



## WILLIAM A. TURNER

William A. Turner died the age of 93 at his home in Crockett, Texas on Saturday, October 18, 2008. He was born in Crockett, Texas on March 13, 1915 and resided in Crockett most of his life.

Mr. Turner graduated from Crockett High School in 1933 and attended Texas A&M University where he studied architecture. He served in the United States Army during World War II, attaining the rank of Captain. Following military service, he worked for a brief period for Shell Oil Company, before returning to Crockett to join the building business started by his father. Mr. Turner spent his entire career in the residential construction and hardware business as the owner of Turner Hardware & Construction, Inc.

He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Crockett for over 50 years, serving as chairman of the Board of Deacons and as Sunday School superintendent. His civic involvement included service as president of the Crockett School Board, president of the Crockett Lions Club and member of the Angelina-Neches River Authority. He was also a trusted advisor and tireless volunteer in his son Jim's political campaigns for over 25 years.

Bill Turner was dedicated to God and to his church family, where he encouraged and was an example to many young people through the years. He was known for his hard work and his pursuit of excellence in his career. He was a lifelong fan of his beloved Texas Aggies and seldom missed attending an A&M home football game. Most of all, he was a dedicated and giving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His family was his pride and joy and his generous spirit was felt in countless ways by those he loved.

He is survived by Bea Turner, his wife of almost 69 years; son, Jim Turner and wife Ginny of Crockett and McLean, Virginia; grandson John Turner and wife Jenia of Dallas; granddaughter Susan Turner Nold and husband Danny of Austin; great-grandson William Turner of Dallas; great-granddaughter Ginger Nold of Austin; sister, Corine Collins of Crockett; nephew Rufus Turner and wife Elaine of Claremont, California; nieces Carrie Ballard and husband Travis of Conroe, Sandra Bash and husband Vincent of Cashiers, North Carolina, Carolyn Surles and husband Brady of Durham, North Carolina, Frances Baker and husband David of Crockett, Lottie Hollan of Tilden, Texas, as well as numerous great-nieces and nephews. Mr. Turner is also survived by his loyal employee and friend of over 20 years, Willie Anderson of Crockett.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William R. and Fannie Turner; brother Rufus Turner and wife Lillie Lee; sister Alma Sevier; sister Carrie Lively and husband Billy; brother-in-law Denny Collins, niece Louise Sevier Lack and nephew Billy Lively.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Renovation or Library Fund, 801 East Goliad Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835, or the charity of your choice.