



William David Turner, Jr.

February 22, 1949 - September 2, 2025

Evangelist William David Turner, Jr. devoted his life to the furtherance of the Gospel and the service to others.

He was born to William Turner, Sr. and Lillie Bell Turner on February 22, 1949 in Miami, Florida. Growing up, he became known as “Jay” or “Jay Boy” amongst family and friends in the community. His parents raised him and his siblings in a devoutly Christian home where they were taught to love God, take care of one another, and serve others.

His early adult years were spent as part of the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded several service medals, including a National Defense Service Medal and a Purple Heart Medal. Returning to the Miami area after his service, he married his loving wife of over fifty years, Mikolean Bernice Haynes Turner. He began working at the Miami Herald and became the first African American operational foreman for the Herald in over sixty years.

It was during those years that he accepted the Lord as his personal savior. God showed his hand mightily during this time and not only saved his soul, but also the soul of his “help meet,” Mikolean. Both joined and became an integral part of Bible Miracle Deliverance Church. While there, he served as a deacon, working diligently within his church, including witnessing and

ministering to the needs of the lost and being actively engaged with the youth. Not long after, God visited him with a distinct message that would direct the next chapter in his Christian journey. "As I was standing outside near a canal, God spoke one word to me. That word was NOW. Within that now, God would require me to leave my job, sell my home, and with my young family, go out onto the mission field." Initially, joining a six-person evangelistic team, and later, on his own, Evangelist and Mother Turner and their young family, travelled extensively throughout the United States, preaching and teaching about the Lord. God shaped and molded him through many obstacles and much opposition. Lack of money, harsh weather conditions, and even family illness were all a part of his time on the mission field. But, in every instance, God prepared the way, healed, and provided the means to do the work that had been laid to his hands.

In the mid-eighties, God brought Evangelist and Mother Turner off the national mission field and opened the door for ministry opportunities in the Central Florida area. It was through those opportunities that he was introduced to their future pastor, Apostle G.H. Washington and the Temple of Faith family. Serving as a part of this ministry afforded him the opportunity to continue evangelizing in the eastern United States, as well as the Bahamas and other parts of the West Indies.

In addition, he served for over twenty years as a part of the Boy Scouts of America and participated in the organization of the Apopka Citywide Revival, as well as various Temple of Faith Church initiatives. God blessed him to minister to the lives of many, including youth while employed at Apopka High School. It was not uncommon for him to take out Bibles, providing godly instruction to the students assigned to his care. In honor of his contributions, he was named an Orange County Support Person of the Year.

Evangelist William Turner continued to serve and minister at home, as well as

throughout the eastern coast of the United States. He embodied the calling of an evangelist in Word and in Deed. "I must obey God, no matter the opposition, no matter if you want to hear what God has to say or not. I must obey God and say it. After that, I am free."

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Turner. Sr. and Reverend Lillie Bell Turner; one brother, Madison James Carter, and one sister-in-law, Diane Moon Turner.

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025 he was called from his service to rest. He leaves cherished memories with his wife, Mikolean Turner; his two daughters LaShanda Turner Tucker (Rodney I) and Arica Turner Britten (Keith); five siblings: Kumell Turner, Sr. (Diane, deceased), Patricia Pittman (Charlie), Michael Turner, Sr. (Dawnie), Samuel Turner, and Timothy Turner: grandchildren; Rodney Tucker II, Stanton Tucker, Maya Tucker, Grant Tucker, Alexandria Tucker, Kennedy Coney and Aliyah Britten; one great-grandchild, Pharaoh Diaz Tucker, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, devoted relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

SEP **20.** 12:30 PM (ET)

Judah Church
7649 W Colonial Dr
Orlando, FL 32818
(407) 636-6880

Florida National Cemetery Burial

SEP **22.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *PLMS Team (ESE team, Admin, Wanakee) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



PLMS Team (ESE team, Admin, Wanakee) - September 20, 2025 at 05:51 AM

WW

“ *To the family of Evg Turner . He was such an encouragement to me he always had that smile that would light a room up and always encouraging words in the Lord to help your day go just a little better. He will be missed.*



Wanda Williams - September 19, 2025 at 08:11 PM

BG

“ *Bishop and Pastor Gadson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



Bishop and Pastor Gadson - September 19, 2025 at 07:27 PM

TB

“ *The Barry Family, Bria & Brennan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



The Barry Family, Bria & Brennan - September 19, 2025 at 03:08 PM

TB

“ *The Barry Family, Bria & Brennan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William David Turner, Jr..*

The Barry Family, Bria & Brennan - September 19, 2025 at 03:08 PM

HF

“ *Herman and Suzette Haynes-Perry & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



Herman and Suzette Haynes-Perry & Family - September 18, 2025 at 05:48 PM

HF

“ *Herman and Suzette Haynes-Perry & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William David Turner, Jr..*

Herman and Suzette Haynes-Perry & Family - September 18, 2025 at 05:48 PM

NL

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Family of Mr. William David Turner Jr.



Nicole L Lester - September 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM

HN

“ Howard and Dorothy Britten and Nicole purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William David Turner, Jr..



Howard and Dorothy Britten and Nicole - September 18, 2025 at 12:03 PM

HS

“ Haynes Sisters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William David Turner, Jr..



Haynes Sisters - September 18, 2025 at 10:33 AM

HS

“ Haynes Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William David Turner, Jr..

Haynes Sisters - September 18, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



September 16, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William David Turner, Jr..

September 16, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ *Denson and Williemaë Haynes and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*



Denson and Williemaë Haynes and family - September 16, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Denson and Williemaë Haynes and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William David Turner, Jr..*

Denson and Williemaë Haynes and family - September 16, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MF

“ Michele, Cassandra, Denise and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William David Turner, Jr..



Michele, Cassandra, Denise and Family - September 15, 2025
at 06:27 PM



“ Mr. Turner a light that I saw shinning no matter what. He always had a smile on his face; you will truly be missed. Get your rest.

K - September 13, 2025 at 11:50 PM

CW

“ Salute to my friend and soldier in the Lord.
Pastor Charlie F. Williams

Charlie F. Williams - September 13, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JJ

“ John T Johnson Jr lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



John T Johnson Jr - September 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

PA

“ Pat Allen lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Pat Allen - September 10, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DN

“ Newsome family lit a candle in memory of William David Turner Jr.



Dot Newsome - September 10, 2025 at 08:37 AM

TD

“ Lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Terric Durden - September 09, 2025 at 06:33 PM

SH

“ Shanequa And Jose Harkless lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Shanequa and Jose Harkless - September 08, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KC

“ Karen Cosby sent a virtual gift in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Karen Cosby - September 07, 2025 at 07:02 AM


LS

“ My Condolences to the Family



Lawanda Stewart - September 06, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DB

“ May the work I've done speak for me...
When you hear of my home going. Don't
worry about me. I'm just another soldier on
my way home.
Our prayers are with Mother Turner, and the
entire family.
End Time Word Ministry Church Family
Pastor Keith and Missionary Debra Bridges 



Debra Bridges - September 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM

GP

“ Evangelist William Turner has been an inspiration to me from the
day I met him always on the front line for our Lord the life he lived is
speaking for him I'm praying for the family

Gregory Patterson - September 06, 2025 at 11:56 AM

WN

“ *West Apopka Hills Neighbor lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



West Apopka Hills Neighbor - September 06, 2025 at 08:20 AM

SM

“ *My heart is heavy. A man of God. Whom I loved and admired. Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences to his Wife and family*



Samantha McCarthy - September 05, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SC

We called him Elder Turner here at Holy Mission in Columbia SC cause he was family to us he always gave us encouragements and he was a true Man Of God we love you Elder and you are gonna be missed especially every 3rd Friday we loved you but God loves you best Job Will Done and Mother Turner we love you and our prayers are with you at this time

Sheila Crutcher - September 06, 2025 at 07:16 PM

SA

“ *Wonderful man of God.*



Sherry Adams - September 05, 2025 at 08:59 PM

MW

“ *Evangelist turner job well done thy good and faithful servant*

Michael Wilkerson - September 05, 2025 at 05:08 PM

MT

“ *Mr & Mrs Robert Tucker lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



Mr & Mrs Robert Tucker - September 05, 2025 at 12:52 PM

SH

Words can't describe how hurt my husband and i are. Elder Turner our spiritual father was a might man of God and was on a mission til it was completed 💔 selfishly I still want him here with us. He will indeed be missed beyond word can say 💙

Shanequa and Jose Harkless - September 08, 2025 at 10:13 AM

WF

“ *West Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



West Family - September 05, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RB

“ *Ramonita B. purchased the [Southern Magnolia Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=815) for the family of William David Turner, Jr..*

Ramonita B. - September 05, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JA

“ *Juanita Albury lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



juanita albury - September 05, 2025 at 01:25 AM

PG

“ *Patricia Grant lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



Patricia Grant - September 04, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LG

Sending prayers to the entire family! Great Man Of GOD!

LaQuanda Gipson - September 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

CW

My condolences to the Entire Turner family, Evangelist will be greatly missed. He was true borned soldier in the army of the Lord. The works he done speaks for him. I loved my brother in the Lord. Prayers for strength and peace that surpasses all understanding. Humbly submitted Cynthia Bellamy Williams, Gainesville, Florida

Cynthia Williams - September 05, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dash-Rose sent a virtual gift in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



Mary Dash-Rose - September 04, 2025 at 09:46 PM

PW

“ Prayers & Words of Comfort To The Turner Family "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them". Pastor Dover & Elect Lady Minister Lovie Wynn 🙏

Pastor Dover Wynn - September 04, 2025 at 09:44 PM

PF

“ Patricia Grant And Family lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Patricia Grant and family - September 04, 2025 at 09:41 PM

MD

“ Mary Dash-Rose lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Mary Dash-Rose - September 04, 2025 at 09:38 PM

EW

“ Elect Lady Minister Lovie Wynn lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.



Elect Lady Minister Lovie Wynn - September 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline L Weeks lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



Jacqueline L Weeks - September 04, 2025 at 07:11 PM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of William David Turner, Jr.*



Charlie Mae Warren - September 04, 2025 at 05:37 PM

CW

He finished his course and kept the faith....Soldier in the army of the Lord.Praying strength for Mother Turners, Daughters and the entire family. With love and condolences Cynthia Williams, Gainesville

Cynthia Williams - September 10, 2025 at 12:24 PM