



## Charles Robert Turner

May 6, 1927 - March 2, 2017

Charles Robert Turner, 89, passed away after a brief illness on March 2, 2017 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was born on May 6, 1927 in a rural Nodaway County, Missouri home. He was the son of Galen A. and Esther Bebout Turner.

He graduated from Hopkins High School at Hopkins Missouri, in the class of 1945. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1945 – 1946, he attended the University of Missouri, College of Agriculture and School of Engineering. While attending MU he continued his athletic passions, playing on both the Missouri Tiger basketball and baseball squads for 2 ½ years. Upon returning home to Hopkins after college he was a member of the Hopkins Lions baseball team which played games in MO, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas, and was well known for its Memorial Ball Park which he was quite proud to support. He began his career in construction and mining in 1950 and continued until his retirement in 2009. “Charlie” created and operated several highway construction and mining companies including Turner Construction, Turner Quarries and Advance Concrete and Asphalt in Maryville, MO, Turner Brothers Inc., Muskogee, OK, Tiger Industrial Transportation, Tiger Rock, and Tiger Asphalt, Enterprise OK.

Charles married Beverly Joan Litsch on August 22, 1948 at the First Christian Church of Hopkins, Missouri. She preceded him in death in 2003 after 56 years of marriage. They were blessed with four children, Robert Allen, Rebecca Ann, William Thomas, and Charles Richard (Dick).

While work has taken him to other states, his heart and home was always Hopkins, MO where he raised his family. He served as an Elder in the Hopkins First Christian Church, taught Sunday school class, sponsored the high school youth group and sang in the choir.

He is survived by son Rob and wife JP of Fort Gibson, OK, daughter Beccy and husband Jack, Bedford, Iowa, and son Tom and wife Dianne Muskogee, OK, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 7 nephews, one niece, and sister-in-law Ruby Turner. He will be remembered and greatly missed by special friends, and the staff of Country Gardens Assisted Living where he spent the last nine years.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at First Christian Church, Hopkins, Missouri on Saturday, March 11, with Bishop Fritz Mutti officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the 11:00 service. Interment will be in the Hopkins Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hopkins First Christian Church.

## Cemetery Details

### **Hopkins Cemetery**

Hopkins, MO

## Previous Events

### **Family conducted memorial service**

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
101 S 5th St  
Hopkins, MO 64461

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Robert Turner*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Tiffany Owens lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



**Tiffany Owens** - March 11, 2017 at 06:18 AM



“ *Charles, those several years between 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' which 'filled a void' for each of us...they went by so quickly! Such pleasure of your company, and getting to know your wonderful Family. It was awesome, Charles,...and Mother was right!! ❤️ lone*

**lone Brown** - March 10, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Turner.*



March 09, 2017 at 11:49 AM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Brandy Howard** - March 08, 2017 at 11:36 AM

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“ *AMY ROBERTS lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



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**AMY ROBERTS** - March 08, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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*Robert, lone, and JP,*

*So sorry to learn of Robert's passing. We will keep you all in our prayers.*

*Love,  
Amy*

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**AMY ROBERTS** - March 08, 2017 at 10:29 AM

DH

“ *Deedle Harris lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



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**Deedle Harris** - March 05, 2017 at 01:15 AM

RA

“ *Rena Abbott lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



Rena Abbott - March 04, 2017 at 08:29 PM

IB

“ *Ione Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



Ione Brown - March 04, 2017 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Ione Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



Ione Brown - March 04, 2017 at 06:36 PM

BD

“ *Becky Dean lit a candle in memory of Charles Robert Turner*



Becky Dean - March 04, 2017 at 03:21 PM

KF

“ *Kenneth and Charlotte Vaughn and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Robert Turner.*



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**Kenneth and Charlotte Vaughn and family** - March 04, 2017 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Charles Turner was a generous and kind man. Him and his wife (Beverly) welcomed me and my children as their own. He was so much the patriarch. He was wise and shared his wisdom readily. He was strong, both physically and morally. He had high values and offered respect as deserved. And, I liked his smile and sense of humor. Rest in peace dear Charles.*

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**Charlotte Dunn Vaughn** - March 04, 2017 at 08:47 AM