



## Leon Eldon Turner Jr.

June 29, 1930 - July 13, 2018

Leon Eldon Turner was born June 29, 1930 and was Promoted to Glory on July 13, 2018. Born in St Louis, Missouri to Leon Eldon, Senior and Sarah Mildred (Rugh) Turner, he was the second of their six children. He met The Salvation Army at the age of 7 where he experienced the joy of salvation and committed himself to a life of service to God and mankind. After high school he entered the School for Officers' Training in Chicago Illinois. In 1949 he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel and commissioned as a Salvation Army officer.

He married Gladys Lucille Cointin, also a minister and officer, on June 30, 1952. They had two daughters, Catherine Louise and Karen Lynn. He taught them, by word and by deed, to love the Lord, the wonderful world our Creator has given us, and to love each other.

Leon and Gladys served side-by-side until Gladys' death in 2013. Their careers started in the Midwest, providing pastoral care in Alton, IL as well as Moberly, Salem, Hannibal, Springfield and West Plains MO. They worked in administrative capacities in St Louis, MO and Grand Rapids, MI. He organized and directed the National Centennial Congress, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Salvation Army's presence in the United States, and then realized a life-long hope of performing mission work which took them to Mexico, all of the Central America countries, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. They returned to administrative work in California for the last 10 years before retirement in 1995.

But, that wasn't enough! Leon began organizing mission tours, taking Salvationists around the world to participate in mission projects as well as raise funds for The Salvation Army's World Services. Before accepting his final assignment in the Bahamas, 15 years after he officially "retired", Leon had worked and served in 59 countries as well as across the Central and Western United States.

His last years were challenging but he was surrounded by supportive friends and family, returning for the last few months of his life to St Louis to be close to his daughters. He continued to love his Lord, his family, and The Salvation Army.

Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, his parents Leon and Sarah Mildred, and his brothers Raymond, Earl, and Murrel, as well as Raymond's wife DeeDee, Murrel's wife

Margaret, his sister Shirley's husband Richard and his brother James' wife Barbara. He is survived by his children Catherine (Glen) Strang and Karen (Bill) Bogasch, his grandson Daniel Strang and his Great-granddaughter Avery Strang as well as his sister Shirley Morgan, his brother James Turner, his brother Earl's wife Arlene, brothers-in-law Richard (Yvonne) Cointin and Paul (Mary Ann) Cointin, and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Memorial services will be held in St Louis, MO and in Clearwater, FL.

In St Louis:

The Salvation Army Gateway Citadel Corps

824 Union Road

St Louis, MO 63123

10:30 AM, Saturday August 11, 2018

In Clearwater, Florida

The Salvation Army Clearwater Corps

1625 N Belcher Road

Clearwater, FL 33765

10:00 AM, Saturday September 15, 2018

Interment to follow immediately at

Memorial Park Cemetery

5750 49th Street North

St Petersburg, FL 33709

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army World Services efforts through your local corps.

# Comments

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“ Colonel Turner was a real Christian gentleman. Both him and Mrs Turner took me under their wing when I went to Mexico as a very young girl, first time out of the UK and I couldn't speak Spanish. He was a wonderful boss and even after we went our separate ways from Mexico, we kept in touch, became good friends and I was able to visit them in Argentina and again in California. I am going to miss him across the miles but thank you for being you. Rest in peace Colonel. At least you are not suffering anymore. My sincere condolences and love to Cathy, Karen and the whole family at this sad time.xx

**Cathy Longden** - July 22, 2018 at 10:12 AM

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“ Susie Turner lit a candle in memory of Leon Eldon Turner Jr.



**Susie Turner** - July 21, 2018 at 07:55 AM

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“ I am Earl and Arlene's second oldest son, Victor Lee. I always will remember Uncle Leon as a Dedicated Great Salvation Army Officer and more importantly a Man of God. I NEVER remember Uncle Leon with a frown on his face ever, although he was serving the Lord and the Salvation Army all over the World, he never forgot Family and Friends in St. Louis and else where in the United States. He will be missed by his family and friends, but we will see him again in Glory. It won't surprise me in Glory to see him leading a Salvation Army band singing praises to the Lord in heaven. Rest in Peace Uncle Leon, you will never be forgotten!



**Victor Turner** - July 20, 2018 at 09:59 PM

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“ Rest in peace Leon I will miss you. Love your Sister . Shirley.



**Shirley Morgan.** - July 19, 2018 at 10:17 AM

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“ Norma Watts lit a candle in memory of Leon Eldon Turner Jr.



**Norma Watts** - July 19, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ I will miss my Uncle Leon, he was a good man and the Lord has gotten a great preacher, he loved the Lord and wanted every one to know about the Lord, he was an easy man to listen to when he preached you never fell a sleep while he was talking about the Lord and you never new what he was going to say next my mother will miss him very much. I love you Uncle Leon and God Bless you ,no more pain and now you are with you Lord. Love your Niece Norma Jean.

**Norma Watts** - July 19, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ I enjoyed our yearly get together when Leon and Karen would come to my house at Christmas time and we would share a pizza and salad. I loved listening to his interesting stories of all the wonderful places he had been to. I will miss that this year!  
.Marilyn Weindel

**Marilyn Weindel** - July 18, 2018 at 06:37 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leon Eldon Turner Jr..



July 18, 2018 at 12:07 PM

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“ I will always treasure the time we had together once Dad moved back to St. Louis. I saw him on a daily basis and we had a lot of quality time together. The last mile of his road was rough, and I know he was ready in every way to move on to his eternal home. Thanks for being an outstanding father and an amazing human being, Dad. I will miss you every day!

**Karen Bogasch** - July 18, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Hi Karen, so sorry to hear about the passing of your father, I was truly saddened to have gotten that news. I am glad Mr. Turner made it back to St. Louis to spend his remaining days with family. I always enjoyed my conversations with your father. - Victoria Levario

**Victoria** - August 15, 2018 at 12:43 PM

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“ Leann Gump lit a candle in memory of Leon Eldon Turner Jr.



**Leann Gump** - July 18, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ Delinda A Turner lit a candle in memory of Leon Eldon Turner Jr.



Delinda A Turner - July 17, 2018 at 08:36 PM

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“ I am the youngest of Earl's children and my uncle Leon and his sweet wife Gladys were already deep in the Lords work so I didn't get to know them as well as my other aunts and uncles but Uncle Leon was always kind to me when him and aunt Gladys were in town. I will miss Uncle Leon but I know I will see him and my dad and other family members again in heaven. Rest in our Saviors arms Uncle Leon you have completed your race. You will be missed by many friends and family

Love your niece Delinda A Turner

Delinda A Turner - July 17, 2018 at 08:33 PM