

*A Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Mildred Louise French Turner*

Sunrise  
February 27, 1935



Sunset  
July 20, 2012

Wednesday, July 25, 2012  
12:00 noon

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church  
Athens, Alabama

*Reverend Jeffrey Moseley, Pastor*  
*Reverend Antoyne L. Green, Officiating*

## *Life of a Devoted Servant*

*Mildred Louise French Turner* was the fourth child born to the late Mr. Willie T. French and Mrs. Rosie E. French in Limestone County, Alabama. She was called home to eternal rest by her Heavenly Father on Friday, July 20, at the Athens-Limestone Hospital. She was preceded in death by three siblings.

She was a graduate of Trinity High School in 1953; received a B.S. and Masters Degree in English from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama. She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Mildred, affectionately known as "Sis" to so many people, devoted 36 years of her life teaching and positively impacting hundreds, if not thousands, of young people. During her career as an educator at Miller Public School and Athens High School, Mildred taught in excellence and expected academic excellence from all of her students. Mrs. Turner was also known as a strict disciplinarian who insisted her students were well-mannered and always exemplified character, integrity, and "home-training." She would not hesitate to reach out to students' parents to ensure each child reached his or her potential.

Mildred not only loved her children, but also her Lord. She accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and united with the Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church. She served her Lord and her Church faithfully in various capacities. She was the Church Secretary and the Sunday School Secretary for more than 40 years. She served on the Mother's Board at Sweet Home for more than 36 years. She also shared her unique gift of teaching the Adult Sunday School class over the years. Mildred remained faithful to the Sweet Home Family in her presence, prayers, and participation until her health would no longer allow her to do so.

With the exception of God the Father, Mildred's deepest love and passion was for her family. She was united in marriage to Mr. Leo Turner Jr. in March of 1958. She remained a faithful and loyal companion for 54 years. To this union two sons were born, Reginald and Darius.

For now, to be separated from Mildred is very difficult for all those who appreciate her life and legacy. However, we are blessed to have precious memories of her. Those remaining who cherish her the most are: her loving and devoted husband and caregiver Leo; her sons Reginald (Edna) and Darius; her mother Rosie E. French; her sister Deloris (George) Green; her brothers Clyde E. French of Los Angeles, CA and Milton W. (Carolyn) French of Sacramento, CA; her grandchildren Justin Turner of Atlanta, GA, Briannah Turner of Huntsville, AL, and Jayla Richardson of Birmingham, AL; one great-grandson Austin Blackmon of Birmingham; and a brother-in-law Shelby (Roshella) Turner of Louisville, KY. Mildred also has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, former colleagues, and students who will sorely miss her.

From her husband who called her "Ms. Flossie," sons who called her "Mama," her mother and other relatives who called her "Sis," siblings who called her "Merk," grandchildren who called her "Granny," and great nephews and nieces who called her "Chocolate Doll and Candy," we bid our precious Mildred...

*Good night, good night!  
Parting is such sweet sorrow  
That I shall say  
Good night till it be morrow  
-William Shakespeare*



*Order of Service*

Processional

Song of Encouragement.....Sweet Home Choir

Prayer .....Pastor Jeffrey Moseley  
Sweet Home M.B. Church

Scripture

Song of Encouragement.....Sweet Home Choir

“As She Was to Me”.....Briannah Turner  
Justin Turner

Obituary

*Let us in silence each recall Mother Turner and  
commend her to God, the source of all love and life.*

Acknowledgements.....Mother Georgia Nichols

Words of Comfort to the Family.....Rev. Marvin Winston

Eulogy.....Pastor Antoyne L. Green  
New Life Baptist Church

Benediction.....Pastor Jeffrey Moseley

Recessional



## *Casket Bearers*

Deacons of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church

## *Flower Attendants*

Mothers of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church

## *Appreciation*

*We wish to express with heart-felt gratitude our appreciation to you, our friends, and extended family for your love and support during this most difficult time. We have been encouraged, blessed, and strengthened by your many acts of kindness.*

## *Interment*

Thatch-Mann Cemetery  
Athens, Alabama



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