



L.C. "Chris" Turner

March 27, 1915 - December 20, 2009

Lionel C. "Chris" Turner, 94, passed away, Sunday December 20, 2009. He was born March 27, 1915 in Independence, MO. His parents were L.S. Turner and Berenice Wright Turner. He attended schools in Topeka, KS and graduated from Washburn University with Bachelor and Master Degrees. He taught one year at Kansas Vocational School and then went to work for the U.S. Post Office in 1936 and retired in 1972. He then taught in U.S.D 501 for 17 years and worked as a guidance counselor and Title 1 Coordinator. Chris married Wilma Jean Hayes in 1938 in Topeka. She preceded him in death on May 7, 2008. Chris was a former board member of the Boys & Girls Club in Topeka. He served on the the Topeka Cemetery Board and the Election Board. He volunteered many hours at St Francis Hospital, Topeka Literacy Council, taught adult classes at Holland Learning Center and did GED classes at the Shawnee County jail for a few year, and volunteered at the annual Cider Days Festival. He was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and was an usher there. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Sunset Optimist Club and Rites of Passage mentoring organization. Survivors include his son, Keith Turner M.D., Riverside, CA; daughter, Marilyn Beauchamp, Topeka; grandson, Miles Turner; sisters, Elodius (Robert) Gatewood, Maxine (Leonard) Pryor, both of KC, MO, Ernestine Ray, Chicago, IL and a host of loving nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra J. Walker, and brothers Herschell and Dr. Edward Turner. Family will greet friends Monday, Dec. 28th

from 6 to 8p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Resurrection will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29th at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow at Topeka Cemetery. The family expresses gratitude to the kind, caring staff at Atria Hearthstone East. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Peggy Kelly House in memory of his recently deceased wife Wilma Turner and/or Let's Help, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ L.C. "Chris" Turner

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Marilyn, I was so saddened to hear of your father's death when I returned from out of town. I have such great memories of Chris and Wilma; so many wonderful gifts of time, skills and kindness, so generously given to patients, their families and staff. I, personally, was enriched by their kindness, their friendship and their joy in life. I am thankful to have known them. My sympathy to you, your brother and your families.

Andrea Marling - January 04, 2010 at 09:12 AM



“ To the Turner Family: I taught with Chris in Title 1 in #501 and it was a pleasure to work with him. He was so helpful and enjoyed the students very much. During the last year I would visit with him at our Sunday Jazz Concerts. My prayers and thoughts go to you. He was a wonderful man.

Marianne Wagaman

Marianne Wagaman - December 31, 2009 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and Keith, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!
Kathy and everyone from the Peggy Kelly House

Kathy Speaker - December 30, 2009 at 01:43 PM

AT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Turner Family. Chris and Wilma were two very special people and they are now together again. Marilyn and Keith, you're in our prayers. Love and God Bless.

Mike and Anita Trujillo

Anita Trujillo - December 28, 2009 at 04:21 PM

SS

“ Uncle Chris we will miss you so much! We dearly appreciate all the kind things you have done for our family! Things you for being an example to the Turner family. You will be so greatly missed! Keith and Marilyn we are praying for you.

Sparkle and Ehren Sherrod - December 28, 2009 at 02:18 PM

VC

“ To the Turner Family, knowing Chris and Wilma through Holy Name was a pleasure for both of us. They are missed by all who knew them.

Vicki & Clem Crawford - December 27, 2009 at 07:20 PM

JK

“ We knew him briefly, but instantly liked him..we could see he was a special man. From another Atria family..our deepest sympathies.

Janice Kivett - December 24, 2009 at 01:24 PM

RE

“ Chris you were like a second Dad to me when I was growing up. All the times my Dad and you would take myself and my friend's hunting with you, I'll always cherish the memory. I still have the picture of you and I with my first bird standing by that old wagon, rest well my good friend. To the family I say thank you for sharing Chris, he will be greatly missed.

Ramon Esquivel - December 23, 2009 at 11:58 PM

MP

“ Marilyn and Keith,
I was very sorry to hear of your father's death. You and your father are in my thoughts and prayers. I so enjoyed meeting him.
Very fondly,
Madge Schmank
Physical Therapist

Madge Schmank, PT - December 23, 2009 at 10:19 AM

CO

“ To the Turner Family,

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. It was my honor and privelege to take Holy Communion to Mr Turner while he was at Atria. What a kind gentle soul with such great faith.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. God's peace and blessings to you.

Christine Landry Oshel - December 23, 2009 at 08:09 AM