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Wallace Dean Turner

AAFA #0020

Founding Member

October 5, 1936 - April 27, 2024



Obituary

Wallace Dean Turner, age 87, of Newhope, Ark., passed away April 27, 2024. He was born Oct. 5, 1936, in Forrester, Scott County, Ark., to Virgil and Bertha O'Neal Turner.

Wallace lived in various areas of Arkansas and Indiana, but graduated high school in Kirby, Ark. After graduation he worked as a farm hand for his uncle until he married Lee Ann Evans. He worked for Reese's Grocery before opening his own store. He worked for Ray Pinkerton in the propane business for several years.

Wallace and his family moved to Alaska in 1984 where he worked for the Chugach School District for 14 years in maintenance before retiring and moving back to Arkansas. He enjoyed gardening and following his sports teams on TV.

Wallace is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lee Ann Turner; son, Walter Turner and wife Melissa of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; daughters, Lydia Poore and husband Sam of Newhope, Ark., and Linda Tolman and her husband Shawn of Whittier, Alaska; sister, Faye Cargile and her husband Fred of Kirby, Ark.; grandchildren, Donald Kompkoff, Kyla Myers, Jeffrey Kompkoff, Erin Tolman, Lisa Tolman; eight step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Taytum Myers, Alice Kompkoff and Lucas Kompkoff; four step-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Glenwood.

A celebration of Wallace's life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Holly Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Dierks with Brother Brian Finn officiating.

Burial will follow at Bear Creek Cemetery in Kirby.

Online guest registry can be found at www.smithfamilycares.com.

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Personal Data

Birth:	5 Oct 1936 Forester, Scott County, Arkansas, USA
Death:	27 Apr 2024 (aged 87) Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas, USA
Burial:	Bear Creek Cemetery Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas, USA

Family Members

- Parents
Virgil Bass (Baze) Turner, 1908-1980
Bertha Mae ONeal, 1912-1994
- Spouse
Lee Ann Evans, (m. 1961), AAFA Member #0020

- Siblings
Clarice Fern Turner, 1931-2020
Noema Mae Turner, 1934-2016
Willard Gene Turner. 1939-2023
Waymon Loyd Turner, 1944-2009
Faye Turner
- Children
William David Turner, 1972-2018
Lydia Deann Turner
Linda Diane Turner

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and [Ancestry](#) web pages.

AAFA Notes:

1. Wallace's Alford lineage: Wallace Dean 1936 AR¹, Virgil Bass 1908 AR², Dona 1893 AR³, Joseph David 1843 AR⁴, David Winston 1823 AL⁵, David 1785 VA⁶, Robert 1760 EN⁷.

Miscellaneous Data

1. Wallace's wife Lee Ann authored the article [*Joseph David Alford - A Black Sheep?*](#) in the "Getting To Know Our Alford Ancestors" section of the AAFA quarterly AAFA Action #47, Winter 2000, page 60-63.
2. Wallace and wife Lee Ann attended AAFA meetings: 1998 in Paducah, KY; 1999 in San Antonio, TX; 2001 in Raleigh, NC (with son William); 2003 in Little Rock, AR.