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Alvin "Lee" Turner

Aug. 19, 1957 - Nov. 3, 2026

Alvin "Lee" Turner, 69, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Born in Burke County, NC on August 19, 1957, he was the beloved son of Maxine Turner and the late James Gilbert Turner.

A dedicated member of Hopewell Baptist Church, Lee was a steadfast servant throughout his life. He devoted 30 years of his career to law enforcement with the Burke County Sheriff's Office. After retirement, he continued to stay active, taking on various jobs that kept him engaged and fulfilled.

Lee found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Whether it was a trip to Dollywood, camping with loved ones, or cheering on his grandchildren during their sporting events, family was always at the heart of his happiness. His infectious sense of humor and love for a good joke brought laughter to those around him, making every moment spent with him a cherished memory.

In addition to his mother, Lee leaves behind a devoted wife of 44 years, Tamara Smith Turner; two children, Jessica Turner Farkas and her husband, Scott, and Justin Lee Turner; and his adored grandchildren, Theo Farkas and Molly Farkas. He also leaves behind numerous extended family members and friends who will treasure their time with him.

A memorial service celebrating Lee’s life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at Hopewell Baptist Church, with Elder Alex Cobb officiating. The Burke County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard will provide honors at the service. Following the memorial, the family invites friends to join them in the church fellowship hall for a time of remembrance and reflection.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I’m saddened to just now discover the passing of a good friend, former coworker at the Burke County Sheriff’s, and the best range master anywhere. Lee was always concerned about our well being as Deputies at the Sheriff’s Office. He was always asking us how we were doing, and did we have everything we needed. He was a top notch range master and made sure that we all were as proficient as we could be with the firearms that we used and carried on duty. Lee was a man of God as well and wasn’t afraid to share his faith with others. My heart goes out to the family and I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

–Ty Chapman



–Brenda Whisnant Thurston

Lee was a wonderful friend and neighbor. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family during this time.

–Eddie and Sheila Garrison





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—Kevin & Terry Cline

Tamara, my love and condolences to you and your family. I wish I could be there tomorrow. Just remember God loves you. Look toward our Lord and Savior in your time of grief..

—Karen Rockett

My sincere condolence to the family.

—Jacqueline C. Kanipe

Jessica and family, I am so sorry to hear about Lee's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him about you and your family and all the stories about his old home place. You were certainly blessed with a good father. Sending love to you.

—Judy Fisher



—Michael Taylor





You all are in my thoughts and prayers . Lee you will be missed on Grandfather Mountain.

—Lisa Stamey

May my good friend and Brother rest in peace. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family through this difficult time. Sam B.

—Sam Buckner



My heart goes out to the family and friends and coworkers at the Burke Co. Sheriffs Dept. I have known Lee as a friend and coworker since high school. I also had the privilege to work with him at the Burke County Sheriffs Department. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. Rest in peace brother. Steve Lail

—Steve Lail

To the Turner family sorry for your loss I remember Lee and his wife living in the apartments on holler Street here in Drexel he was always a very friendly and respectful person cherish each and every memory that you have with Lee and remember that he always loved you you're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time Wanda Stacy

—Wanda Stacy

I will always remember him being the best oyster roaster ever!!! rest easy, Mr. Lee!

—Christi Abrams



—Nathan Thurston

FOR HIS FAMILY; I always enjoyed his friendship: him @ the Sheriffs office & me @ MPD: he always had your back: HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND: & will be missed

—JEFF CHAPMAN

Im so very sorry for your loss.. I had him at in-service. Great man.. made class a lot better with his stories and thanks to him i passed the shooting range more times than I can count. Prayers for you all

—Alice Powell



—Shannon Gragg



Lee and I go way back to our high school days. He and I lifted weights and ran together. He was always upbeat. We always had a great time together. Lee, my friend ,you will be missed but now on top of this world.. literally. I will see you soon. Rest in peace.

—Doug Butler



RIP my Friend

—Sidney Simmons