



## James E. Turner

August 2, 1933 - October 22, 2025

### Obituary for Deacon James E. Turner

Deacon James “Jim” Turner, affectionately known to many as “Cousin Jimmy,” or “Brother Jim” peacefully transitioned from labor to rest on October 22, 2025. Born on August 2, 1933, in Chester, Pennsylvania, Jim was the son of the late Clarence and Iona “Sis” Turner. He received his early education in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, later attending Lockerman High School in Maryland, and proudly graduating from Douglass Junior High School in Chester, PA.

Jimmy was employed in the laborers’ trade for over 50 years and was a Gold Member of Laborers’ Local 413 (Chester, Pa.) under the leadership of James Harper, Sr.; where he worked from 1967 until his retirement in 2001. Beyond his career, Jimmy was a man of deep compassion and unwavering faith. He lived to serve others and was always just a phone call away for anyone in need. Whether offering a helping hand, a ride, or a prayer, he embodied true Christian stewardship.

Jimmy began a life of discipleship at Bethany Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastors Daniel Scott and Norman Gant Sr. He later became a devoted founding member of Victory of the World Baptist Church, where he served faithfully under the leadership of Reverend Leon Clark, and was

recently ordained as a Deacon.

He also especially looked forward to his weekly haircuts with his barber Mr. Bill Reed and fellowship with his brothers and sisters at the Local 413 "Union Hall". An avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Cousin Jimmy cheered faithfully for his team, but his greatest passion was for God's Kingdom and his people. He could often be found ushering souls to Christ through stewardship, evangelism, and intercessory prayer. Whether at church or in the community, he carried the spirit of a true servant; always ready to pray, to help, and to love.

Deacon Turner was predeceased by his parents, Clarence and Iona Turner and his son, Ronald Belgrave. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: a cousin whom he raised as a daughter, Markisha Owens (Wilm., De.); one beloved aunt, Anna Nichols (Chester, Pa.); a Godson Joshua Glass (New Castle, De.) his devoted friends and caregivers, Doris Jones and Bruce "Monk" Foreman (Chester, Pa.); and a host of other cousins, family, church members, and dear friends who will forever treasure his kindness, faith, and gentle spirit.

Though Deacon James E. Turner has completed his earthly assignment, his legacy of love, faith, and service will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

# Cemetery Details

## Haven Memorial Cemetery

2500 Concord Road  
Chester Township, PA 19013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Victory Over The World Baptist Church  
2609 W. 4th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

## Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Brother Jim. Prayers of peace and comfort for his loved ones.

*Rev. Ronald and Annemarie Fowlkes*

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**Ronald Fowlkes** - November 17, 2025 at 07:04 PM

RG

“ Brother Turner was always a good and devoted man to friends, family, community and Local 413. He was one of the first members of the Local to attend the Laborer’s Training School in Exton, PA before there was a building there. He always expressed his gratitude for the opportunity and promoted the program to others.

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**Roscoe Green** - November 01, 2025 at 04:24 PM

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“ Brother Jim he will be remembered by all who knew him as a true servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. I especially remember him praying for me while in the hospital after the hit and run.

*Although, I was medicated constantly*

*I could hear his prayer and I know the Lord heard his prayer. I*

*thanked him for that later in church. He would give a call and check on church family from time to time. I was told by him about the coming wedding of Ty & Tammy.*

*I want to also say, there is a loving Brother Jim at a lot of churches, but our Brother Jim is living in our hearts and mind. Always a dapper dresser.*

*May he always be blessed in the home and in the name of Jesus Christ. Much love to you Brother Jim, Our Deacon here at Victory OTW Baptist Church. 🙏*

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**Cynthia McNeil** - October 31, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ Cynthia M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Turner.

Cynthia M. - October 31, 2025 at 02:22 PM

CA

“ Claudia Averette purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James E. Turner.



Claudia Averette - October 31, 2025 at 09:53 AM

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“ Claudia Averette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Turner.

Claudia Averette - October 31, 2025 at 09:53 AM

NN

“ Cousin Jimmy will always be remembered as a gentle giant who loved the LORD, his family, and friends! I will forever be grateful for his wisdom and unconditional love!

Nafis

Nafis Nichols - October 31, 2025 at 12:22 AM