



Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan

July 23, 1926 - May 18, 2021

Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Educator, Confidant, Friend, Counselor, and Woman of God. These are all titles that can be used to describe, Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Turner Strayhan. But what they do not convey, is her compassion for her fellow man, and her passion for education. With all of her soul, she loved God, her family, her community, and her students.

Pinkie Juanita Turner was born on July 23, 1926, the youngest child of Henry and Lizzie Harrison Turner, in the bustling town of Kress City, Lafayette County, Arkansas. The apple of her family's eye and she was the essence of finer womanhood. Her parents and siblings, Clayton, Delilah, Ivra, Ellen and Henry, all preceded her in death.

In the 1930's, education for a black child was limited, going no further than the sixth grade. The split session allowed only three months out of a year for schooling. The other months were spent working in the fields. It was during those short months that she realized her love for learning. Wanting better for their baby girl, Henry and Lizzie Turner allowed her to go to Dallas to further her education. Shortly after arriving in Dallas, she was given a placement test. In those short months of school, the learning proved to have been exceptional. In 1939 at the age of 12, she was placed in the eighth grade. Living with her older sister, Delilah, and her husband William, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1943. In the top of her class at the

age of 16, she was nominated to give the honors speech at commencement. She furthered her education at Jarvis Christian College in Jasper, Texas with the aim of becoming a lab technician. After graduating with a degree in Science, she was offered a teaching position in Gladewater, Texas. But because of the failing health of her parents, she returned home to Lewisville and began her teaching career at Lewisville Colored High School. She taught all subjects, was the senior class sponsor and became a skilled coach of the basketball team. Time brings about change, Lewisville Colored High School became Foster High School and the principal, Luther H. Black, decided that she would better service the school and its students as the librarian. After several years working as a teacher, she began work on her master's degree.

While in school at Prairie View A&M College, she met Robert Lee "Coach" Strayhan and they married in 1954. To this union were born two sons. They were married for 56 years and she fulfilled her vow of till death do us part, when he passed away on November 11, 2011 after a brief illness.

As a child, she attended St. Luke Baptist Church in Kress City. When the family relocated to the Mars Hill Township, they united with the St. John Baptist Church in Old Town.

She remained a faithful member until the church was dissolved. She became a member of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church, and at the time of her transition, she was a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of her nephew, Pastor MacArthur Turner.

As with everything, she sought to educate herself to be effective. After integration, she moved from Foster to Lewisville High School as librarian. She would attend school in the summer in Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and East Texas State University, in Commerce, Texas. She received her master's degree in Library Science from

East Texas State University (now a branch of Texas A&M).

She retired from teaching in the public schools of Lewisville in 1984 after 37 years. For 10 years, she taught Library Science classes at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas, and was instrumental in setting up the Lewisville City Library. Because of her vast knowledge and experience, she was asked to serve on the Arkansas Mental Health Board.

Pinkie Juanita Turner Strayhan was the essence of style, grace, elegance, patience, and compassion. She has been a wonderful mother, wife, sibling, aunt and friend to her family and the multitude of young people who have crossed her path. For 94 years, she has been a beacon of light for her students, her family, and her community. She has been a source of strength to us all. When her many nieces and nephews come to town, everyone ended up at her house for conversation, laughter, kisses, hugs, and good food. She was the best at giving advice. She had a forgiving heart and compassionate spirit. "Aunt 'Nita" was one of a kind. She will be missed, but her memory will live on in our hearts and minds. Her teachings will remain a part of our family as long as there is one member alive to tell the story.

Pinkie Juanita Turner Strayhan, the matriarch of our family, made her transition from this earthly life to live with God on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Her influence has left an indelible mark on our lives and the lives of those who crossed her path.

She leaves to cherish her memory two sons, Robert Clayton and Allan Henry Strayhan; six grandchildren, Vincent Cortez Henry, Alicia Verne` Strayhan, Robert Gene Strayhan, Mark Allan Strayhan, Erika Jean (Patrick) Strayhan Parkinson and Courtney (Angelisa) Strayhan; two daughters-in-law, Joan Potts Strayhan and Loretta Henry Strayhan; four great-grandchildren, Lorel

and Aatiayah Henry and Khloe and Akira Strayhan; a stepson, Byron Bolden; five nephews and seven nieces, 19 grand nephews, 15 grand nieces, 22 great-grand nephews, 17 great-grand nieces, four great-great-grand nephews and four great-great-grand nieces; a host of other relatives, her church family, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m., with a seated occupancy of 75 people. This number will be strictly enforced. Burial to follow at Wise Cemetery in Lewisville, Arkansas. Eulogist Rev. MacArthur Turner. Services will be live streamed: <https://www.facebook.com/rlreedfuneralhome>.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 25th at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Wise Cemetery

W 31st & Cemetery Rd
Lewisville, AR

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

TC

“ This is Tommy Calhoon who knew Mrs. Strayhan from the 7th grade on, and who knew Robert and Alan from school. She was a fine lady, and the perfect person to be in the place she was at the time she was. I respected her very much, and hope her sons know I hold them in high regard to this day. God bless you all and please know your mother impressed me in a very good way, and I value the memory of you both. Tom Calhoon, Arkadelphia.

tom calhoon - June 30, 2021 at 12:15 AM

CH

“ My sweet beautiful Mrs. Pinkie. You was a blessing to me in so many way. Now, you are a angel in heaven with our lord and savior, walking on streets of gold. I thank lord for sending me to you, because you were a blessing to and you taught me so much in the time I got to know you my little angel above. I love you and will miss even more but will see you again one day... High you beautiful soul.

Carla Hines - May 27, 2021 at 12:48 AM

VC

“ Sending the family our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have many wonderful memories of Mrs. Strayhan.

The Bell Family

Christine Richardson, Lillie Thomas and Vivian Carr

Vivian Carr - May 26, 2021 at 07:14 PM

TW

“ I will always cherish the words that you told me you will miss so much love (T) Tijuana Willis Wilbon



Tijuana Willis Wilbon - May 26, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Virginia McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan



Mrs. Virginia McMillan - May 26, 2021 at 01:10 PM

AJ

“ Condolences to the family of Ms. Strayhan. She was a great mentor, encourager and teacher. I have many wonderful memories at Foster High School.

We will continue in prayer for comfort of the family.

Andrew Johnson Jr.

Andrew Johnson Jr. - May 26, 2021 at 12:48 PM

IS

“ Ida Cullins Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan



Ida Cullins Scott - May 26, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MP

“ *Mildred Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Mildred Pierce - May 26, 2021 at 12:14 PM

DW

“ *Damon And Sharon Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Damon and Sharon Wilson - May 26, 2021 at 12:03 PM

GA

“ *Greg Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Greg Adams - May 26, 2021 at 12:38 AM

CA

Mrs Strayhan was a great lady and woman of God,she will truly be miss from your present but in your hearts she will remain forever.. Sending my condolences to the family, and may God keep in perfect peace

callie - May 26, 2021 at 12:38 PM

HF

“ *Hall And Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Hall and Smith Family - May 25, 2021 at 09:18 PM

WF

“ *William T. (Bobaby) McMillian and Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.*



William T. (Bobaby) McMillian and Family - May 25, 2021 at 05:46 PM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are for the family of this beautiful woman. She touched so many lives. She was always encouraging and wanted every one to reach their maximum potential.*



Mary Joseph - May 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM

KJ

Robert, Allen and all of the relatives and friends of my cousin Mrs. Pinkie Strahan. Let us all rejoice in the life she lived, the example she set and know she's wearing her crown of reward in the presence of the Lord. May we all be very sure that we can join her when the Lord calls us, in order to continue in fellowship with her!
Kiril,

Kiril Jones - May 26, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 25, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 24, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 24, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 24, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



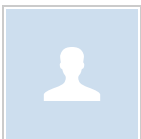
May 23, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. Mrs. Pinkie J. Strayhan will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.*

Bonnie Daniels

Bonnie Daniels - May 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.



May 22, 2021 at 11:46 PM

SM

“ *Sonia McCutchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Sonia McCutchen - May 22, 2021 at 07:12 PM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Robin - May 22, 2021 at 12:34 PM

RW

My deepest condolences and lifting the family in prayer.

Robin Wise

Robin Wise - May 22, 2021 at 12:38 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Deborah Brown - May 22, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SH

“ *Mrs. Strayhan was truly one of the greatest ladies I have ever know.*

Sue Hanson - May 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM

EC

“ *Emma Cooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Emma Cooks - May 22, 2021 at 01:04 AM

SF

“ *St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.*



St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Family - May 21, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan.*



May 21, 2021 at 10:22 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Brenda Wesley - May 21, 2021 at 07:26 AM

BW

My deepest condolences to the Family, my prayers for all during this difficult time for the loss of this sweet lady cherish the memories.

Brenda Wesley - May 21, 2021 at 07:29 AM

DW

What a kind, caring and devoted woman she was. When Mrs. Strayhan talked you knew she really cared. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

Dianna L. Winfree - May 25, 2021 at 07:08 PM

BW

“ *Our prayers are with the family of Mrs. Strayhan. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. She represented the virtuous woman and always offered words of wisdom. May God continue to bless and keep the Turner/Strahan family. Please continue to look to the Hills for strength. Much love, Billy & Patricia Williams*



Billy & Patricia Williams - May 21, 2021 at 12:35 AM

CM

“ *Life is a gift, love is a gift and when you have both...you have a life well lived to all...Our prayers are with you and your family.*



Cathy and Bill McNeil - May 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

GA

“ *Gwen Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Gwen Adams - May 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM

KC

“ *Kenneth Cooksie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Kenneth Cooksie - May 20, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Pinkie was a true blessing to the Lewisville Public School system. She was sweet and caring. Being in her presence was like being in an oasis in a hectic environment. She was adored.*

Nancy Bailey - May 20, 2021 at 10:43 AM

PJ

“ *Mrs. Strayhan will be truly missed! I remember working for her in the high-school library, she taught me so much and not only about work but how to treat others. We kept in touch over the years and she always asked my Mom how I was doing. May she rest in peace with the Lord! Til we meet again Mrs. Strayhan!!*

Peggy & Billy Johnson - May 19, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JE

“ *My condolences to the Strahan and Turner Family*

Jo Ann Embrey - May 19, 2021 at 11:39 PM

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“ *Jo Ann Embrey*



Jo Ann Embrey - May 19, 2021 at 11:37 PM

CS

“ *Cynthia Sterling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Cynthia Sterling - May 19, 2021 at 06:52 PM

PW

“ *Paula Jeanette White-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan*



Paula Jeanette White-Smith - May 19, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to the Strayhan and Turner family. She will truly be missed. 🙏🌹



Julia Beaver - May 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LM

“ Latetia McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pinkie Juanita Strayhan



Latetia McDonald - May 19, 2021 at 04:52 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family for their loss. May Mother Strayhan's memory live on in the heart and mind of all those she touched and inspired throughout her lifetime.



James Wesley - May 19, 2021 at 03:50 PM

VS

Our condolences from the Jamerson family, she was awesome people and welled loved my many. May God bless her family and give peace in the name of Jesus.

Virginia Jamerson Stuart - May 19, 2021 at 09:34 PM

JJ

To the Strayhan and the Turner family, words can't express how Mrs. Stayhan affected my life. She was my second mother that was always trying to bring the best out of me and so many others I thank God for putting her in my life and I will always cherish our time together. I will keep the family in my prayers and always remember that beautiful smile she had.

Jeffery Jamerson

Jeffery Jamerson - May 20, 2021 at 05:58 PM

BW

To the families of the late Ms. Pinkie Strayhan: May God bless and give you all the strength to get through your sorrow. She was a wonderful Christian lady loved by all who knew her. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6 May God Bless Each Of You!!!

Bama Williams

Bama Williams - May 21, 2021 at 05:59 PM

TJ

With heartfelt sympathy to my Uncle MacArthur and Aunt Mary Turner, and family. You are never alone when you have the love and support of those around you. My wish for you at this time is one of peace and comfort as you celebrate the life of your dear love one.

Tommy and Betty Johnson - May 25, 2021 at 04:46 PM