



## Donald Dale Turner

May 9, 1950 - November 12, 2020

Donald Dale Turner was born May 9, 1950, in Des Moines, Iowa, to J. Karl and Ida Willodean Smith Turner. He died Thursday, November 12, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dale would want to say he lived 25,755 days, but the rest of us would say he was 70. Dale completed his secondary education in Enid, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Enid High School Class of 1968. He was a member of the marching band from fifth grade through college. During his high school and college years, Dale worked for local foundries. His higher education included Phillips University in Enid and a music education degree at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Dale married his high school sweetheart, Nelda K. Messenger, on May 31, 1970, in Hillsdale, Oklahoma. He was the band director at Dow City Schools and Bondurant Schools in Iowa from 1972-1980. He also worked as an independent business owner from 1976 to the present and started a Desktop Publishing company in 1984 before retiring from that in 2015. Dale was strong in his faith and was baptized at Westside Wesleyan Church in Enid. While in Iowa he was a member of Des Moines First Assembly of God, then after moving to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Dale attended Clearview Baptist Church. Dale loved music and was a member of the Tulsa Community Band and a charter member of T-Town Jazz Band.

After his children were grown and married, Dale's passion for cars grew even greater as he admired the craftsmanship of the many classic cars in Tulsa. Dale helped start the Tulsa Tuesday Cruise in April of 1999 which is still going

strong today. He was a member of Tulsa Classic Chevy Club, serving as President and various other offices and was also a member of the Tulsa Vette Set and Klassik Kruisers. With his love for both cars and music, Dale became well-known for his playlist of 50's and 60's music at car events around the greater Tulsa area. Dale especially loved his family and thoroughly enjoyed his role as "Grandpa". Those Dale leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 50 years; Nelda, of Broken Arrow

Daughter; Natalie Cummings and husband Dan, of Thornton, Colorado

Son; Dustin Turner, of Tulsa

Grandchildren; Noah and Elijah Cummings

Lilah and Emma Turner

Brother; Duane Turner, of Chicago, Illinois

And many car enthusiasts/friends with whom Dale and Nelda shared experiences and fun.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, J Karl and Willodean Turner.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, 2020, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso, Oklahoma. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2020, at the Clearview Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Graveside service will be held later that afternoon at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid, Oklahoma at 2:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Dale's favorite organization, Happy Hands Education Center, a Christian school for children with hearing loss or communication disorders, or Gideons International, of which he was a member while living in Des Moines.

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr  
Enid, OK 73701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Service

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Clearview Baptist Church  
22942 E 96th St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

## Graveside Service

NOV **23**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery  
6405 Memorial Dr  
Enid, OK 73701

## Memorial Fund

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NOV 23 (CT)

Happy Hands Education Center  
8801 South Garnett Road  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

## Memorial Fund

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NOV 23 (CT)

Gideons International  
1660 East 71st Street #2H  
Tulsa, OK 74136

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Dale from our friendship in Des Moines in the late 1980s. I spent a lot of time at Dale and Nelda's home in Clive, as we were fellow Macintosh nerds. Dale always had the latest gear and his enthusiasm was contagious. I was sad to learn today (June 2023) of his death. My best wishes go to Nelda and his family and friends.

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**Mark Limke** - June 14, 2023 at 01:33 PM

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“ Nelda and family,  
My heart breaks for you all. Please know that you are being prayed for and loved from Wyoming! Dale sure sounded like a great guy, as I'm sure he was to be married to such a wonderful person as Nelda!  
Love,  
Deanna Suder

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**Deanna Suder** - November 22, 2020 at 10:44 PM

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“ We met Dale and Nelda in 1999 while trying to get a better car scene started in the Tulsa area. We spent many hours dining, talking cars, and will never forget our endless domino games. Dale will truly be missed with his witty sense of humor and great taste in music and electronics. Our prayers are with the Turner family.  
Condolences to all...Scott, Vicki, & Erin

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**Scott Frye** - November 21, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Dale Turner.*



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November 19, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Nelda,  
Our hearts are saddened to lose such a good friend. Dale was blessed to have such a wonderful wife as you Nelda. We extend our greatest sympathy and prayers to you and your family.  
May God Help Ease Your Grief,  
Walt and Linda Prater*



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**Linda Prater** - November 19, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Dale Turner.*



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November 19, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *BRADFORD GULICK purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Dale Turner.*



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**BRADFORD GULICK** - November 19, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Dale Turner.



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November 18, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Dale Turner.



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November 18, 2020 at 08:39 AM