

~ *Should You Go First* ~

Should you go first and I remain, to walk  
the road alone, I'll live in memory's garden  
dear, with happy days we've known.

In spring I'll wait for roses red, when faded,  
than lilacs bloom. In early fall when brown  
leaves fall, I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain for battles  
to be fought. Each thing you've touched  
along the way will be a hallowed spot.

I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile, tho  
blindly I may grope, the memory of your  
helping hand will bounce me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain, one  
thing I'll have you do. Walk slowly down  
that long, long path, for soon I'll follow you.

I want to know each step you take,  
so I may take the same, for someday down  
that lonely road, you'll hear me call your name

*Your Loving & Devoted Wife*  
*Ocie Mae*



~ *We hold You Closer* ~

We hold you close within our hearts,  
and there you shall remain. To walk with us  
throughout our lives until we meet again.

So rest in peace Dear Daddy and thanks  
for all you've done. We pray that God  
has given you the crown you've truly won.

*Love your Children,*  
*Michael & Precious*

~ *Pallbearers* ~

Nephews

~ *Flower Bearers* ~

Nieces

*Acknowledgements*

The family of the late *Reverend Alphonso Turner* along  
with the *Canaan AME Church family* would like to take  
this opportunity to thank each and everyone who thought  
about us during the passing of our beloved, husband, father,  
brother, and pastor. We extend words of gratitude to  
everyone for every act of kindness, every prayer, phone  
call, sympathy card, and flower. Thank you so very much,  
and may God Bless you.

*The Turner Family*

&

*Canaan AME Family*



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A Day of Celebration  
for  
Reverend Alphonso Turner

July 15, 1958 - June 28, 2017



Saturday, July 1, 2017

11:00 a.m., CST ~ 12:00 p.m., EST

Canaan AME Church

592 Padgett Road

Opelika, Alabama

Reverend Samuel Smith

Presiding Elder/Pastor

Officiating

~ Order of Service ~

- Prelude .....
- Processional ..... Family and Friends
- Prayer .....
- Scripture .....  
Old Testament & New Testament
- Selection ..... Canaan AME Choir
- Reflections (2 minutes please)  
As a Pastor ..... Brother Johnny Screws  
As a Co-worker ..... Brother Mike Haper  
As a Family Member .....
- Silent Reading of Obituary ..... Soft Music
- Acknowledgments ..... Sister Barbara Hodges
- Solo ..... Minister Maudie Ruth Scott
- Eulogy ..... Reverend Harry L. Seawright  
Servant Bishop
- Recessional ..... Choir
- Interment ..... Handy Cemetery  
LaFayette, AL
- Repast ..... Canaan AME Fellowship Hall



~ Obituary ~

*Reverend Alphonso Turner* was born July 15, 1958 in Chambers County, Alabama to the parentage of the late Willie and Lucille Turner. He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Nichols Chapel AME Church (currently Allen Memorial AME Church), LaFayette, AL. As he became closer to God he was called to be a minister of the Lord and has pastored for over 29 years. He was employed with Jamie Mill Wood Company for over 30 years until the company closed. Some 15 years ago he became employed with Baseline Forrest Company where he remained until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Lucille Turner; three brothers, Willie "Sonny Turner, Walter "Bill" Turner and James Howard Turner; mother-in-law, Ocie Lee Giddens, brother-in-law Willie Giddens; two nephews, Warren Smith and Waltavious Turner, three aunts, Jessie Dawson, Lorene King, and Irene Gray. He departed this life on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

*Reverend Turner* leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Ocie Mae Turner, his children, Michael Turner, Newport News, VA, and Precious Latanya Turner, LaFayette, AL; three brothers, Michael Turner, Opelika, AL, Leon (Tammy) Turner, LaFayette, AL, James O'neal Holloway, Las Vegas, NV, three sisters, Charlene Turner, LaFayette, AL, Helen Turner, and Christine (Arthur) Carr, both of Valley, AL, seven brothers-in-law, Eddie (Cora) Giddens, LaGange, GA, Houston (Angela) Dawson, McDonald, GA, Jeffery (Ruby) Giddens, LaFayette, AL; Jerome (Janetta) Giddens, Lanett, AL; Tommy (Helen) Beaty, Opelika, AL, Jerome Beaty, Walter (Barbara) Beaty, Lanett, AL; seven sisters-in-law: Patricia Smith, Dorothy Nell (Hayes) Avery, LaFayette, AL, Caroline Giddens, LaGrange, GA, Magarine Johnson Turner, Shirley (Bobby) Houston, Geraldine (Mosley) Todd, Cathy Houston all of Opelika, AL, a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, the mothers of the church, Annie Pitts, Hattie Pearl, Mamie Battle, Hattie Table and Mary Jordan.

~ Precious Memories ~

