



David Sidney Turman

June 8, 1947 - April 6, 2022

A Celebration service for David Sidney Turman, 74, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Reverend Lee Poe officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

David Sidney Turman passed away peacefully April 6, 2022 and he is so happy. He was born June 8, 1947, in Tyler, Texas to Dr. Paul Turman (Doc) and Virginia Langford Turman. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1965 and he attended Tyler Junior College and Texas Tech University. David entered Trinity University in 1967 and earned a master's degree in Hospital Administration. After a year's internship at Medical Center Hospital, he was Executive Director of Tyler-Smith County Health Council. He wrote the first by-laws of Meals on Wheels Ministry and was a founding member.

David married Betty Hildebrand in 1972 and they had 50 years of love. After serving the Tyler-Smith County Health Council, David became the hospital administrator at UT Health Science Center in Tyler.

David was a past director of Texas Wildlife Association and a lifetime member. His favorite committee, and most recent, was Green Acres Baptist Church Foundation Fund.

David retired from UT Health Science Center after 20 plus years and spent his time in Tyler and his ranch where he and his brother, Bo Hildebrand managed.

David Turman was a man of faith, integrity, kindness and humor. His favorite bible verse was: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

In heaven, David joined his parents, Dr. Paul and Virginia L. Turman; in-laws, Ira Hildebrand (Hilde) and Louise Boren Hildebrand; brother, Mike Hildebrand; and his dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Hildebrand Turman; sons and daughters, Matthew and Neon Turman; Joshua and Maddie Turman; brothers, Paul Turman and wife, Margaret; Will Turman and wife, Judy; Bo Hildebrand and wife, Susan; and sister-in-law, Pruyn Hildebrand. Also survived by grandchildren, Noah, Eve, Ginger, Tilly, Merri; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Meals on Wheels of East Texas, 3001 Robertson Rd., Tyler, TX 75701 (www.mealsonwheelsetx.org) or Green Acres Baptist Church Foundation Fund, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, TX 75701 (www.gabcfoundation.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel
1607 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Memorial Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel
1607 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Sidney Turman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 13, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Webcasting Service



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 22, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ When I first came to UT Health Center in Tyler in 1988, David was a senior administrator. I remember him to be a gentle and caring individual of impeccable integrity. It was such a joy to remain connected to what David was doing after he retired from UT through his brother Paul, another individual of great character. I want to express my deepest sympathy to his entire family, recognizing that there is little one can say in words to assuage the anguish you feel. I will continue to hold you in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Jeff Levin, MD

Jeff Levin - April 20, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Sidney Turman.*



April 19, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of David Sidney Turman.

April 17, 2022 at 08:39 PM



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Dr. Dennis Spence - April 13, 2022 at 08:19 PM

DS

“ David was one of my original hunting partners in our REL high school days. Whether early morning duck hunts or our attempts at deer hunting as we learned 'the ropes', we used any free time to be in the outdoors. When he was first slowed by hip problems, we simply changed our approach, but still got out in the woods. We really didn't even get interested in girls until our senior year in high school and eventually he won the prize with Betty and raised a fine family. I still recall one cold winter we spent in a cabin where we arranged a hunt for \$100, which we really didn't have, but convinced our dads (also great friends) that we could get a deer if they helped by kicking in some cash. at the lease David struggled to keep up in the hilly terrain, so he stayed in an open area as the rest of us 'charged' through the woods. Then we heard a shot ! It was David, who by then was standing over a fine eight point buck. That was back in the days when only point count was considered when sizing up one's hunting prowess. David won again. He now has finished his race, and again will be a winner in God's house. Blessings to all the family for one of the finest gentlemen I had the privilege to call friend. Dennis Spence

Dr. Dennis Spence - April 13, 2022 at 07:26 PM

KT

“ To Betty, Matthew, and Joshua - my thoughts and prayers are with you. I always looked up to David and enjoyed the times I could see and speak with him over the years. I will always remember him for his infectious smile, his kindness, and his gentle humor. I will never forget the compassion he showed my dad before he passed away, and I'm happy to know they are together with so many others they loved who have gone ahead. Kathryn Turman

Kathryn Turman - April 13, 2022 at 02:06 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 13, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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“ The Thomas Turman Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Sidney Turman.



The Thomas Turman Family - April 12, 2022 at 04:58 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 12, 2022 at 01:02 PM

SW

“ David was a classmate of mine at Lee. Sorry to read of his passing.

Stanley Waghalter - April 12, 2022 at 10:25 AM

DM

“ *Betty we are praying for you and your family in this time of loss. May God comfort you and may good memories of David be with you. Knowing he is whole again in Heaven and you will see him again some day bring you peace.*

Jim and Donna McCallum

Donna McCallum - April 11, 2022 at 05:20 PM