

Rev. James "Warren" Turner

February 17, 1937 - April 7, 2023

Rev. James "Warren" Turner, 86, of East Peoria, passed away on Friday, April 7, 2023, at Liberty Village Manor Court of Peoria. He was born on February 17, 1937, in Mexico, Missouri to Elbert, Sr. and Clarissa (Cash) Turner. In 1958 he married Helen McVeigh; she survives. They divorced and on March 14, 1982 he married his wife of 41 years, Barbara Farquhar Williams; she survives.

He is also survived by his children, Greg (Monika) Turner of Granger, IN and Rebecca (Dan) Dominic of Peoria; his stepson, Daryl (Terri) Williams of Manhattan, KS; his brother, Elbert (Meryldee) Turner of Agency, Mo; his sister, Chris Zogg of Bloomington; 9 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a niece (Leslie Heckman) and a nephew (Luke Woodson).

Warren was raised in Missouri. He graduated from Mexico High School, Class of 1955. He obtained a BS in Agriculture from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1959 and a Bachelors of Divinity from Missouri School of Religion in Columbia in 1964. In 1971, he received his Masters in Religious Education, also from the Missouri School of Religion. He was an ordained minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and served at churches in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, and Colorado. He was currently a member of the First Christian Church of Peoria.

Warren played the guitar, mandolin and the ukelele. For 35 years, he sang as

a baritone for many different Barbershop choruses, including the Pride of Peoria Barbershop Chorus. He was also an avid sportsman and loved to hunt. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, at the First Christian Church of Peoria, with visitation at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Rev. Karen Merrick will officiate. A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at New Salem Cemetery in Creal Springs, IL. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Peoria. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

The service will be live-streamed on Facebook at this link to watch in real-time or after the service:

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCPeoriaLL>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
6400 N. University
Peoria, IL

Funeral Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
6400 N. University
Peoria, IL

Graveside Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM.

New Salem Cemetery
Creal Springs, IL

Funeral Luncheon

APR 15. 12:30 PM (CT)

Vienna Diner
511 E. Vine St
Vienna, IL 62995

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. James "Warren" Turner



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 14, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Rev. James "Warren" Turner

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Gabi & André lit a candle in memory of Rev. James "Warren" Turner



Gabi & André - April 14, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. James "Warren" Turner.



April 12, 2023 at 07:32 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Warren's Life in Pictures*



Greg Turner - April 11, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. James "Warren" Turner.



April 11, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Rev. James "Warren" Turner.



April 11, 2023 at 12:45 PM

LW

“ Ah, Warren, you beat me to it! But I will see you before too long.

To Chris, Elbert, Barbara, and children; my prayer is that your grief will soon transform into joy as you remember all of your years you shared with Warren.

I was fortunate that he significantly touched my life during the 1958-1970s. Oh we had some good times didn't we? I hope I also similarly touched his life.

He was a good man.

Larry Woodson - April 11, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Some of my favorites...



Rebecca Dominic - April 11, 2023 at 09:45 AM

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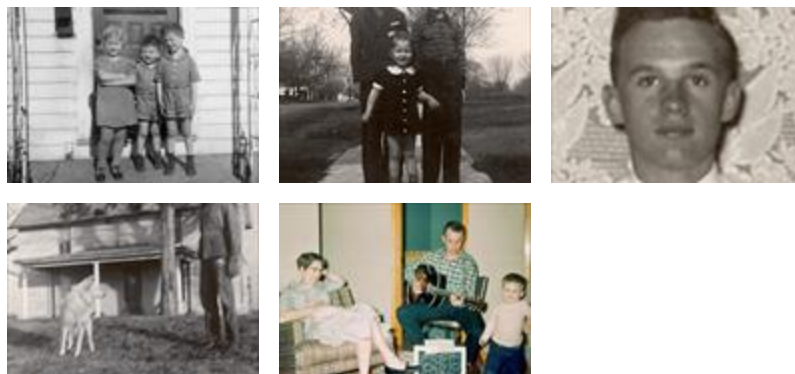
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Greg Turner - April 11, 2023 at 02:47 AM

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“ 69 files added to the album *More Pictures with Warren*



Greg Turner - April 10, 2023 at 08:11 PM

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“ 23 files added to the album *Warren's Life in Pictures*



Greg Turner - April 10, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Warren always had a joke or a story to share and was always fun to be around. When Connor was young and in stranger danger mode, he was never afraid of Warren and would constantly seek him out in a room full of adults. I also remember when he was supposed to watch his sugar and would sneak as many strawberries as possible when no one was looking.



Jen Gillies - April 09, 2023 at 09:09 AM

BT

Thanks Jen. Connor has really grown.

Barb Turner - April 09, 2023 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ Warren was a great pastor for all of us young kids at Ursa Christian Church. I remember Greg and Rebeca also. Prayers to your family. Janice (Woodwoth) Marks.

Janice (Woodworth) Marks - April 08, 2023 at 05:35 PM

 Bill Hamilton

*I was one of those young kids. Warren always stopped and took time to talk with me. I never forgot that. Most adults would hurry you along your way. I never forgot that he invested time in me. It made a real difference in my Christian walk. I always hoped I would get a chance to tell him in person. Prayers for his family. Heaven got a good one.
Bill Hamilton*

Bill Hamilton - April 08, 2023 at 05:44 PM

GT

Bill: I was just 8 when we moved from Ursa, but I have a strangely strong memory for old details. I remember a lot of the church members even today. Were your parents Willie and Ada Hamilton? I can still see their faces after 55 years. Greg T.

Greg Turner - April 11, 2023 at 12:52 AM

AF

“ Warren was such a kind man. He adopted me into the family with open arms. He treated me like one of his grandkids and it was always so fun to be around him. His jokes and wit were always so funny. He will be so incredibly missed.

Amanda Foster - April 08, 2023 at 04:41 PM

