



Mrs. Eleanor J. Turner

March 19, 1928 - March 20, 2023

Mrs. Eleanor Janet Turner, of Pittsfield, passed away on March 20, 2023, just one day after celebrating her 95th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA on March 19, 1928, the daughter of the late William and Pearl Strattman Stephenson, she graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1945.

Eleanor's family and religion was everything to her. She was a devoted wife, sister, Mother, Aunt and Grandma. She brought us all up in a Christian loving home. She loved doing crafts with her sister, Dorothy, and sister-in-law, Joyce, in New York. Eleanor was an animal lover. Growing up, she had dogs, cats, birds, rabbit and fish. Additionally, she loved gardening and flowers.

Eleanor was predeceased by her beloved husband of nearly 73 years, Edward C. Turner, whom she married on March 22, 1947. Ed passed away on September 9, 2019. She was also predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Gaylord, daughter-in-law, Cindy Turner, and granddaughter, Heidi Pilblad.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Pilblad (Paul), Patricia Kern (Arthur), Karen Arena (Richard), Edward Turner (Leslie Fleckenstein), Charles Turner (Tammy Ciesla), and brother, William Stephenson (Joyce), as well as eleven beloved grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren, Mimi Turner, many nieces, nephews, as well as her cousins, Ken (Linda) and Wayne Strattman.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Eleanor J. Turner will be Monday, March 27, 2023, at 11 am at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Burial will follow at Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be prior to the service, from 9:30 am to 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Pilgrim Holiness Church or the Eleanor Sonsini Animal shelter in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield
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Pittsfield, MA 01201
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Tribute Wall



“ Eleanor Turner was the very definition of the word, neighbour. She was always very nice to our family from the time our family moved into the house next door to the Turners on Benedict Road. I was always very grateful for her inviting myself and my brother to church with her every Sunday. Church was a huge part of her life, and it became an integral role in ours as well. I enjoyed hearing her stories about her family and the annual vacations they would take to Lake Champlain. More importantly, she always took time to help anyone in need and also bring her friend Elvie to church with us every Sunday. I will miss you, Mrs. Turner. See you in Heaven someday, and I am happy that you are reunited with Ed.

Chris Edwards - April 06, 2023 at 07:27 PM

“ Our deepest sympathy for the Turner Family. Eleanor was an excellent disciple to our Lord. Our son Brian says it best. ”
In every human life, at least one person makes such an impact that their loss is painful to bear. One such person in my life was my old next-door neighbor, Mrs. Turner.

I found out last night that she passed away back on March 20th and I have been struggling with how to put into words what she meant to me ever since. I guess the best way I can think to describe her is that she cared. She cared so much about the lord, and bringing people to the church that one random Sunday morning she approached two neighbor kids who were outside playing and asked if they would like to go to church with her.

She cared so much about her friends that on the way to church every Sunday we would stop by a house of a friend of hers who was homebound and pick her up to bring her to church with us. and then bring her back home every Sunday without fail.

She cared so much for her large family, that every weekend she would have as much of her family as she could over for Sunday dinner.

Although we did not get to talk to her as much after we moved to NC. It was always a pleasure catching up with her whenever we would go back up north to visit. The loss of her beloved husband of almost 73 years was rough for her and while the world is now a darker place without her in it, I know she is happy to be back with the love of her life.

Thinking about Mrs. Turner these past few hours, one memory stands clear in my head despite the long years that have passed. On the way to church every Sunday, Mrs. Turner would play a cassette tape of children's Christian songs. One song from that tape keeps running through my mind. It is called Kids Under Construction and the lyric that stands out the most for me is:

*Dear Jesus, please make us more patient and kind
And help us to be more like you
And make room for all other children of yours
For they are still growing up too.*

*If there was one person in this world who embodied that spirit
perfectly, it was Eleanor Turner.*

*Thank you, Mrs. Turner, for taking the time to ask this kid under
construction to go to church with you. Thank you for being a great
neighbor and friend.*

*Rest well in the arms of the lord, you have earned your reward
many times over."
Love, the Edwards Family*

Anne Edwards - April 04, 2023 at 11:26 AM

“ *The Turner Family,*

We are very sorry for your loss. Eleanor was a wonderful servant to our Lord. Our son Brian says it best. "In every human life, at least one person makes such an impact that their loss is painful to bear. One such person in my life was my old next-door neighbor, Mrs. Turner.

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Love, The Edwards Family

Anne Edwards - April 04, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“*I just found out about the passing of Mrs. Turner. We were her next door neighbors growing up. I will always remember her fondly as the person who took a small boy and his brother to church with her one day and introduced us to the lord. She was the nicest person you could ever meet and heaven has certainly gained an angel. Rest in Peace Mrs. Turner and enjoy being with your beloved Ed once again.*”

Brian Edwards - April 04, 2023 at 02:33 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. Turner.*



March 23, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Bill and Joyce and Family purchased the Pink Pot pourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. Turner.*



Bill and Joyce and Family - March 23, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Love Wayne, Ken, and Linda Strattman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. Turner.*



Love Wayne, Ken, and Linda Strattman - March 22, 2023 at 04:18 PM