



Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner

October 9, 1945 - October 26, 2019

Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner died on Saturday, October 26, 2019. She was 74. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Cal Turner, Jr. son Cal Turner III and his wife Jennifer, grandchildren Cal Turner IV, Alex Turner and Will Turner, sister Susan Eblen and her husband Tom, niece Camille Watson, as well as a multitude of beloved family. She is preceded in death by her parents Gertrude and Allie Burnett.

Margaret was born in Glasgow, Kentucky, and grew up in Park City, Kentucky. She attended Glasgow High School and Western Kentucky University. Her life changed forever when she attended a concert at VanMeter auditorium at Western Kentucky University catching the eye of the young gentleman sitting in the row behind her, Cal Turner, Jr.

Margaret and Cal would share a lifetime together, doubling the joys and halving the sorrows that naturally come a couple's way. As the CEO of Dollar General, and a leader in the community, Cal was called upon to carry a heavy load, a role that at times could be lonely. Margaret's devotion to Cal buoyed him on many occasions, providing a remedy for the moment that only the love of a committed wife provides.

Few people exhibited an authentic and heartfelt dedication to family as genuinely as Margaret Turner. She and her son Cal III enjoyed a special bond, an endearing example of the unconditional love that a parent can make real for a child. And Margaret reveled in being "Meme" to her grandsons, and a helpful support to Jennifer. Margaret's sister Susan, her husband Tom, and

their daughter Camille were never far from Margaret's thoughts.

Her faithfulness to her many friends was captured in her love for Maddox Claire Goodgine. Maddox, who died in July at the age of five, was a Miracle Kid as an Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network, and as others would note, "a joy and an inspiration of mighty strength in a small package," qualities which were precious to Margaret.

Margaret's creative nature was always on display, whether writing poetry, books and songs, playing the piano, or singing in church choirs.

Margaret's creative talents flowed from one page to the next in her children's book, I The Fly. Always a champion of the underdog, Margaret helps the reader focus a magical lens on events and things people take for granted, but which prove to be heroic challenges to a courageous fly.

Margaret was a humble supporter of organizations such as the Blair School of Music, the Nashville Institute for the Arts, the Tennessee Dance Theatre, the W. O. Smith Music School, Thistle Farms and the Nashville Zoo.

Margaret Burnett Turner was remarkable as wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. In prizing each relationship she honored the uniqueness of others, while being faithful to her unique nature under God.

Visitation will be held Brentwood United Methodist Church, 309 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027 on Saturday, November 2nd at 1:00pm with a celebration of Margaret Turner's life to follow at 2:30pm with Father Michael Marcantoni officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Margaret has requested donation to:

The Arc of Williamson County/Elledee to benefit Leslie Walker

The Arc of Williamson County

129 West Fowlkes St., Suite 151

Franklin, TN 37064

Phillips – Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216,
(615) 262-3312

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Brentwood United Methodist Church
309 Franklin Rd.
Brentwood, TN 37027

Service

NOV 2. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Angel Sanmiguel sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner*



Angel Sanmiguel - February 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

DF

“ *Cal, Jr., my sincere condolences in your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Delton Frost

Delton H Frost - November 06, 2019 at 10:29 AM

MD

“ C, C, & C (& Alex & Will) :

I think that you all know how much our family loved Maggi. She was so kind, thoughtful, generous, and most of all, she was a unique soul in this world. I literally do not have the words to tell you how much I enjoyed the time we had together.

*Thank you for letting us get to know her.
Peace be with you all,*

Mark, Cindy, & Maddie Dorminy

Mark Dorminy - November 04, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



November 01, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



November 01, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



November 01, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *The Northcutts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



The Northcutts - November 01, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ *Mrs. Turner (Maggi as she liked to be called) was a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. She kept her friends close to her heart and would help anyone in need. I will always remember her and all the Turner family.*

To Mr. T, Calister and the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Juette Day - October 31, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *Bill & Elise Luckey and the LWC Community purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



Bill & Elise Luckey and the LWC Community - October 30, 2019 at 03:44 PM

AL

“ Sincere condolences. May the fond memories you hold dear and the power of faith get you through this difficult time. Respectfully,

Ali - October 30, 2019 at 01:29 PM

DB

“ Drs. Kanika and Jay Bagai purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.



Drs. Kanika and Jay Bagai - October 30, 2019 at 11:42 AM

LS

“ Margaret was a very classy lady, and a very caring and dear friend. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Our condolences and prayers for the Turner Family.

Lavece & Denise Smith - October 29, 2019 at 11:28 PM

DD

“ She was such a bright light in this world. Always gracious and classy. My sincerest condolences 🙏

Donna Dugas - October 29, 2019 at 09:51 PM

JR

“ To Cal Turner Jr. and family,
Our sincere sympathy to each of you who loved Margaret,
Janet and Ky Rasmussen

*Just recently I was rearranging a book shelf and saw my copy of I
The Fly, which I pulled off the shelf to read again. Those pages
made me smile as I remembered Margaret and her uniqueness. I
will always cherish her friendship. She will be missed.
Janet*

Janet Rasmussen - October 29, 2019 at 04:05 PM

SC

*She was a very unique person with tons of talents, mountains of
graciousness and a heart full of love. She will be greatly missed and
never forgotten.*

Sandy Cammack - October 30, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of
Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.



October 29, 2019 at 03:43 PM

RR

“ *May God bless you and your family, Cal, and God bless Margaret on her way.*

*I will deeply miss my sweet, feisty friend, Magi.
I always thought I'd see you again....*

With warmest regards, Robin Romero

Robin Romero - October 29, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



October 29, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.*



October 29, 2019 at 08:25 AM

GG

“ Dear Cal Jr. and Family -

Margaret "Maggie" Turner was such a kind and gracious lady and I was honored to know her over the years. One thing that always stood out is the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts from you both. Your tradition of "giving" to others in need always touched my heart each Christmas when your note arrived. And, I loved her children's book - I read it to my grandchildren over the years and treasure it still.

*My prayers and thoughts are with all of you in your time of sorrow.
God bless, Grace*

Grace Goostree - October 28, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Leigh Burnett Turner.



October 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

BN

“ A small woman with a big heart and an infectious laugh who was compassionate and caring to people of all walks of life. Heaven just got a little sweeter!

Mr. T, Calister, Jen and boys you have my most heartfelt sympathy.

Becky Nelms - October 28, 2019 at 02:15 PM