



Shirley Turner (Hartville)

December 20, 1938 - January 29, 2021

Shirley Welch Turner was born to Arch and Jewell (Welch) Turner on December 20, 1938 in the Broyles community near Hartville, MO. He left his earthly body on January 29, 2021 at the age of 82 years, one month and nine days.

Shirley's primary job was installing floor covering. In addition, he pastored a dozen small country churches over 50 years. On August 31, 1957 he married Delores Esther Ratterree. They were blessed with five children and 55 years together before her death. Shirley was also preceded in death by his oldest child, Debbie Worley and her husband Clinton; son-in-law Ted Wagner; two grandchildren Melissa Worley and Travis Wagner; four brothers Carl, Darrell, Harold and Ronnie.

He is survived by his children; Dale Keith (Chris) Turner of West Plains, Missouri, Ledena (Joe) Romano of Summersville, Missouri, Linda (John) Howell of Springfield, Missouri and Beth (David) Zeitler of Fenton, Missouri, nine grandchildren; Jennifer (Mark) Gossard, Stephanie Worley, Andria (Brad) Wall, Alisha (Matt) Favazza, Mackenzie Wagner, Stacie (Chris) Compton, Ashley (Andy) Rains, Donald (Alicia) Worley and Jonathon (Sarah) Worley; 14 great-grandchildren; Mark Allen, Eli, Zeke, Evan, Elizabeth, Hannah, Izzy, William, Kyndall, Dustie, David, Kaylee, Anniston and Arik, a brother, Herman Turner, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Shirley never met a stranger. He had a smile and hug for everyone and nicknames for many. He would give the shirt off his back to help a stranger. He could play every stringed instrument by ear and calculate complex numbers in his head. If you gave him a piece of pie or a cup of coffee, you had a friend for life. Then he would share his latest song or a tune on the banjo. In his later years, he enjoyed singing at nursing homes as well as fishing and playing cards with his brothers. Shirley was extremely proud of his family. He was truly one of a kind – loved by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Bethel Chapel Cemetery would be greatly appreciated.

Comments



“ I just loved attending church when I lived in Hartville he was a great person and preacher Shirley will be missed by all but he is enjoying talking to my Mom I know.



Joretta Davis OConnor - February 04 at 01:44 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Shirley. You have my sincere sympathy.

Estelline Smith

smith - February 02 at 06:32 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. I spent a lot of my childhood in his home growing up with his children. Debbie was my best friend. Shirley and Delores were beautiful people. I send my prayers to their family.



Brenda Warren Danforth - February 01 at 08:55 AM



“ I remember shirley preaching at mt.zion church when I was a young girl. Anytime he would see me or mom out in town he always came over to speak to us. Not that many months ago my mom gave me one of my dads banjos because I've always had an interest in learning. But it needed strings a d I wasn't afraid to do it my self. Shirley told mom to bring the banjo over and he would help me. And he did just that. Showed me the first one and made me do the rest my self with his guidance. He was a good, godly loving man. He will not be forgotten. Sending condolences for your loss. Cindy M Manning

Cindy M Manning - January 31 at 09:41 PM



“ Shirley turner pastored our church and when Bob was saved shirley baptized him in november. They just about had to break ice to get it done. Shirley spent lots of time in the Cottengim house. Bob and shirley played music together many times. Shirley sold Bob one of his banjos years ago and Bob cherished it. Shirley and Bob were the best of friends and enjoyed their time together. Sending condolences to to family for their loss but know that he was a good man and well loved. Mrs Linda Cottengim

Linda Cottengim - January 31 at 09:36 PM



“ .I went to the country School 'Broyles' with Shirley, also attended church with him at Bethel. Shirley and Ronnie was best friends with my twin brothers, they were at our house many times as children. Shirley has been a dear friend for all these years. Our prayers are with the family. We know he is rejoicing in Heaven. Billie & Ken Chapman

Billie Chapman - January 31 at 06:55 PM



“ We was sorry to hear that Shirley had passed away. Will keeping the family in prayers

MAXINE and Lynn Ratterree - January 31 at 12:57 PM



“ We will truly miss you Uncle Shirley, loved to hear you play and sing. Always had smile on your face and welcome arms for hug. We're praying for the family



Larry and Shelly Ratterree - January 31 at 10:32 AM



“ Special friend of our family. Shirley & Delores visited in our home many times. Dad & Mom thought the world of them. Shirley and I shared same birthday and celebrated together at mom and dad's once. He loved music and loved the Lord even more. He will be missed and always remembered. "Sis"



Gary & Karen Moore (Saladin) - January 31 at 12:32 AM



“ Shirley was one of the first people I met when I moved to Mtn. Grove. He laid used carpet in my old farmhouse that wasn't square anywhere and later laid carpet in a log cabin I had built. He had a gift with laying carpet perfectly. He was indeed one of a kind, always glad to see and greet. A true man of God. He will be greatly missed.



Judy Long - January 30 at 10:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with him and listening to his music. I'm sure he is rejoicing with his loved ones in heaven and singing and playing music. He will be missed.



Charley & Nancy Turner - January 30 at 08:04 PM

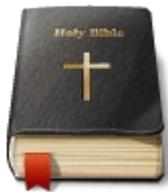


“ I met Shirley as a teenager we went to Hopewell Baptist church together. He later married my cousin Dolores Ratterree. We both felt The calling to preach and we went together To preach our first sermon at a little country Baptist Church between Cabool and Houston Missouri. I moved away from the Houston area but we remained in touch From time to time. He was an awesome man of God and will be truly missed.

Norman Tate - January 30 at 06:53 PM



“ Shirley always has a smile on his face and always talked a little while. He was enjoyable to be around. Prayers for the family



Jim and Brenda Simpson - January 30 at 05:55 PM



“ Shirley was my pastor when I was a child. He, Delores and family spent a lot of time at our home and ate many meals of pinto beans and cornbread with us. Shirley never failed to mention that each time I saw him. I imagine he has already mentioned that to my mom! And yes, I was "old netter". Our condolences to the family.

John and Bernetta Williams - January 30 at 03:21 PM



“ I only met Shirley a couple times through Keith but he was a sweet, courteous man and I enjoyed hearing him play. He will be missed but I know he has gained his heavenly wings and is playing for Jesus.

Jennifer Roberts - January 30 at 02:21 PM



“ Shirley Turner will be forever missed !
Life is so fragile sometimes ... I had the opportunity many times to play music with Shirley he will always be remembered

Sharry Lovan - January 30 at 02:00 PM



“ Clyde&Annabelle Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Turner (Hartville)



Clyde&Annabelle Tinsley - January 30 at 01:51 PM



“ Shirley Turner.....a man of God....a
songwriter....musician....husband...dad...grandpa....and friend to all. Godspeed
Shirley.

Teresa eldringhoff romans - January 30 at 01:49 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Shirley’s passing: He pastored Dutch Chapel Church many years ago where my late husband and I attended with our family. Shirley and his family were a blessing and inspiration. He will be missed. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family

Debbie Mings Townsend

Debbie Mings Townsend - January 30 at 01:00 PM



“ We have many great memories of spending time with Shirley and Deloris over the years. So sorry to hear about his passing. No matter where I saw him he would say come and give me a hug Sis. Funny because his dad used to tell me I was the daughter he never had. The Turners all had a special place in my heart

Carmalee and David Hall - January 29 at 10:38 PM



“ He is celebrating with Delores and Debbie. So sorry to hear and our prayers are with the family.



David & Cherri Ellis & Joan Sheppard - January 29 at 09:56 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of shirley turner he was a blessing to be around loved him like i did ronnie Turner Billy and Carolyn Graham



Carolyn Graham - January 29 at 06:55 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Shirley at my place of work where he ate lunch regularly. He had told me stories of his life when he preached, and had even told me he Baptized my Grandma and Great Aunt when he was a young man. He was a sweet soul, with a wholesome, happy, personality. He always had kind words to say and a bright smile every visit he made. He had a hearty appetite and always made us laugh with his stories. You will be missed. God is happy to have you home, even though we weren't as ready. Much Love.

Maddy - January 29 at 12:26 PM