



## Lucile Rutland Turner

July 20, 1921 - November 25, 2020

Anna Lucile “Lucy” Rutland Turner, 99, of Columbiana, Alabama peacefully went to her eternal home on November 25, 2020. Lucy was born on July 20, 1921 to Richard Oliver Rutland and Thelma Smith Rutland in Georgetown, Georgia. She spent her childhood in Eufaula, Alabama. Eloping from Huntington College on October 21, 1940, Lucy married Joseph Bloomer Turner, Jr. of Columbiana. Determined to complete her college degree while raising their four children, Lucy graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Montevallo and received her Teacher's Certificate.

Lucy was an avid reader and lifelong learner who spent several decades serving her community. For 25 years, she taught the third grade at Columbiana Elementary School. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Columbiana and Fidelis Sunday School class, which she taught for many years. She also taught piano classes for children, taught literacy at the local library, and started an exercise class for seniors. She was a member of the Columbiana Culture Club. She also served as President of the Shelby County Alabama Education Association. All who knew her were touched by both her kindness and dedication to excellence, as well as her spunky disposition. It was not uncommon for her to take matters into her own hands, especially if she saw a need among her community or family. At the age of 84, she could be found delivering Meals On Wheels because, as she said, “Someone has to take meals to those old people!”

The laughter and comfort found within her home remained a constant for her

family. Lucy was the pillar of faith in her family, laying a strong foundation for all who would follow after her. Her heritage has woven a rich and beautiful tapestry, the threads of which can be seen throughout the lives of the generations that follow. Although her family is spread across the United States, Lucy's wisdom, life experiences, and deep love were always just a phone call away. Her pound cake was famous, and her commitment to loving her family members through thick and thin was never more evident than in the way she cared for her husband for the 58 years of their marriage and especially during the twenty years prior to his passing. She was a true Proverbs 31 woman.

Lucy and her dear brother, Richard, had many conversations in recent years about what it would be like to experience the new life that awaited them as they crossed into eternity. Death was not something to be feared but was the beginning of a new chapter to anticipate. Her relationship with Jesus Christ was central to her life and her hope for the future. Her deepest desire was that each of us would know and experience the love of Jesus and how truly valued we are in the eyes of God. Her faith in and love for her Creator were evident to all.

Lucy, affectionately known as "Mimi," is survived by her brother, Dr. Richard Oliver Rutland, Jr., her four children, Joe Turner of Prattville, AL (Cindy Turner), Susan White of Virginia Beach, VA (Ed White), Camille Cain of Ogden, UT (Dr. Steven Cain), and Jeanie Arnold of Alexander City, AL (Doug Arnold); 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a great-granddaughter, Makiah King.

The immediate family will hold a graveside service. A celebration of her life is planned on her 100th birthday in the summer of 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either First Baptist Church of Columbiana, AL, Great Commission Resources of Virginia Beach, or a charity of your choice.



# Cemetery Details

## **Pinelawn Gardens**

207 Hwy 47 South  
Columbiana, AL 35051

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ As I sit and reflect on the memories of Aunt Lucy, my heart is full. All the great times of laughter and love we shared will always be precious to us. She was and will always be one special lady. To all of the family, please know that our thoughts and continued prayers are with you. Love Frank, Peggy & Pat Lewis

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**Frank Lewis** - December 13, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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“ I always thought the Turner family was special. Most of all I loved Lucy's Sunday school teaching. She always brought out the background leading up to what we were studying that day. She was a very wise lady and will be greatly missed.



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**Ann Rasco** - December 01, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ I am sad to read about Mrs. Lucy's passing. Losing a parent is hard on all the family I pray for God's comfort for all.

*I have so many memories growing up with the Turner kids. They go as far back as the little white house. And, of course, many in the house on Sterrett Street - studying for tests, planning parties, spending the night more times than I can count, doing GA work and just being another member of the family, By that I mean she treated us all the same. If you misbehaved, you were treated the same way she treated her own children. I also remember how we loved to aggravate Joe. Why? Just because we could...*

*And, of course. the piano lessons. I still have some of the music books and sheet music and remember some of the songs I learned. I enjoyed my music classes but never became the pianist I wanted to be....Not her fault. I am sure I just didn't practice enough..*

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**Mary Gene Denney** - November 30, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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“ Mrs Turner sure leaves behind a great memory in many people's minds and heart. She was such a sweet caring person. She had her students in her heart when she taught and if they struggled in any she she was always willing to help them.

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**Freida Perry** - November 30, 2020 at 01:02 PM