



*In Loving Memory*  
*Of*  
***Martha Turner***

Sunrise:  
 August 5, 1954

Sunset:  
 February 7, 2023



*Casket Bearers*

Derrick Dunn  
 Robert Thomas  
 William Payne

Raymond Ewing  
 Al Bell  
 Gary Johnson

*Honorary Casket Bearers*

John Tuner  
 Darryl Louden

*Acknowledgements*

The family of **Martha Turner** would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your love, kindness, and thoughtful gestures bestowed upon us during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless.

Arrangements From Labor to Reward Were Handled By:  
 William C. Harris Funeral Directors  
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Thursday, February 16, 2023  
 10:00 a.m.

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 1645 Redman Avenue  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63138

# Life Reflections

Martha Grace Turner was born on August 5, 1954, to the union of Marie White and Milton White, in St. Louis, Missouri.

She was educated in the St. Louis Public School as well as having the opportunity to receive education in the St. Louis area private school sectors. Graduating at the age of 15 1/2 years old. She confessed her life to Christ at an early age attending the St. Lukes AME Church.

Martha was united in holy matrimony to John Turner in 1987 and to this union they had two girls and one boy: Arielle Turner, ZJohne' Turner, and Sylvester Jackson Jr. She was known for being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, etc.

In the early 80's she became a CNA and from there she began employment at the MO Department of Mental Health in 1992. Later on she retired in 2016, from being a dedicated worker for 24 years. Her compassion and care for her clients and coworkers were unmatched.

To "know" her was to love her. She was the life of the party and was "known" for throwing the best parties and gatherings. She had a special kind of way when she showed love to others. If you needed advice or just listening ears she was the one to call on. She didn't sugar coat anything, very out spoken and always kept it real. She always knew all the "Tea and Juice".

Martha Grace Turner departed this life on February 7, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents (Marie and Milton), 2 sisters (Cecelia Petty and Marie "Molly" White), son (Sylvester Jackson Jr.), and great-great aunt Martha Lee Robinson.

She leaves to cherish memories to her spouse~ John Turner; children~ Arielle Turner, ZJohne' Turner; stepson~ Johnathan Turner; bonus daughter~ Noel Robinson; grandchildren~ Sylvester Jackson III, Zander Jackson, Gabrielle Estall, Brice Wicks, British Wicks, Jaliyah Turner, Skylar Turner, Kylie Turner, and Johnathan Turner Jr.; 2 special sister~ Rhonda Livers and Kelly Alexander; 2 favorite cousins~ Brenda McCoy and Charlene Ward; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Reading

Prayer Reverend Murphy

Musical Selection *Walk Around Heaven By: Patti Labelle*

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Praise Dance *You're Bigger* Jekalyn Carr

Life Reflections (Read silently with soft music)

Eulogy Reverend Murphy

Glimpse til Glory William C. Harris Funeral Directors  
*Yesterday By: Mary Mary*

Benediction

Recessional

## Interment

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63125

## Repast

Jewel Event Center  
407 Dunn Road  
Florissant, Missouri 63031

# I Needed the Quiet

*I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
hurried and worried when active and strong.  
I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled, But gently, so gently,  
my cross He upheld, And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things.  
Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings To heights never  
dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly He drew me away  
I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.*

Alice Hansche Mortenson



## Dear Momma

*Dear Momma my Angel in the sky,  
God only knows how I wasn't ready to tell you goodbye  
Only as time flies I wish that I could be forever holding your hand,  
You was more than just my momma, but my truest best friend  
Once the time comes for us again in heaven we should meet,  
As when god opens them gates up, you're the one who come to  
greet. Nothing can ever replace, the space that you filled in my  
heart, I promise to never let your passing drift us apart,  
From the start it was you, but only good knew, that keeping you  
forever was to good to be true  
But in my dreams your come through, memories of us singing and  
laughing, the presence of you air in my love will be forever lasting.  
Now in the time of your passing,  
It's okay to grieve and cry, because a mothers love is forever,  
always be my diamond in the sky.*

*A tribute to Martha Turner in honor of her Daughters Arielle &  
ZJohne'  
Written by- Shakyra Cole*