



# Louie Smith Turner

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### **O**bituary

Louie Smith Turner, age 96, of Knoxville passed away at Tennova Residential Hospice Facility of natural causes on February 7, 2017. She was born on November 19, 1920 in Cocke County, Tennessee to Arthur and Mary Smith. She is survived by daughters: Sarah Tucker and Mary Dunlap; grandchildren Renee Stempkowski, Russell Tucker, Chris Gregory, Lori Harris, SaraBeth Bentley and Kristi Swann; great grandchildren: Laila, Lexie and Bridget Stempkowski, Kaylee and Emma Tucker, Sydney Gregory, Amelia Baker, Sophia and Addilyn Bentley; and one sister Loiree Grigsby and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Len Turner. She was one of the founding families of the First Church of God in Del Rio. When she moved in 1989, she became an active participant at the First Church of God in Knoxville where she was highly respected and loved by the church family until her death in 2017. Her hobbies included reading, sewing and shopping. She obtained two graduate degrees from ETSU in Johnson City and over the years acquired additional certifications in various areas of education. Mrs. Turner spent almost forty years in the Cocke County Education System. She began her teaching career in a one teacher school and retired as Guidance Counselor at Cocke County High School. In addition, she taught sixth grade at Del Rio Elementary School, Math at Cocke County High School and at Walters' State in addition to Guidance Counselor at Cocke County High School where she helped many students find scholarships and grants insuring their ability to attend college. After retirement, Mrs. Turner assisted her daughter in a day care business as bookkeeper, a task she enjoyed well into her nineties. She was very involved with her great grandchildren and had a close loving relationship with them. Mrs. Turner was generous and loved the people of Del Rio and tried to look after them as though they were her family. She was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. She will be greatly missed



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by her family and friends. The family will receive friends Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Brown Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 7:00pm with Norm Patton officiating. Burial will take place in Union Cemetery at 11:00am Friday, February 10, 2017. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Life Center at Del Rio First Church of God, 1049 Blue Mill Rd, Del Rio, TN 37727 Online condolences may be sent to [www.brownfuneralhomenewport.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomenewport.com) Brown Funeral Home is honored to serve the Louie Smith Turner family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Louie Smith Turner, please visit our floral store.



## Tribute Wall

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KM

**Kathy McCarter** posted:

I enjoyed working with Mrs. Turner at CCHS. She was always very kind to me.

February 12 at 7:00 PM

KB

**Kathy Willis Brooks** posted:

Dear family, Mrs. Turner was SO VERY SPECIAL to me! She taught me so much more than just math when she was my 9th and 10th grade algebra teacher; she actually became my best friend at the school! Because my dad's family was from her hometown of Del Rio and she had taught my dad in the early years of her teaching career, we had a special connection. She took this scared, shy young girl under her wing and greatly boosted my self-confidence. I often visited her at school and even at her home for years after I graduated because I loved her so much. I even stayed in touch with her by phone after she moved to Knoxville. What a special person she was!! We need more people in this world like her, and she will surely be missed!! My prayers are with you all.

February 9 at 7:00 PM

CF

**Connie Willis Frisbee** posted:

Mrs. Turner was one of the BEST teachers I had at CCHS and such a nice person. She helped me write the Graduation Invocation (1980) and I still have it to this day. I loved her and am so sorry for your loss.

February 9 at 7:00 PM

PL

**Patricia Harper-Leaphart** posted:

I had Mrs. Turner for math and worked for her in the freshman guidance office at CCHS. I always loved her. Her family are in my thoughts and prayers.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

VB

**Valarie Dockery Bean** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Louie is a special lady and will be missed.

February 8 at 7:00 PM



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LS

**Louisea Suggs** posted:

Mrs. Turner was a respected and caring teacher and a wonderful friend during my high school years. One of my strongest memories of my time with her was having lunch together. She always had a healthy lunch like a sandwich with some carrots and celery. It always looked so delicious. A strange thing to remember I suppose but it's a good memory of a wonderful lady. I've thought of her often over the years.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

PT

**Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor** posted:

Sorry for your loss in our prayers.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Doris Stokely** posted:

I'll never forget Miss Louie letting me sing "this Old House" for her at Punkton school even before I was old enough to go to school. She was a very special lady to me. I will be remembering your family in my prayers. Doris Messer Stokely

February 8 at 7:00 PM

RF

**Ray Fancher** posted:

Ms. Louie was a wonderful woman and always helpful.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Lorene Willis Byrd** posted:

Mary, so sorry for your loss, your Mother was a very special person to me. Will be remembering you all in my prayers. Love, Lorene

February 7 at 7:00 PM

DW

**Diane Warden** posted:

She was one of my teachers in school I really liked her a lot. God bless your family.

February 7 at 7:00 PM



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**Debbie Davis** posted:

I remember Mrs. Turner from my 4 years at CCHS. She was a special lady. Thoughts and prayers to all her family.

February 7 at 7:00 PM



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