



## Laura Rogers Turner

September 4, 1928 - January 17, 2020

Services for Laura Rogers Turner, 91, will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler, Texas with the Reverend Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating.

Mrs. Turner passed away January 17, 2020 in Tyler. She was born in Luverne, Alabama on September 4, 1928 to William Thompson Rogers, Jr. and Margaret Dobbs Rogers. She attended Judson College and the University of Alabama where she received her degree in Music (classical piano). During this time, Laura was also named as the Crenshaw County "Maid of Cotton," a title her family loved (and teased her about) because it seemed to epitomize her very genuine persona of the true Southern lady – who could also be a Steel Magnolia. She also earned a master's degree in Liberal Arts from SMU. She met her husband, John C. Turner, Jr., M.D. while at the University of Alabama. She enjoyed teaching school and did so for several years before her marriage. John and Laura married in 1952 and moved to Rochester, Minnesota for John's surgical residency at Mayo Clinic. They had two children in Minnesota before moving to Tyler, where their third child was born.

Laura volunteered with her church and many organizations during her lifetime. However, Laura's greatest joy in life was her family. She was a loving and devoted wife and caregiver, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She got strength and comfort from her relationship with Jesus Christ

during life's many difficulties.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, William T. Rogers III; and two nephews, Mark Randall Rogers and William T. Rogers IV. She is survived by her children, Jay and Donna Turner, Leslie Turner and Chuck Sauer, and Lisa Turner; her grandson, Richard Rippamonti and his wife Rachel; and her granddaughter, Rachel Major and her husband, Patrick. Laura's great-grandchildren, Nolan and Hannah Major, added tremendous joy to her final years. Laura is also survived by her sister-in-law, Margaret Tompkins Rogers, her nieces and nephews, John Rogers, Marc Rogers, Laura Smoot, and Tracy Wiley; and her cousin, Earle F. Wilson, Jr.

The family would like to thank the residents and employees of Meadow Lake Assisted Living and Meadow Lake Skilled Nursing for their friendship and care of our mother.

Pallbearers are Lee Lasater, Craig Pool, Gene Cuvelier, Jon Tate, Richard Rippamonti and Patrick Major. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. William C. Smyth, Dr. John Hudnall, John Hills, and Allen Burt.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Sight.org](http://Sight.org) 7922 S. Broadway Avenue Tyler, Texas 75703 or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our hearts are broken. There was no one more loving and positive in her daily outlook. She will be missed by her friends and family but what a happy reunion with John in Heaven!*  
*With all our love, Arlene and Allen Burt*

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**Arlene & Allen Burt** - January 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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“ *She was such a beautiful person, inside and out. Always gracious and kind. Love to you all at this difficult time.*

*Tracy Rogers Wiley and Family*

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**TRACY WILEY** - January 18, 2020 at 08:30 PM