



## Cecil G. Turner

April 1, 1932 - February 12, 2019

Cecil G. Turner, 86 of Cape Girardeau, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born April 1, 1932 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to the late Cecil and Olive Opal (Jones) Turner.

Cecil served in the US Army from 1952 until 1954. He married Marilyn Saupe in 1952. She preceded him in death.

He was a lineman and retired from Ameren after 30 plus years of service. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. He took pride in keeping his lawn looking its best, enjoyed hunting, fishing and the river when he was younger. He was an avid Cardinal baseball fan but most of all loved his family, church and God.

Loving survivors include a daughter, Deborah Sabella of Cape Girardeau; son, Doug (Tina) Turner of Cape Girardeau; sister, Judy Hanebrink of Cape Girardeau; four grandchildren, Chris (Kelly) Taylor, Sara (Chance) Taylor-Umfleet, Alexandra (John) Abernathy and Zachary Turner; step-grandchildren, John and Megan Baker; great-grandchildren, Mariah and Ashlyn Taylor, Grace and Sam Abernathy; step-great grandchildren, Jacob, Luke and Shelby Starzinger, Travell Stele, Arieanna Brown and Zariayah Hollis; many very

special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn; sisters, Virginia Harris and Jean Olive Kimble.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral service will be Friday, February 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Douglas C. Breite officiating.

Burial with full military honors will follow at Fairmount Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ Some of my first memories involve Cecil and Marilyn. They were our neighbors in the house I was born in, and although we moved from that house across town when I was just 4, we always kept in touch with our favorite neighbors. One of my favorite memories is when he came by to cheer me on in a nearby soap box derby race. Him and Marilyn were everything a good neighbor should be and more. Sending love to the family.

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**Paige Pritchard** - February 19, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ Cecil was my uncle and a very good man. Can't share memories right now as my grief is still too near but I wanted to say thank you to Ford & Sons, everyone who sent flowers and attended the services and the people who shared their stories here. He will be missed by many.

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**Bryan Hanebrink** - February 15, 2019 at 09:53 PM

SB

“ My name is Sandy Bostic/Sprenger. We lived down the road from Bear. He was so handsome and the strongest man I knew, besides my dad. I lived in a neighborhood filled with boys and tagged along as much as I could. One time Bear had to rescue me from their tree house. He was a hard worker and loved being outside. I will always love him and miss seeing him. Gods blessings to you all.

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**Sandy Bostic** - February 15, 2019 at 08:07 AM

DS

Thank you for the kind things you said about Dad - I mean Bear. We had some great times and he loved it when you called him that.

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**Debbie Sabella** - February 17, 2019 at 12:43 AM

VR

“ Nobody could throw a hay bale up on the wagon on Sena Fawn like Cecil---he was like a super hero good guy--especially when I was driving the tractor, jack-knifed the wagon and dumped half the bales back on the ground--I'm sure he and my dad ("Jelly") are having a laugh together about it in heaven! Sending my condolences to the entire family and prayers for God's peace.

Vicky (Volkerding) Roundtree

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**Victoria Roundtree** - February 15, 2019 at 12:56 AM

DS

Vicky - it is so great to hear these stories about Dad. Funny how I never knew you all felt this way about him. He loved you guys and Fern and Jelly. Good times. Thank you for the kind words. He will be missed.

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**Debbie Sabella** - February 17, 2019 at 12:45 AM

DM

“ Rick & Donna McDonald, Erica/Rusty, Jessica, & Megan/Tim want to convey our heartfelt condolences to Cecil's family, especially Debbie & Doug. And share our fondest memory of Cecil. We lived across the street and Megan may have been 7 yrs old when she climbed a gum-ball tree and got stuck about 15-20 feet up. Cecil came to her rescue. He climbed up the tree and climbed back down right along with her continuously guiding her every move until he had her back on the ground.

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**Dinna McDonald** - February 14, 2019 at 06:07 PM

DS

Oh my gosh, Donna. I had forgotten this happened! I guess Dad's pole climbing experience came in handy. Thanks for the memory.

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**Debbie Sabella** - February 17, 2019 at 12:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



February 14, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



February 14, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Deb and the entire family. - Mary Lee and Stacie ( HIM Staff at Landmark Hospital-Columbia).*



**Mary Lee Harlan-Newberry** - February 14, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



February 14, 2019 at 11:21 AM

DH

“ *Doug and Debbie:*  
*We are in Florida, but wanted to tell you we are thinking of you and your father. Cecil was a fine man who was always friendly and supported me when I was coaching. Also, he was very faithful to Trinity. We remember seeing him and Marilyn at church all the time. As you might know, Carolyn was a cousin through Monroe Jones.*  
*We wish God's blessing to you, as we know he is up in heaven smiling with Marily.*  
*Don and Carolyn Hopper*

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**Don & Carolyn Hopper** - February 14, 2019 at 06:25 AM

DS

*Thank you Don and Carolyn. He is at peace in heaven with Mom and that is certainly a comfort to us all.*

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**Debbie Sabella** - February 17, 2019 at 12:47 AM

JV

“ *To Debbie, Doug and the rest of Cecil's family.....Please accept my most heartfelt condolences on the passing of this good man. Some of the most cherished memories of my youth and young adulthood feature Cecil prominently - from hay baling on Sena Fawn Drive to TLS softball games where he always had a tip to help me play better (although I don't think every tip he knew would have accomplished that particular goal). As I look back now, I can truthfully say that I have not known a more decent, honorable family man than Cecil Turner. Peace, love and comfort to you all.*

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**Jeff Volkerding** - February 13, 2019 at 10:50 PM

DS

*Jeff - what nice things you said about Dad. I am so proud of him and I always knew he was a great guy but guess I didn't realize the neighborhood kids thought so too.*

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**Debbie Sabella** - February 17, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



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February 13, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *The Larry Schloss Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



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**The Larry Schloss Family** - February 13, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.*



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February 13, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Thinking about The family of Cecil and praying for them during this difficult time.*  
*David Newton*

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**David Newton** - February 13, 2019 at 12:18 PM

JV

“ So many memories of Melody Lane and Sena Fawn Dr. I guess Cecil and "Jelly" are having a good time now. Wonder what pranks they've already come up with.... The Volkerding family shares in your grief. Praying that your entire family is comforted by the Lord's loving arms during this difficult time.

Jennifer Volkerding - February 13, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Cecil G. Turner.



February 12, 2019 at 09:22 PM

JW

“ Sara and Debbie--Sending love and prayers to you and your family. Mike and Joyce Wunderlich

Joyce Wunderlich - February 12, 2019 at 07:22 PM