



Mrs. Ernestine King Turner

January 14, 1935 - March 20, 2026

Mrs. Ernestine King Turner, age 91, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, March 20, 2026. She was born in Durham County, North Carolina on January 14, 1935.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Jewel Turner Stephens; two sons, William T. Turner, Jr. and Stephen D. Turner; sisters, Claudette Kellam, Darlene Woodley, Debbie Harris, Sybil H. Wright, Yvonne Harris and Barbara Harris; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; other extended family members and a host of dear friends.

A celebration of life service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner will be held at Russell Memorial CME Church, 703 S Alston Avenue, Durham, North Carolina 27701 on Monday, April 6th; Family Visitation at 11:00 a.m., Service 12:00 p.m.

Interment will take place in Beechwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Carolyn Keith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner



Carolyn Keith - April 11 at 11:41 AM



“ Sarah Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner



Sarah Houston - April 06 at 03:36 PM



Jewel my sincere condolences to you and your family.

Sarah Houston - April 06 at 03:38 PM

DJ

“ My family and I would like to express our sincere condolences to the Turner family for the lost of their dear mother Mrs. E. Turner. I remember Mrs. Turner as being sweet, kind, patient, smart and brave. Mrs. Turner was my girl scout leader at Russell Memorial Church along with Ms.Laws, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs.Shaw, and Mrs. Murphy. I am thankful to God, that Mrs. Turner and the Girl Scout team was a part of my life. I learned many things from Mrs. Turner and GS team. My children has heard many stories about them. We will continue to pray for the Turner Family.

Doris Murphy James & The Mayshack, Murphy & James Families

Doris Dee Murphy James - April 06 at 10:51 AM

MW

“ Please accept our prayers of condolences

*Your church family,
Laura Womble & family*



Marilyn Womble - April 05 at 03:02 PM

LJ

“ I remember Sister Ernestine Turner as an "outstanding past President of the Durham Section of NCNW. During her leadership our annual Durham NCNW luncheons where well attended as they implemented the National and State agenda in the Durham Section. She had the personal touch that made you feel wanted and appreciated. La Harve M. Johnson, a past Durham Section NCNW President



La Harve Mangum Johnson - April 03 at 04:40 PM

RM

“ As a former member of Russell Memorial CME Church, I had the pleasure of knowing Sister Ernestine as a friend and church member. She was always such a gracious and lovely lady! My condolences, thoughts and prayers to her family!!

*Rev. Pamella Mack
Winston Salem, NC*

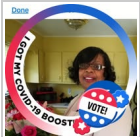
Rev. Pamella Mack - April 02 at 01:11 PM

TW

“ *Tonja Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner*



Tonja Wall - April 01 at 04:15 PM



“ *On behalf of myself and the Hillside Class of 1970, I extend my deepest condolences to our dear classmate William Tommy Turner, Jr. on the loss of your mom. I enjoyed the time that I was able to work with her as a member of National Alumni Association of Hillside High School. She along with Mr. William Turner Sr. poured her heart into the development of this organization and she worked to empower and promote the development of the students at Hillside High School. She was very passionate about this work. May ALL of her works now speak for her.*

*With Kind regards,
Mary Hall Scott, President HHS class of 1970., 2nd VP of the
National Alumni Association of Hillside High School.*

Mary Scott - March 30 at 06:28 PM

KR

“ *King-Russ Family Reunion planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner.*

King-Russ Family Reunion - March 30 at 10:53 AM

KR

“ *King-Russ Family Reunion purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner.*



King-Russ Family Reunion - March 30 at 10:53 AM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestine King Turner*



Thaddeus Daniels - March 24 at 04:17 PM

WA

“ *Ernestine, what a pleasant memory u left behind and I'll never forget you as a friend and nursing coworker 🌷!Williamena Alford*

Williamena Alford - March 23 at 02:10 PM