



David Baker Turnage

July 13, 1945 - August 13, 2025



Obituary

David B. Turnage, age 80, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2025, at SECU Hospice House of Smithfield. David was born in Johnston County on July 13, 1945, to the late H.S. and Ethel B. Turnage. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Jeanette W. Turnage, and a sister, Arnette T. Johnson of Four Oaks.

David is survived by a son, Allen Turnage, and wife Michelle, a daughter, Nona T. Jenkins, and husband Bryan along with his grandchildren; Addilee T. Corbett, husband Marcus, Kathryn Jenkins, Makenna Turnage, Coy Turnage, and Luke Jenkins and his siblings Sarah Mills, Henry "Buck" Turnage, and Tom Turnage. He also leaves behind a special friend, Judy Pate, and her loving family, who welcomed him into their family as one of their own.

David retired from BellSouth with 35 years of service. In addition, he served with the U.S. Army and National Guard for 30 years, retiring as a Command SGT Major and the NCO Commandant for the NCMA. David was a past master of the Selma Masonic Lodge No. 320 with 50-plus years of service to the craft. David was the co-founder of Al Batten and the Bluegrass Reunion and played the guitar for over 40 years with Al prior to his passing. David was an active member of the Selma Fire Department and was serving as the Vice Chair for the Wilson's Mills Fire and Rescue Department. David was a gentleman farmer who loved to see his crops grow around the farm. With all of David's accomplishments and activities, he was best as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a good friend to all he knew.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 3:00p.m. at Wilson's Mills Baptist Church. The family will receive visitors from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. before the service.

Flowers are appreciated, memorials are encouraged and may be sent to the SECU Hospice House in 426 Hospital Rd. Smithfield NC, 27577.

To send a flower arrangement in memory of David Baker Turnage, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

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Services

Visitation

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Wilson's Mills Baptist Church

652 Swift Creek Rd
Smithfield, NC 27577

Directions

Email Details

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Guestbook

Edna Corbett Pickrell wrote on August 14, 2025
Tom and family I am so sorry to read about David's death. Prayers for comfort. Edna Corbett Pickrell

Chuck Coats wrote on August 13, 2025
So sorry to hear about my friend and brother David. He and I were about the same age and friends since 1973. I will miss trying to beat him to the men's room after church.

Worth and Gail Brown wrote on August 13, 2025
Sorry to hear about the death of your dad. I worked with your mom at selma elementary school. Praying for all the family. God bless! Gail Brown.

Christine and Mark wrote on August 13, 2025
Turnage family, we're so sorry for the loss of your dad and granddad. We may not have known him, but the love and character we see in your family speaks volumes about the kind of man he was. Praying for peace, comfort, and God's blessings for you all during this time.

Connie Pennell wrote on August 13, 2025
Sending prayers for David's family and friends. David was a long time customer of Parkside and he will be greatly missed by all. Connie and Parkside staff

Bo and Bonita Batts wrote on August 13, 2025
We are so sorry, Nona, for the loss of your beloved Dad. May God's blessings help you in your and your family's time of grief.

George & Dianne wrote on August 13, 2025
Alan, so sorry to hear about your father's passing my prayers will be for his family. I knew thru your grandfather and we for the NCNG together. He was a good man and friend

Debbie & Warren Dorman wrote on August 13, 2025
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of David. We would always see him at lunch at Pixie Dust & dinner on Thursday nights at Parkside. He was a very nice gentleman & he will be missed. Prayers for the family.

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