



## Mrs. Essie B. Turner

July 16, 1935 - February 7, 2023

It is written that when life begins, it is like an open book with many blank pages. Each day as we live, our deeds are recorded until we close our eyes in death and await that great getting-up morning.

The pages of this book began for Essie B. Hill when she was born on July 16, 1935, in Village, Arkansas, to Elijah and Roberta Paschal-Hill. She was the 6th of 10 children. She is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers—Alvin, Wilson, Earl, and Thomas Hill; three sisters—Erma Lee Hill, Readie Coleman, and Annie B. Gentry; her one and only child Essie Mae Love; and great-granddaughter, Essence Janae Messer.

She met Mr. Marvin Turner at a young age. They were united in holy matrimony on January 28, 1950, and later gave birth to her only child Essie Mae who was the joy of her life. She was only blessed with “her baby” for 41 short years.

Essie was baptized at Westside Church of Christ in Waldo, Arkansas under Bro. R.L. James at an early age. She later became a faithful member of St. James COGIC in Willisville, Arkansas under Elder Wallace Johnson. When the yard ministry began next door in her sister-in-law, Marie Blake’s yard, she became a faithful and dedicated member of what became Cottonbelt Church of God in Christ in Waldo, AR under Superintendent James Turner where she

worked diligently until her health failed. She served as President of the Usher Board and the Mother Board, and she was also a devoted Sunday School teacher. She was a loving and nurturing mother not only to her child and grandchildren but to other children in the community and in her church.

She was employed by Shanhouse Warehouse in Magnolia, Arkansas for many, many years and at Porterco for a short while before becoming a homemaker and the greatest babysitter ever. She is best known as a great cook who enjoyed baking those melt-in-your-mouth pound cakes, making the best meals around, being the local seamstress, and the community candy and snack lady.

Essie quietly departed this life on February 7, 2023, at her home in Waldo (Cottonbelt), Arkansas.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 73 years, Marvin Turner; brother, John (Jessie) Hill of Magnolia, AR; sister, Joyce Stephens of Chicago, IL; five grandchildren, Kevin Turner of Brookshire, TX; Beverlyn Rowden of Waldo, AR; Dwayne and James Love of Little Rock, AR; and Phaedra (Adrian) Grissom of Little Rock, AR; 18 great grandchildren, 21 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, February 18th, 2023, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Waldo, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Supt. James Turner, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, {Feb. 17th} from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Masks are Encouraged but Not Required

While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours.” However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

## Cemetery Details

### Cedar Grove Cemetery

821 E. McKissack  
Waldo, AR 71770

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel  
100 HWY 79 NORTH  
Magnolia, AR

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ i love and miss you so much granny . just know im doing it for you  
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demaury rowden - May 04, 2023 at 01:02 AM

SM

“ To the family God is in charge just hold on to  
God unchanging had you have my prayers 🙏  
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SHARON MOORE - February 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM

KG

“ Keosha Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Essie B. Turner



Keosha Gulley - February 21, 2023 at 10:01 AM

HF

“ Hazel Smith Family lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Hazel Smith Family - February 18, 2023 at 04:43 PM

CC

“ *Cassandra G. Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Cassandra G. Cooper** - February 18, 2023 at 10:34 AM

TP

“ *Tonya S Porchia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Tonya S Porchia** - February 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JM

“ *James & Nancy Moore purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Mrs. Essie B. Turner.*



**James & Nancy Moore** - February 16, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Dianne Williamson** - February 16, 2023 at 04:36 AM

BH

“ Bonnie Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Bonnie Hardwell - February 15, 2023 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Douglas And Cassandra Moss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Douglas and Cassandra Moss - February 14, 2023 at 09:39 PM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Mary S. Pickings - February 12, 2023 at 10:37 PM

DF

“ Doris Fields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Doris Fields - February 12, 2023 at 09:11 PM

IS

“ Irene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Irene Smith** - February 11, 2023 at 08:37 AM

JM

“ Jake And Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Jake and Jennie Martin** - February 10, 2023 at 02:21 PM

MJ

“ Melvin Madison Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Melvin Madison jr** - February 09, 2023 at 07:16 PM

HJ

“ Condolences to the Turner Family in the loss of your loved one. William Hill Sr & Family.

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**Hellen Jones** - February 09, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Dianne Williamson** - February 09, 2023 at 04:31 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Ramona Fears** - February 09, 2023 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Ramona Fears** - February 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Pamela Shaw** - February 09, 2023 at 01:50 PM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Pamela Shaw - February 09, 2023 at 01:49 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the family 🙏🙏



Sheila McCray - February 09, 2023 at 08:01 AM

BC

“ She was a real sweet lady and will be missed. Prayers to the Turner family.

Brent Curry - February 09, 2023 at 07:59 AM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Sylvia Briggs - February 09, 2023 at 05:25 AM

SB

“ *Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Sylvia Briggs** - February 09, 2023 at 05:24 AM

RH

“ *Such a sweet soul...my condolences to the family.*



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**Regina Henderson** - February 09, 2023 at 01:01 AM

FM

“ *Felicia Mckinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Felicia Mckinney** - February 08, 2023 at 11:10 PM

AB

“ *Ann Blake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Ann Blake** - February 08, 2023 at 08:02 PM

SM

“ You will be truly missed Rest In. Love



Shawnta Marsh - February 08, 2023 at 01:12 PM

SP

“ Sandra Page lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Sandra Page - February 08, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SP

“ Sandra Page sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Sandra Page - February 08, 2023 at 11:23 AM

TE

“ Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Tearee Easter - February 08, 2023 at 10:55 AM

KD

“ Prayers of comfort to the family



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**Kelly Davis** - February 08, 2023 at 01:13 AM

BA

“ Brenda Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Brenda Alexander** - February 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Doris Fields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Doris Fields** - February 07, 2023 at 11:42 PM

TT

“ Trogenia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



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**Trogenia Turner** - February 07, 2023 at 11:33 PM

MW

“ Mike & Sarah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Mike & Sarah Williams - February 07, 2023 at 11:07 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Sharon Cole - February 07, 2023 at 10:16 PM

GH

“ Gwendolyn Hardwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Gwendolyn Hardwell - February 07, 2023 at 10:06 PM

RF

“ Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner



Ramona Fears - February 07, 2023 at 09:51 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Ramona Fears** - February 07, 2023 at 09:51 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Edna Rowden** - February 07, 2023 at 09:30 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Edna Rowden** - February 07, 2023 at 09:30 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Gracie W Tucker** - February 07, 2023 at 09:10 PM

GT

*In prayer and sympathy for the family of Mrs. Turner. Isaiah 46:3, I will be your God through all your lifetime...I made you and I will care for you. Praying God will comfort you gently and carry you through this difficult time. Rest in peace Sister Turner.*

**Gracie W Tucker** - February 07, 2023 at 09:14 PM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Dearlean Hughes** - February 07, 2023 at 08:42 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Sherry marshall** - February 07, 2023 at 08:28 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



**Michael Clayton** - February 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Essie B. Turner*



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**Michael Clayton** - February 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

EJ

“ *An Amazing Woman of God, my Bonus Grandmother. My heart is hurt but you are Free, you are with God as you lead so many to him. I am forever Grateful for all the talks we shared, I will miss you dearly. Prayers for this family and all the lives you touched*



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**Embrail Johnson** - February 07, 2023 at 07:35 PM

AR

*That is beautiful. My aunt was the sweetest lady ever....to everyone....*  
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**Andi Reynolds** - February 08, 2023 at 06:56 AM

RJ

*A. Angel from God may you Rest in peace. A very beautiful woman in side out*

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**Rev Ray johnson** - February 08, 2023 at 03:48 PM