



## Reba Mae Turner

May 19, 1932 - March 17, 2019

Reba Mae Turner, age 86, of Morrilton, Arkansas was born in Hattieville Arkansas, May 19, 1932 and died peacefully at Arkansas Hospice House Sunday March 17, 2019 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was the daughter of Jim and Arkie Bizzell Looney. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Roy Paul Turner; daughters, Cindy (Steve) Coffman and Pam (Don) Goodson; four grandchildren, Lindsey Barber, Tyler Goodson, Emily Holthoff, Katie Millsap; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley (Dale) McGee; and brother, George (Ruth Ann) Looney.

"Mrs. Turner", as she was known in the community, was a long time private Kindergarten and Preschool teacher. She began her career as a public school teacher in various places such as Perry, Blackwell, Deer, Lord's Schoolhouse and Kennett MO among other places. Some of these schools were one-room schoolhouses in which Mrs. Turner taught up to six grades at one time. In 1960 Mrs. Turner started her private "Turners Learning Center". Her first class had 8 pupils. She retired having taught over 2200 students. She taught a total of 58 years.

She was a member of Morrilton First Assembly of God church for 68 years. She loved to work in her flower and vegetable gardens. She took great pride in her yard. She loved her girls and grandchildren and was a Christian example for all of them. She was an excellent cook and seamstress devoting her time as a wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, William T. Looney, Leamon Looney and James Looney.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Morrilton First Assembly of God with Rev. Ronnie Morris and Rev. Mike Norberg officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. Family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the funeral home.

# Cemetery

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## Elmwood Cemetery

1830 Highway 113  
Morrilton, AR, 72110

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton  
1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

**MAR** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Morrilton First Assembly of God  
400 Cherry St., Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

# Comments

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“ Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was one of those kids miss Reba taught in a two room school house, in Lords School. I wouldn't trade those times for anything. She was a kind person and a wonderful teacher. No one could take her place in my heart. God be good to all her family and friends. Pat E.

**Pat D Edwards** - March 21, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ I attended Mrs. Turner's preschool and kindergarten and have sweet memories of that time. I was just telling my daughter recently about how much fun her Easter egg hunts were! Mrs. Turner provided a wholesome and loving environment for learning, that impacted me, and no doubt, countless other children. This world was blessed by her Christ-like example.

**Emma Lipsmeyer White** - March 20, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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“ We did not know Mrs. Turner personally, but we love Emily Coffman and her precious family. After reading these posts, I know the source of that unconditional kindness, all encompassing love, and thirst for knowledge, sweet Mrs. Turner. I thank God continually for allowing this family to intertwine with ours. Love, hugs, and prayers during this season of sorrow. The Holthoffs

**Leonda Holthoff** - March 20, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ I was one of her “babies” in 1970. I remember she brought a clown in and he sang songs with us. I was over qualified for 1st grade in 1971 because I already knew all the alphabet and could read. Mrs Looney had the ability to love, respect and teach every child who walked into her house. She has so many jewels in her heavenly crown. So thankful God put an angel in my life like Mrs Looney. Prayers for Cindy and Pam. Keith and Donna Kay Patterson

**Donna Patterson** - March 19, 2019 at 05:49 PM

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“ Mrs. Turner was the teacher that left her mark on all of her students. It was so apparent that she loved being a teacher and loved her students. I was a student in 1970. I enjoyed her so much both of my daughters went to preschool with Mrs. Turner and Cindy. What a blessing it was to be one of her students. You will be missed Mrs. Turner, see you soon!

**Tanya Tucker** - March 19, 2019 at 04:00 PM

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“ Pam and Don your mom touched so many young lives in such a special way. She was loved by all that she came in contact with and know she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Jerry and Alison Kordsmeier

**Alison Kordsmeier** - March 18, 2019 at 11:24 PM

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“ Mrs. Looney taught my two daughters before they went to Kindergarten. She was such an excellent teacher and gave them the very best start ever!!! May God give you comfort during this time.

Linda Wiedower

**Linda Wiedower** - March 18, 2019 at 09:29 PM

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“ Mrs. Turner was the best teacher I ever had. I went there in the year of 1993-1994. This woman treated me like her own and loved me from the first time I met her. My dad Bob Gordon and I will always be grateful for the way she treated our family and she will always be apart of our hearts. I will never forget the values and teaching she brought in my life and will never forget her kind and loving soul.

**Katelin Gordon Epperson** - March 18, 2019 at 04:54 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reba Mae Turner.



March 18, 2019 at 03:10 PM

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“ I will forever be grateful for the education Mrs Turner bestowed upon my three children. They couldn't have had a better academic start in life than what she gave them. She was truly one of a kind.

**Cynthia Gottsponer** - March 18, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ I loved Mrs. Turner. She was a great influence on my life, and I was thrilled that my daughter could attend her kindergarten too. Many of my classmates and I were bored with first grade because we'd already learned so much from Mrs. Turner!

**Eddie Fugatt** - March 18, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Reba Mae Turner.



March 18, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reba Mae Turner.



March 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM

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“ Brenda Looney-Ward and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Reba Mae Turner.



**Brenda Looney-Ward and family.** - March 18, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reba Mae Turner.



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“ A sweeter, more dedicated lady I cannot recall! She made a huge impact on my life, my son's life, and the lives countless others!!

**Tish Mahan Hankins** - March 18, 2019 at 07:31 AM

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“ Cindy and Pam,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was loved by so many. I pray God's comfort on your family.

Dixie Wells Bahma - March 18, 2019 at 01:26 AM

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“ My sister and I both attended Mrs. Turner's school. It was an easy commute because we lived directly across the street from her. I remember that she was strict but kind. Every day we got cookies and Kool Aide, and the slide in her back yard terrified me. I am glad to have had her as my first teacher. My condolences to the family.

Karen Kincaid - March 18, 2019 at 12:54 AM

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“ I always loved Mrs Reba; Everytime I saw her she wore the prettiest most heartwarming smile on her face. I'll never forget the time she and Roy Paul had me over to their home; they had only known new for a few years from church, but they welcomed me into their home as if they had known me all of their lives. She followed as she told me all about her years of teaching school. I can honestly say that I don't think I've ever met a more humble woman in my life. I loved her and the world has lost a great woman of God!

Cynthia Jackson - March 18, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ Cindy and Pam, your mom was definitely a pillar of the community and was loved by everyone that knew her. She will be missed in Morrilton but welcomed in Heaven.

Larry Simpson - March 18, 2019 at 02:13 AM

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“ Mrs. Turner has forever been one of my favorite teachers and I have never forgotten her. When I began my teaching career I came to her school and visited with her getting tips about the best ways to teach reading. She will forever be in my heart and sorely missed. She is a saint in heaven and I will see her again. My condolences to the family. The hole will never go away but what a reunion we will have one of these days. May God bring you comfort and peace.  
Karen Brown Ratliff

Karen Brown Ratliff - March 18, 2019 at 12:35 AM

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“ She touched the lives of so many children. If you went to kindergarten there, you never forgot Mrs. Turner! She is literally loved by thousands!

**Latretha (Scroggin) Eaton** - March 17, 2019 at 11:40 PM