



## Mr. John Turner Obituary

September 9, 1918 - January 31, 2013

Mr. John Turner, 94, of Albany died Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Cordelia Manor in Cordele, GA.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joanna Tarpley, three sisters, Mildred Wheeler, Grace Wilkins, and Mary Frances Anderson and a nephew Craig Anderson.

Survivors include his two daughters, Joni Turner Pitts and her husband Don J. of Lake Blackshear, Sheree Turner, grandson James Turner of Albany, niece Linda Tate and her husband Jerry and a nephew Curtis Anderson, Jr. of Athens, GA.

A graveside funeral service will be held Monday, February 4, 2013 at Andersonville National Cemetery. Rev. Phil Streetman will officiate.

Mr. Turner was born to Lamar E. and Effie Fordham Turner on September 9, 1918 in Metter, GA. He graduated from Metter High School and worked various odd jobs often described in his animated stories. Anyone who knew him heard about his days in Vidalia as the "Famous Soda Jerk" known for his varsity-style entertaining menu announcements. He was also proud of his pool hall short-order cook tenure. Lyons, GA residents remembered him working at his uncle's grocery store prior to joining the U. S. Army in Nov 1940.

Mr. Turner served under the command of Gen. George S. Patton in the "Hell on Wheels" 2nd Armored Division. He loved to tell humorous Patton stories, typically using colorful language. He was deployed for 33 months overseas in North Africa, Algeria, Tunisia, England, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Mr. Turner was a Bronze Star and Division Citation recipient and was discharged from the Army as a Staff Sergeant in July 1945.

He returned home to marry the love of his life, Joanna Tarpley from Athens, GA in August of the same year. The newlyweds moved to Albany in search of employment. He was hired by Lilliston Implement Co. where he was employed for the next 35 years serving as Manager of the Parts Department.

He and his family attended Sherwood Baptist Church. Mr. Turner was a past member of Albany Elks Lodge and Southwest GA Sportsman Club. His many interests include golfing, fishing, hunting and playing practical jokes on friends and family. He was greatly loved and will be missed.

In lieu of flowers please make memorials to Alzheimer's Outreach Center, 314 N. Jefferson St, Albany, GA 31701 or Albany Humane Society, P O Box 3151, Albany, GA 31706.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Andersonville National Cemetery  
496 Cemetery Rd  
Andersonville, GA 31711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Turner Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. John Turner Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I m so sorry to hear of your loss.*

**Lee Ann Rivers - Cordele, GA - Friend** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joni,*

*I learned of your Dad's passing last night (02/04) and wanted to let you know we are thinking of you. Your Dad had a full, wonderful life and was so blessed to have such a loving and caring daughter as you.*

*Take care of yourself and know that we love you,*

*Carol and Larry Lewis*

**Carol Lewis - Longs,, SC - Friend** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will forever remember my favorite "blue eyed" patient. God gave the the gift of being able to take care of him from beginning to end in his end life journey. I am so pleased I could be there for him and for you (Joni, Mickey, and sitters). I feel very proud to know I will again see him fully restored with those beautiful blue eyes that I pray will recognize me when we all get to Heaven. Thank you for trusting me to provide his care. I pray he knew he was loved by this nurse! God bless you family in your time of loss.

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**Cheryl R. Walls, RN - Cordele, GA - Nurse/Care giver** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joni and family, I just read the obituary early this morning. I am so sorry to learn that your father has passed. I know he truly loved his family and was also truly loved by you.

*Joni, I know you especially deeply cared for your Dad and were such a huge comfort to him especially since your Mom passed. I was so pleased to see his young picture. I never realized how much you favored him.*

*Take care my friend, love always, Dian andJJohn*

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**Dian Clark - Dallas, TX - Friend** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM