



Paul Allen Turner

November 11, 1947 - September 27, 2020

Paul Allen Turner, 72 of Waxhaw, North Carolina passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020.

Paul was born November 11, 1947 in Decatur, Indiana, a son of late Rev. O.B. Turner and Martha Turner. On April 24, 1971, he married Jeanne Beth Ferguson and she survives. Their son Tom is deceased. Sister and brothers that are deceased are, Evelyn (June) Hey, Willshire Ohio; Charles (Chuck) of Van Wert, Ohio; Robert (Bob) of LaFayette, Louisiana, and David of Willshire, Ohio. One sister survives, Judy Wilkinson, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Paul grew up in Wren, Ohio, and the son of a Baptist minister. He loved to play the piano. Paul used his talent for the Lord by ministering through the local church. He has been the church piano accompanist under the ministries of Dr. David Jeremiah as church pianist and traveling with him to TV rallies, etc. He also was an accompanist at Calvary Church in Charlotte during the pastorate of Dr. Ross Rhoads. Paul was church pianist at First Baptist Church of Matthews, NC for approximately thirteen years. Thereafter, he served as Pianist at First Baptist Indian Trail, NC, Pastor Mike Whitson, and then First Baptist Church of Charlotte, NC, Pastor Mark Harris prior to Paul attending First Baptist Church of Matthews, NC again. He also was the accompanist for The Revelation Quartet, A Southern Gospel quartet, for several years during his first tenure at First Baptist Matthews.

During these many years of ministry, Paul has had the opportunity to accompany and perform with many well-known Christian artists such as Bill Pearce, 16 Singing Men, Ellen Roweton, Steve Amerson, Ernie Haase, Don Wyrzten, to name a few. He played the piano each week with Dan Miller, Calvary Church organist, while at Calvary Church. Paul also participated with Dan in one of his many annual Christmas organ/piano concerts. Paul has been guest conference pianist at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove and accompanist at several of the Billy Graham Staff Meetings at the headquarters in Charlotte. Paul has provided piano music at Christmas, at the Billy Graham Library. He also was selected to be the pianist for a CD produced by the Billy Graham Staff for what

was one of Cliff Barrows' last birthdays.

While Paul was involved in many church music ministries, he held the positions of Chief Financial Officer with one of the Indiana's largest banks, Senior Vice President with Bank of America. He just retired as Manager of Operations for EW2 Environmental, Inc.

Calling hours will be held at Heritage Funeral Home, 3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC on Wednesday, September 30, between 6:00PM – 8:00 PM. Celebration Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Matthews, NC, Thursday, October 1 at 11:00AM. He will then be laid to rest at Covington Memorial Gardens, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Services will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00AM at the Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Covington Road, Fort Wayne Indiana.

A link to view the service live streamed at First Baptist Church of Matthews <https://youtube.com/c/FirstBaptistMatthews> and will be starting at 10:45AM. Please also read the guidelines for the Church for their Covid policy at the following link <https://www.fbcmatthews.org/funeral>

Events

SEP 30 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

OCT 1 **Service** 11:00AM

First Baptist Church of Matthews
185 S. Trade Street, Matthews, NC, US, 28105

OCT 3 **Service** 11:00AM

Covenant Memorial Funeral Home
8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, NC, US, 46804

OCT 3 **Burial**

Covington Memorial Gardens
8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, NC, US, 46804

Comments



“ The realization of the earthly loss of our treasured friend Paul grows deeper with each day that passes. Music here on earth is forever changed. The joy that he brought through his piano playing is unsurpassable! Likewise is the sound of his laugh, the exuberance of his personality, and the blessing of his presence. Our loss is truly heaven’s gain. We long for the day we’ll join the worshipping throngs with him!

We enjoyed the privilege of spending time in the lovely home of Paul and Jeanne and the impact of their friendship. Among our favorite memories of the times we shared are the those in which Paul worked with our youngest daughter, Melea, to play duets for our other daughters’ weddings. Paul was an inspiration to us all, but his influence was especially great in her life. For that, we are forever grateful!



Kristi Butler - October 05, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



October 01, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 30, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to you, Jeanne. Paul's music added so much to our worship. He will certainly be missed. Thankful that I was blessed to hear him play. Praying for God's peace & comfort to be so real to you as you now travel this road.

Blessings,
Elaine Richardson

Elaine Richardson - September 30, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to you Jeanne and your family. I cannot express the joy Paul brought to our Church worship services. He was such a blessing. Praying for all of you during these days ahead. God bless you and give you his sweet comfort. Love, Judy and Pat McAteer.
FBCM

Judy Funderburk McAteer - October 01, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ On Nov 1 1974 I pulled a letter out of the trash that Paul and Jeanie sent Jaretta an I for Sunday night newly wed get together at there home an I said let's try these church people , it was the beginning of a Christian journey sent by demands an mentoring that is so much still apart of our lives today - thank you Paul an Jeanie for all your love - Paul you will be missed , we love you dearly - Mike an Jaretta Johnson - Fort Wayne Ind

Mike Johnson - October 01, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Jeannie, Praying for God's comfort & peace in your & our great loss. Jeff & I have many specials memories rehearsing duets with Paul & most recently with the quartet. He will certainly be missed in the choir too. May God bless & keep you always In His loving care.
Blessings Always, Sidney & Patsy Knight

Sid ey & Patsy Knight - October 03, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Monte & Carol Ridenhour purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



Monte & Carol Ridenhour - September 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 30, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Rep One Associates purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



Rep One Associates - September 30, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 30, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 30, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ Oh, how we will miss hearing him play at FBCM, such a gifted pianist. His music added so much to the Worship Service.

Grace Harden
Janice Harden

Grace D. Harden - September 29, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 29, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ So enjoyed Paul's ministry at FBC Charlotte. He always played with his whole heart and spirit.

Margaret McAlister

Margaret McAlister - September 29, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Paul was about the 1st person I met after he introduced himself during a intermission of a Steven Curtis Chapman Concert at Calvary in Charlotte. We had just moved from California and hardly knew anyone. I had piano players in my family and he said he to played some piano. (He didn't tell me he OWNED it). First person I met that had 14 fingers. He will be missed because he made me think! jay hinson

Jay Hinson - September 29, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you, Jeanne and your family. We will so miss Paul's beautiful music. Every time he played you could just feel the love he had for the Lord. Praying peace for you.
Love ,
Chris & Sandra Spivey

Sandra - September 29, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 29, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ My husband, Paul Borrer and I, Sharon, have great memories when Paul accompanied our small music group at Blackhawk Baptist Church, in which Jeanne also sang. We had more fun in that group and a lot of that fun was due to Paul and Jeanne Turner. What a great life he lived using the gift of his piano playing that was God given. We also remember his great smile and laugh. We love you Paul and look forward to seeing you in Heaven. Jeanne, we send our love to you and ask for God's protection and blessings on you.

Paul and Sharon Borrer

Sharon Borrer - September 29, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Love & Blessings, Bill and Jacqui Claypool purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



Love & Blessings, Bill and Jacqui Claypool - September 29, 2020 at 12:50 PM



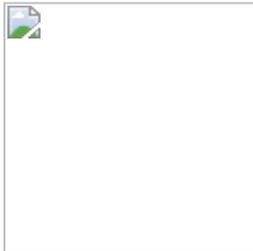
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 29, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jeff Rogers - September 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Jump to 10:56 for a great example of Paul's beautiful accompaniment. I wish there was video of him playing during this concert, but I do not believe it was captured. Paul was a true magician on the piano, and our family knows a little about pianists... we will miss you.

Jeff Rogers - September 29, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Turner.



September 29, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ It will be hard to look at the piano at FBC Matthews after being "wowed" by his unique gift. Without a doubt our hearts will be filled with wonderful memories of this Godly man.
So thankful to have worked with him on many funeral services. Deeply loved his commitment to Jesus his wife and others.
We pray for Jeanne and extended friends and family - thinking of the promises found in John 14:1-6.
Love and prayers,
Ron and Paula Gregory

Ronald Gregory - September 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Jeanne, We enjoyed hearing Paul play while we attended FBC Matthew's. His talents from God were used for His Glory. What a wonderful addition to Gods heavenly choir.
David and Martha Mazingo

David & Martha Mazingo - September 29, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Paul was our dear friend and a wonderful man who loved Jesus. We had many wonderful times and lots of laughter with Paul over the years. Don and I will miss Paul greatly but know we shall see him again in Heaven.

Sallie Saxon - September 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ I met Paul and when I joined FBCM. I joined the choir and we were in Paul's SS class. He was such a gifted pianist but he was also caring individual. He seemed so stately when he was playing but he also had a funny side. I remember at SS Christmas party we were playing a game where you could steal presents and there was this singing mounted fish that Paul tried to steal. I was a hoot watching him try to steal that silly fish. I will miss him and his music; heaven's music just got better.
Sheila Long

Sheila W Long - September 29, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ So saddened to hear of Paul's death. We shared a lot of good times many years ago at IBC in Fort Wayne IN.He was best man at my wedding as I was at his and we have remained friends for 53 years. I know he's playing the piano in heaven and praising his Savior. He will be missed. Our warmest condolences to Jeanne. Mike
And Julie Rohrbach

Mike Rohrbach - September 29, 2020 at 09:15 AM