



Elmer 'Dean' Turner

October 3, 1944 - January 30, 2025

Elmer “Dean” Turner, 80, of Cushing, Oklahoma, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was born on October 3, 1944, in Atoka, Oklahoma, to Elmer and Ruthie (Mosley) Turner.

Dean proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era from June 1962 to June 1965, earning an honorable discharge. After his military service, he built a successful career in advertising and became a cherished member of the Cushing community.

On July 13, 1985, Dean married Karen “Kay” Hoog, the love of his life.

Together they shared nearly four decades of devotion and partnership. Dean was deeply committed to his faith as a member of the First Christian Church and found joy in spreading holiday cheer by dressing up as Santa Claus for many years.

A man of service and community spirit, Dean was actively involved in numerous organizations throughout his life. He was a proud member of The Lion’s Club, American Legion, VFW, Disciples of Christ, Masonic Lodge, and the Shriners. He also held the distinction of being the longest-standing member of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. His dedication extended to supporting the Oklahoma Special Olympics, where he made a meaningful impact.

Dean had a passion for music and loved attending concerts. His legacy is one of service, kindness, and unconditional love—a testament to the many lives he touched.

Elmer "Dean" Turner will be dearly missed by all who knew him. May his memory bring comfort and inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to share in his remarkable life.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, David Turner. Those left to cherish Dean's memory are his wife, Kay of the home; son, Timothy Turner of Longwood, Florida; daughter, Tiffany Turner of Longwood, Florida; brothers, Robert Turner and William Turner both of Atoka, Oklahoma; sister, Susie Kilpatrick of Texas; sister-in-law, Susan Hoog of Muskogee, Oklahoma; extended family; and numerous friends.

A viewing for Dean will be 11AM, Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Dean's life will be 1PM, Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Gibson with Pastor Kevin Clouse officiating and Reverend Steven Leo eulogizing. Committal prayers and internment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with William Turner, Robert Turner, Timothy Turner, Greg Vernon, Doug Harmon, and Blaine Nelson serving as casket bearers. Full military honors will be observed.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions be made in Dean's name to your favorite charity.

The family of Elmer Dean Turner has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Celebration of Life

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal Service

FEB 6. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Just learned of Dean’s passing. Dean was such a kind, compassionate and caring gentleman. I will always remember our times at first Christian Church in Cushing. praying for you Kay and your family
Sincerely,
Sheree Fielding

Sheree Fielding - February 13, 2025 at 09:08 PM

RG

“ Dean was an amazing human being who always served from his heart.

Rob Griffin - February 07, 2025 at 06:15 AM

RG

“ Robert G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer 'Dean' Turner.

Robert G. - February 07, 2025 at 06:13 AM

JB

“ Jan and Roger Bonham purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elmer 'Dean' Turner.



Jan and Roger Bonham - February 04, 2025 at 04:47 PM

DL

“ *Dean was a kind, friendly, and serving person. He was always willing to help in any way he could. He will be greatly missed. This is a devastating loss for many.*

Donna Le - February 04, 2025 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ *Mike McBride III, Crowe & Dunlevy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elmer 'Dean' Turner.*



Mike McBride III, Crowe & Dunlevy - February 03, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elmer 'Dean' Turner.*



February 03, 2025 at 12:30 PM

TR

“ *I knew Dean through the AICCOK and what a gracious and pure man he was. When my business was new, he provided encouragement and guidance and always had a twinkle in his eye. Rest in Peace, my friend!*

Teresa Rule - February 03, 2025 at 11:51 AM

BM

“ The gates opened this week with a triumphant sound as this great man entered through. Dean Turner was a mentor and friend to me. He would always take the time to swing by my office at Choctaw Nation for valued conversation and encouragement on how I was doing. I served as President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce for the State of Oklahoma in 2016-2017 due to the mentorship and desire to grow this organizations services to our members, all because of Dean. As a friend we would spend many an evening at our meetings seated in the lobby of the hotel conversing and enjoying each other's company. On behalf of myself and The Great Choctaw Nation we send our condolences and prayers for comfort. Dean my friend, save me a seat at the table as you always have, and I will join you soon for some spirited conversation. I will certainly miss you. Boyd Miller, Caney, Ok

boyd miller - February 03, 2025 at 11:15 AM

SC

“ Sue C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer 'Dean' Turner.

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