



## Charles "Al" Turner

March 14, 1941 - August 4, 2009

Charles "Al" Turner, 68, passed away, Tuesday, August 4, 2009. He was born March 14, 1941 in Plainfield, Indiana the son of Charles and Hazel Turner. Al grew up in Plainfield, IN and attended Purdue University. He did his Journeyman Electrician Apprenticeship through UAW and worked 20 years for Ford Automotive Company. He was a partner in Frakes Engineering and Gen-Aflex, then a construction manager for medical buildings. More recently he was a Business/Building manager for the McElroy/Tallgrass Medical Building. He married Retta Berger in 1984 they would be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Al was bigger than life. He enjoyed life and things such as fishing, hunting and golfing. Survivors include his wife, Retta Turner, Topeka; sons, Daniel "D.J" Turner (Lorrie), Plainfield, IN, Neal Turner (Stacy), Greenfield, IN; daughter, Kelly Scaggs (Brian), Plainfield, IN; sister, Elnora Barton, Carmel, IN; step daughters, Sheri Zuber (Chuck) Indianapolis, IN, Tracie Reed (Bill), Lexington, KY; grandchildren, Craig and Brad Turner, Plainfield, IN, Kelsey and Alex Turner, Greenfield, IN, Tyler Scaggs, Plainfield, IN, Sammy and Zach Zuber, Indianapolis, IN, Heather Reed, Ben and Jack Reed, Lexington, KY. Memorial service will be 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, 2009 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the Faith Community Church sent in care of the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Al" Turner

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Rhetta:

*I was so sorry to see the announcement of Al's passing in the Star. I do not think that I knew that you guys had moved to Kansas...Walt and I travel thru there going to visit my daughter and family in Colorado Springs. Next time we go for a visit we will try to stop and see you. Rhetta, I have so many very fond memories of you and Al. I remember working with you trying to find new jobs, and oh, how I remember going to Jim and Bonnie's parties and how we would talk and laugh. Al had such an infectious laugh and was such a wonderful and loving person. Thank goodness for all the wonderful memories...remember each and every one and be so thankful that you had the opportunity to share so many fun times together. I am so sad for you and your family. I know how much you loved him and how you were such soul mates. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Love you,  
Annet*

Annet Greathouse Kenyon - August 18, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ Dear Retta & Family,

*I'm very sorry and greatly sadden to hear about Al. There aren't enough people like him in the world. I wish I could say something that would assuage your grief but I know this isn't possible. Jim Clark*

Jim Clark - August 11, 2009 at 02:52 PM

LD

“ Dear Retta & Family:

*Words cannot convey the sorry being experienced by so many people for You.*

*Our sorrow and prayers are with all.*

*Bless You and Yours.*

*Larry & Donna McGreal*

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**Larry & Donna** - August 08, 2009 at 03:51 PM

LG

“ To the family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I went to school with Al from kindergarden to graduation. I don't think I had a better friend than Al all through high school. I was so looking forward to seeing him at our reunion. I lost my husband of cancer 4 1/2 years ago. I feel for all of you. I still grieve for my husband. Everytime I hear the word cancer I want to scream. I am so sorry.*

*God Bless you all,*

*Lorna Rushton Gossmann*

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**Lorna Rushton Gossmann** - August 07, 2009 at 08:51 PM

HK

“ *Retta & Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We have only known Al for a short time but we were always greeted like old friends when we passed each other in the halls of Tallgrass. The building will not have the same warmth it had when Al was present. Know that you will be in our prayers during this most difficult time.*

*Dr. Justin Tourtillott  
Mona Andersen*

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**Hearing Doctors of Kansas** - August 07, 2009 at 03:16 PM

KF

“ *Retta and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He will be missed greatly and always remembered as a generous, loving individual that was always ready to help others.*

*If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know. May God bless you and the family during these difficult times. Lean on him for your support and strength and he will guide you through.*

*Kathy Foster, L&R - Tallgrass*

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**Kathy Foster** - August 06, 2009 at 07:45 PM

DB

“ *Retta and Family: We were so sorry of hearing of Al's passing. There are no words to truly express our sorrow. Al was one of those men that everyone liked, trusted, and will never forget. He always greeted everyone with that big ole smile that made everyone his friend.*

*The McElroy Building will never be the same without Al, that's for sure. He truly loved working with the people there and they loved him back. His stay in Topeka was not long but his list of friends was enormous. This world will never have enough men like Al Turner.  
Dick and Sharon Barnes*

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**Dick & Sharon Barnes** - August 06, 2009 at 06:54 PM

MM

“ *Retta and family --*

*We are thinking of you and are so sorry for your loss.*

*Dr. Challa, Michelle Meier, and the staff of Kansas Medical Clinic*

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**Michelle Meier** - August 06, 2009 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ *Retta and Family,*

*As you all know, Al had the best laugh and used it frequently....especially when he stuck me with dinner! He will be missed and loved. Our prayers are with you. Ron & Suzi Ray*

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**Ron Ray** - August 05, 2009 at 07:50 PM

AW

“ Dearest Retta: Words cannot express the deepest lose and sympathy that I feel on losing my friend and colleague Al. Please know that I am thinking of you and send my prayers to you and your family during this very difficult time. Al was a man of true itegrity, honor and someone who loved life and very much loved you. I thank you both for your friendship over the past few years and pray that the heartache and sadness will reappear in great memories of love and laughter very soon.

*Respectfully, Audrie & Tim Wenger. God Bless.*

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**audrie wenger** - August 05, 2009 at 05:42 PM