024 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ *Sherrie Musick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Sherrie Musick - November 26, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JM

“ *Janie R. Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Janie R. Meadows - November 26, 2024 at 10:25 AM

PH

“ *Patty And Tom Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Patty and Tom Hardy - November 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

EH

“ I wish to extend my condolences to the entire family. Although i hadn't seen DDT (Homer) in several years, I remember the last time we spoke. Had a brief conversation with him at the shopette. Talked about old times in both grammar and high school and the short time i worked with him at D&L. When I left Bowdon for an Air Force career, Homer drove me to the induction center in Birmingham. Will always remember him as a friend and pal. Wallace Harvell, Wichita KS

ed harvell - November 26, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TV

Thank you! I never heard this story - what year did he drive you to Bham? Tracy

Tracy Vaught - November 26, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CW

“ Although I only knew Homer for a short time, he was the sweetest man. So soft spoken and kind. Always happy and smiling. RIP Knuckles!! You will be deeply missed by so many.



Cena Woods - November 25, 2024 at 10:52 PM

SL

Donald was a very good friend and bubby he will be missed: Sherman Lowery

Sherman Lowery - November 26, 2024 at 10:21 AM

GM

“ Gordon/Mary McLeroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner



Gordon/Mary McLeroy - November 25, 2024 at 08:44 PM

SG

“ Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - November 25, 2024 at 08:12 PM

MW

“ I had such a pleasure of knowing Homer and working with him. He always came to work smiling and was always in a positive mood. Homer will be dearly missed.



Melissa Warren - November 25, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TV

Getting him a plate! Thanks for always feeding him and taking care of him! ❤️

Tracy Vaught - November 26, 2024 at 05:14 PM

PH

“ *Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Paula Hall - November 25, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MM

“ *What a great man! One of the funniest I have ever met. He had a genuine heart and loved everybody. I had the pleasure of having him in my life for many years and he will be missed!*

Melissa Morris - November 25, 2024 at 05:36 PM

CL

“ *Carol Lynn Laney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Carol Lynn Laney - November 25, 2024 at 04:55 PM

CL

“ *Homer was one of the funniest men I have ever known! He was always smiling and an encouragement to everyone he met. It was such a pleasure working with Homer. He will be deeply missed. Carol Lynn and Brian Laney*

Carol Lynn Laney - November 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM

BL

“ *Bart Loftin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald "Homer" Turner*



Bart Loftin - November 25, 2024 at 04:04 PM