



## Donald B. Turner

May 28, 1947 - February 24, 2018

Donald Benson Turner, aka “The Fixner,” passed away on February 24, 2018 at the age of 70. The life-long Charlotte resident, 70, was born on May 28, 1947 to Robert William and Thelsa E. (Sampson) Turner in Charlotte. His first name was chosen by his grandma, Myrtle Mae Sampson. His philosophies, insights and work ethic are to be admired. Donald never backed down from the truth. He was one to rethink or redesign for a solution, but he never quit. He would always complete the project. He could always be counted on for those who needed help.

Perfectionist -do it all the way. He despised the words, “I can’t.” If it’s difficult to do, we do it immediately. If it’s impossible, it will take a little longer. Not impossible, but I’m Possible! His memories of growing up were idyllic in the post war years. You knew everyone in the neighborhood, and there was no fear. They didn’t have much money, but enjoyed building things such as soap box derby cars, and such. One of his favorite memories as a young boy was riding a raft “Tom Sawyer style” in the Duffy Drain. It was a “we society” back then, helping each other and the family structure reigned.

Donald was an extreme workaholic, putting in 60-70 hours weekly. He was a patient, thorough and disciplined teacher, teaching compliance regulations at Minor Walton Bean (where he was employed for 37 years) and was thoughtful to teach at the needed education level for the varied employees. He took

responsibility for their grasping the details, and was known to say, “that if he they didn’t pass, he didn’t teach them right.” He had a fantastic memory with details and an uncanny sense of direction. One of his dreams was to fly an airplane.

He tutored for residential construction at LCC. As a final exam for a LCC class, he wrote the City of Lansing payroll computer program. He was determined to maintain the 100 year old homestead and enjoyed gardening and the chores that went along with the family property. He restored a 1937 John Deere tractor with one of his buddies. He enjoyed attending church with his family, and loved singing the southern gospel hymns. He had a strong bass voice, and loved to harmonize.

Donald is survived by his siblings, David Turner, and Nancy Turner. He was preceded in death by his parents.

If desired, the family suggests memorial donations to The Courthouse Square Association. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Donald's Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

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“ Don worked for me at Tractor Supply and he taught me a lot about different products all the time. He was dedicated and detailed, and took a tremendous amount of pride in his work. Don left a special mark on all of us, and we will miss him

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**Sandy Southwell** - February 27, 2018 at 07:46 PM

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“ Don was a special neighbor and friend. He was one of the most honest, compassionate people I have ever known. He loved helping people. Marcia Jewell

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**Marcia Jewell** - February 26, 2018 at 09:29 AM

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“ I'm having a hard time trying to put into words, what it has meant to me over the many years of knowing Donald as well as his brother David and his deceased father Robert. Donald was a role model for all who new him, kind considerate, compassionate, a true Christian. Donald will be truly missed, sincerely. Larry Brown

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**Larry Brown** - February 26, 2018 at 07:33 AM