



Joanne Greene Turner

March 13, 1939 - December 25, 2025

Joanne Elizabeth (Greene) Turner of Travelers Rest, S.C. passed away at Prisma Greer Hospital on Christmas Day (December 25, 2025) after battling leukemia/CLL for nearly a decade. She was 86 years old. She is survived by her son Charles (Chuck) F. Turner Jr. (Angela) and 2 granddaughters, Ashley J. Turner of Greenville, S.C. and Meredith Turner Cooper (Corey) of Taylors, S.C. The family will celebrate her life with a graveside service on Monday, December 29, 2025 at Reedy River Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry in Travelers Rest, S.C. and/or the American Cancer Society. Joanne ("Jody" to her family) was born in Greenville, S.C. on March 13, 1939 to Walter Edward and Ethel Stewart Greene of Travelers Rest, S.C. She was their youngest child and sister to her older brother Jack Greene. She was born and raised a farm girl on Greendale Farms which operated a dairy farm and cotton gin. It was there that she developed her lifelong fear of chickens assisted by her older brother chasing and teasing her with them. She attended Travelers Rest schools from grade school through high school achieving academic success. She was also a good athlete, playing point guard on the state championship girl's team. She also loved social life and enjoyed having a good time, laughing, dancing and telling jokes. She loved playing piano and singing in various church choirs. Whether on or off key, she enjoyed her role immensely, as she did in every aspect of her life. She attended Furman University and it was there she met her life long love

and future husband Buddy Turner after picking him and a fraternity brother up for a ride around the new Furman Lake. After graduating a year early from Furman, she taught history at Travelers Rest High School before following her husband to Germany where he was stationed in the U.S. Army. When they returned to the States, she continued to teach school until she had her son. Despite staying home and raising her son, she assisted her husband in his business endeavors and always found time to volunteer. Over the years, she was active in the S.C. Jaycees Auxiliary, the Travelers Rest Junior Women's Club, North Greenville Hospital volunteers, and various PTA groups. Later in her life, the North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry became her mission and focus acting a Board Member/Chair almost to the day she died, She was a member of Reedy River Baptist Church her entire life and attended Berea First Baptist Church for a time

Joanne enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of Green Valley Country Club for almost 50 years where she played tennis at a 3.5 level even into her late fifties, She was also a very good golfer and bowler despite not playing either very much. Like her husband, she was devoted to exercise; biking and running thousands miles around Furman's campus and on various trips. She also loved Furman athletics.

As warm and vibrant as the unusual Christmas Day weather when she passed, Joanne was the consummate host and loved throwing parties and cooking for everyone. Her pound cake, country style steak, fried chicken, fried okra and cobblers (peach and blackberry) will be missed. She liked having a beer with pizza (usually on Saturday night), and she always loved peanuts, a glass of white wine, and beach music/shagging. While having only one son, she fed and raised a number of her son's friends and teammates whom she treated like her own.

Joanne was a steel magnolia: classy, kind, loving, giving, and strong of mind, faith, and spirit. She was the friend you could count on for a good laugh or a shoulder to cry on. She was one of a kind; battling breast cancer in her fifties, various skin cancers, and leukemia/CLL later in her life, all the while caring for

her aging husband and selflessly devoting herself to her family. She ran her race and a couple extra miles for good measure. Her family takes solace that she is now with her Savior and reunited with her husband in heaven after a short respite, as well as joining her life long best friend Ann (Styles) Burgess. Undoubtedly, they are laughing and throwing a party for everyone.

The family would like to thank Dr. Coimann, Nurses Ben and Sean, and all of the Mom's care team at Prisma Greer for their care and comfort for her over the last week, Dr. Fanning, Dr. Gardziola, and the Prisma Cancer Institute staff, as well as her caregivers Melissa, April and Darrell.

Well done, Mom, well done. We love you.

Cemetery Details

Reedy River Baptist Church Cemetery

871 By Pass 25 North
Greenville, SC 29617

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PG

“ So sorry to hear about your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Preston and Ann



Preston & Ann Golightly - January 03 at 05:05 PM

BT

“ Ashley and Meredith,
I remember your grandmother being a fun volunteer when you both were in Kindergarten. She was so supportive of us Gateway Gators, and was so happy to be close to her grandgirls. My husband and I had dinner with your grandparents a few times, and I have always thought that she was a kind, classy, lovely, lady. She will be missed.

Barbara Trammell - December 30, 2025 at 03:06 PM

BC

“ Chuck, sorry to hear about the passing of your mom! My memory of her goes back to Travelers Rest Elementary school where we were classmates in the sixth grade! I sat next to her in class and we often had chats about things we liked to do! She left an impression on me then! It was great to reconnect to that connection through your friendship with Bobby! Prayers for you ahead as you move to the next chapter in your life without your mom! Lean on your faith and the wonderful memories as a family!

Bob Couch - December 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CT

Thank you so much, Dr. Couch. I really appreciate it. Yes, I will definitely miss my mom.

Chuck Turner - December 31, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JD

“ *Joanne’s obituary describes her perfectly. We never ran into each other anywhere when she didn’t have time to catch up, reminisce, share a laugh or a tear, whatever the occasion called for, or just offer a listening ear! I loved Joanne. I was out of town when Buddy died and had visiting her on my agenda for this week. I’m so sorry that the visit did not come to fruition. She was a pillar in our community and a mentor to many. I will miss her dearly. Many prayers for you, Chuck, and your family.*

jean demars - December 28, 2025 at 11:46 PM

CT

Thank you, Ms. Demars.

Chuck Turner - December 31, 2025 at 06:07 PM

TR

“ *Chuck, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family.*

Terry Reeves - December 28, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TB

“ I had the privilege of knowing both Buddy and Joanne through my parents, Jim & Carolyn Crosby. They shared many adventures back in the day with bike tours together being one of them. My parents told me several stories of their adventures over the years. Mom and Joanne were very involved in the food crisis ministry and have been friends for many years. I enjoyed my telephone conversations with Buddy and Joanne over the last few years. They both inspired me with their positive attitudes and love of life. Their love story was one that we all wish to live. I just found out today of their passing. We have lost two precious souls. May God bless their families and may their memories comfort them now and in the days ahead. Terri Crosby Bennett

Terri Bennett - December 27, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BT

“ Loved Joanne and Buddy, my tireless KA Brother. Enjoyed her infectious laugh at our Furman gatherings. A good life indeed —her family can be proud of her.
Bob Thompson

Bob Thompson - December 27, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DV

“ She was my teacher ,She treated me like a friend evert time I saw her out and about in Travelers REST. MAY she rest in peace..

Della Vaughn - December 27, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CM

“ Cher M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Greene Turner.

Cher M. - December 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JJ

“ *She finished Furman comeback to TR and taught me her first year,my senior year and came to many of our Class reunions only 4 years our senior class of 1962...prayers for comfort and peace....*

Joann S Jones - December 26, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JH

“ *Jonell Thacker Hart lit a candle in memory of Joanne Turner*



Jonell Thacker Hart - December 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LR

“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss. We cherish good memories of Joanne for many years. Linda & Jimmy Ray*

Linda Ray - December 26, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of peace and comfort to her family.*



Nancy Lance - December 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM