



Bonnie Lee Turner

August 28, 1949 - May 6, 2026

Bonnie Lee Turner, age 76, of Jonesboro, passed away on May 6, 2026. She was born on August 28, 1949, in Atlanta, GA to the late Robert L. and Evelyn Bates Chafin. Bonnie grew up in southwest Atlanta and graduated from Southwest High School in 1967. The following year, she married her beloved husband, Michael Turner. Together, they raised their family in Jonesboro and enjoyed 58 years of marriage.

Bonnie worked for many years at Woodward Academy as a paraprofessional and on the administrative staff. She also was an active church member who taught Sunday School and served her Lord and church family in numerous ways. Through the years, Bonnie cultivated creative and fulfilling hobbies that included playing the piano, sewing, calligraphy, and gardening. She also was an avid beach lover and enjoyed frequent trips to Florida.

Her strong Christian faith was central to her life, and she will be lovingly remembered as a faith-filled woman who sought to serve and exalt Jesus in all her endeavors. Bonnie particularly had a tender heart for those who are suffering, whether physically or emotionally. She was passionate about ministering to those who were ill or hurt, as well as elderly people who needed a listening ear. Her visits to comfort those in need often included one of her homemade poundcakes, a gift received by hundreds of grateful recipients through the years.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Bonnie cherished 28 years of being a grandmother. Affectionately known as 'Baba,' she sought to teach and influence her grandchildren in ways that shaped and formed their Christian faith.

She is survived by her husband, Michael M. Turner; children, Denise (Stephen) Tarpley of Jonesboro, Karen (Corey) Sherman of Sandy Springs, Allison (Efrain) Sanchez of McDonough; sister, Emily (Robert) Wade of Conyers; grandchildren, Sean Tarpley, Melanie Tarpley, Grace Sherman, Emily Claire Sherman, Mackenzie (Hilary) Sherman, Jared Sherman, Madeleine Harrison, Lillian Harrison, Turner Harrison; great grandchildren, Hayes Sherman, P.J. Sherman; and extended family members. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 9, 2026, in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. She will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the Church. Dr. Mel Blackaby and Rev. Allen Davis will officiate. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Ford Stewart Funeral Home. Interment will be at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, following the Church Service. Flowers accepted or contributions may be made in her name to First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Missions Fund, PO Box 773, Jonesboro, GA 30238 or call: 770-478-6710.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
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Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of First Baptist Church Jonesboro
147 Church Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Interment

MAY 9 (ET)

Westview Cemetery
1680 Westview Drive SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

Tribute Wall

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“ Bonnie was a beautiful lady. She and my sister both went to Southwest. We grew up next door to Mike. Dianne would be so sad to hear about Bonnie but, Dianne passed away on April 19, 2026. I'm sure she and Bonnie will meet again in heaven.

Deborah Handley Farmer - May 09 at 06:50 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - May 08 at 05:05 PM

JB

Turner Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bonnie was such a beautiful woman. She was always a kind & gracious host to us as kids & teenagers. Praying for your peace during this time. Jennifer Johnson Belew

Jen Belew - May 09 at 09:03 AM

LO

“ Love, Jeff, Chris, Chelle, Curtis and Odin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bonnie Lee Turner.



Love, Jeff, Chris, Chelle, Curtis and Odin - May 08 at 04:33 PM

CM

“ We loved Bonnie and Mike. I will never forget the year it snowed heavily in Jonesboro and less in Rabun Co and Hall county. So Andrea, Craig, Scott, Chelle and I drove down. I showed them how to build an igloo and later they shared they were in the newspaper.
Chris Mooers

Chris Mooers - May 08 at 04:25 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Lee Turner.

May 08 at 11:26 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Turner.



May 07 at 09:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bonnie Lee Turner.

May 07 at 09:18 PM



“ Bonnie was a compassionate, caring, kind, and encouraging Christian. She was a lady in the truest sense of the word. To God be the glory for her tremendous testimony and beautiful legacy. She lived out one of her favorite Bible verses: Philippians 4:8. Bonnie will forever be in our hearts and in our minds. She has no more pain or suffering. She is looking in the face of her Savior, Jesus Christ, and is resting in His arms.

Brent and Denise McNair - May 07 at 08:09 PM