



Jimmy "Jim" Ray Turner

October 5, 1947 - February 13, 2021

Graveside services for Jimmy "Jim" Ray Turner, 73, of Whitehouse will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery with Reverend Ron Wells officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Webcasting of the service will be available the day of the service.

Jim passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 13, 2021, in Whitehouse, TX. He was born October 5, 1947, in Livingston, TX. He grew up and graduated high school in Goodrich, TX where he met and married the love of his life, Judy. They were happily married for 53 years and enjoyed many trips throughout the US and abroad and most recently camping in their RV with the goal to visit every baseball park in the USA.

Jim proudly served in the US Army from 1966-68 and received the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his service in Vietnam. He remained close with his army brothers serving as South Midwest Chapter Commander of the American Division Veterans Association and attended annual reunions.

He worked his way through college, graduating Cum Laude from UT Tyler in 1981. Jim was able to combine his passion for helping people with his keen business knowledge in a long and successful career with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, retiring in 2018.

He was a natural leader and consequently took on leadership roles within every organization he participated in. He attended Green Acres Baptist Church since 1971 and served as a Sunday School Teacher, Mission Trip Leader, a Deacon, Boy Scout Leader and on various committees. Jim helped to create the Faith-Based Dorm at Bradshaw State Jail and was active in KAIROS Prison Ministry and Prison Fellowship. Through the years he served in a variety of other civic and ministry organizations. He was currently serving as the president of Tyler Gideons South Camp which gave him an outlet for sharing the gospel. He used every opportunity to share a Gideon New Testament Bible along with his team throughout Tyler and to the curbside deliverers at Walmart adding a monetary tip and a personal note sharing God's love.

Jim's biggest recreational passion on this side of Heaven was fishing. He fished every day he got a chance, relishing the time with his sons and exploring almost all the lakes in East Texas.

Jim was preceded in death by his children, Elaine and Tony; his parents, Andy and Ola Mae Turner; his brother, Lewis Turner. He is survived by his wife Judy; daughter, Jana and her husband, Ken Chapman; their daughter, Haley and her husband, Clint Odom; their children, Silvia, Lydia, Christiana and Simon; daughter, Beth and her husband, Vance Price; their children, Jacob and Brooke and her husband, Craig Karaki; their children Lorna, Clark, Emrys, Ronin and Priscilla; son, Benjamin Turner and wife, April; his children, Addison, Camryn Clifford; her daughters, Collette and Delilah, Corben, Londyn, Aven; stepdaughter Arwen; son, Daniel Turner and his wife, Wendie and their son, Cade; brother, Joe Turner and his wife, Ann; sister-in-law, Linda and her husband, Ron Knight; 4 nephews and 3 nieces.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Gideons at P.O. Box 130821, Tyler,

TX 75713 or CentrePoint Ministries, www.centrepoinc.cc/donate.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery
7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Streaming service will be available. in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Ray Turner*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 04:14 PM

MN

“ *Jade and I were deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We have very fond memories from our two weeks dining together each night on our Transatlantic cruise. We remember Jim as a man who lived his faith. He had a great sense of humour and a bigger than life laugh, and we shared a love of outlandish socks (and fishing). We treasure the friendship developed in the brief time we had with Jim and Judy, and then our texts and emails since then. Praying for you Judy, and your family. Jim will be sorely missed by many. Love and prayers from your Canadian friends, Michael and Jade*

Michael and Jade Nayler - March 12, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JS

“ *Judy:*

So very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I'll never forget all those years of working with Jim on the Boy Scout committee -- and, of course, how much the two of you participated in the Tyler Area CPC. Jim always showed so much leadership and guidance -- and sure cooked up some great barbecue for those CPC appreciation dinners! A man of many gifts -- with you always by his side. To say that he will be greatly missed is an understatement of the first order.

Sincere condolences and blessings to you and your family.

John Sims - March 08, 2021 at 07:12 PM

LK

“ *I cannot believe he is gone. Thought he'd be here forever. I could not have asked for or gotten a better brother-in-law than Jim Turner. Went to high school together and then he was my brother when he married my sister, Judy. Judy and Jim's family were the family all families would aspire to. His children carry on his legacy of love of God and family. I'm just sorry we hadn't been able to visit more often.*

Linda Knight - March 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM

JW

“ Jim was a good man and I will dearly miss him. Many fond memories of visiting and vacationing with Jim and his family and times of fishing with Jim. Here are a few photos from a mission trip to Belize with Jim and Judy and Ben.



Jim Whitaker - March 05, 2021 at 03:41 PM

GT

“ I so hated to hear this sad news. I am so sorry for your loss and grief. I enjoyed getting to know Jim and Judy through Beth and Daniel. A good man and a wonderful family. I am praying for strength, comfort, and healing for you all. I love and respect you all!

Gwen Thompson - March 05, 2021 at 02:59 PM

ML

“ Jessica and I also have a goal of visiting every MLB stadium. I always enjoyed talking baseball with Jim and sharing each other's favorite stadiums, which ones we've been too and the next one on our list. I'll think of him each time I visit a meeting stadium.

Matt Lemmond - March 02, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JT

“ Jim loved the Rangers and going to the ballparks to watch them play.



Judy Turner - March 02, 2021 at 12:56 PM

CG

Judy I am heartbroken to read this news! Such sweet memories of you guys. Blessings as you walk the valley of grief.

Charlie George - March 11, 2021 at 10:58 PM

JT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Judy Turner - March 02, 2021 at 12:44 PM

BS

When and where was this taken? Looks like fun.

Bob Skorkowsky - March 06, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JT

Smoky mountains national park. NC on one side of road and TN on the other. We hiked 2 states in about 20 yds.

Judy Turner - March 13, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JT

“ Teaching his grandson to fish. Me of his favorite days.



Judy Turner - March 02, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JT

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Judy Turner - March 02, 2021 at 12:37 PM

LL

“ I became “re-acquainted” with Jim at one of the more recent AMERICAL reunions, sometime in the last 10 years. I say “re-acquainted” as he and I concluded that I may have been his replacement in A Company 1/6 4th platoon in September 1968. I rotated in country to Hill 707 on the 2nd or 3rd of September and he rotated home from Hill 707 at the same time. What a fine gentleman he was. His lovely wife Judy matched his gracious and friendly personality. To my regret i waited way too long to start attending the reunions and missed the opportunity to spend more time with wonderful people and veterans. Rest In Peace Jim.



Larry Lennon - March 02, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Margo Arrick - February 27, 2021 at 01:26 PM

MJ

Tartans look good on the two of you. Is this from your Scottish adventure after the cruise. These are the least crazy socks I have seen Jim in. Our hearts go out to you, Judy.

Michael and Jade - March 12, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Daniel Turner - February 25, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RG

“ I did not know Jim well. He was a fellow Americal Division veteran. I met him for the first time at our annual reunion in 2019. He was a man who wanted to work with our veterans' association leadership to make it a better organization for all members. May he rest in peace.



Roger Gilmore - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

RE

“ *Ronald R Ellis lit a candle in memory of
Jimmy "Jim" Ray Turner*



ronald r ellis - February 16, 2021 at 07:26 PM