



Novella Turner

October 18, 1932 - June 23, 2025

Novella Turner was born in Easton, Maryland on Friday, October 18, 1932, to parents Albert and Emma Griffin. Her siblings include: Charles Griffin, Upper Marlboro, MD; William Griffin, Sr., Clayton, NJ; Shirley Griffin (deceased); James Griffin (deceased); and Emma Murray (deceased). She grew up in Easton, and was educated in the Talbot County school system until her graduation from Moton High School. She later went on to devote a great deal of love, time and attention to her family and raising her five children: Diana; William, Jr.; Dwayne; Denise and Veronica. Novella worked various jobs and was also known for her extremely delicious fried chicken.

On July 6, 1974, she married Rogers Turner, of Stevensville, Maryland. Rogers and Novella began an adventure together lasting over 50 years! After relocating to New Jersey, Novella started a career with Bradlees Department Stores. After retiring from Bradlees, she went on to operate her own Christian Book Store – A Touch of God.

Novella's life was changed after hearing God's plan of salvation, from the Bible. Her greatest desire was to have her family and loved ones hear about JESUS and be saved.

Novella is survived by her loving husband, Rogers Turner; along with her brothers – Charles Griffin; William Griffin, Sr. and brothers– and sisters-in-law

– Albert Turner (Eloise); Donald Turner (Bertie); Charles Turner (Valerie); Robert Turner; Mary Spence and Shirley Thomas. She also is survived by her children: Diana Ryans; William Burke, Jr.; Dwayne Burke, Sr. (Brenda); Denise Burke; and Veronica Singley. Surviving grandchildren include – Quana Singley, Hubert Singley, II, Stacie Ryans; Kristi Ryans; Malik Burke; Lateke Burke; Dwayne Burke, Jr.; Tawanna Simmons; Tiffany Taylor (Mark); Cornell Robinson III; Joy Burke and Miles Burke. She is also survived by great-grandchildren – London Simmons; Mark Taylor, Jr.; Saray Burke; Jaylan Parker, Cornell Robinson IV, Caisy Robinson and Cailey Robinson. Additionally, she is survived by two god-children – Keisha Turner and Da-Von Boardley.

There are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special loved ones, celebrating this life well lived.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New United Methodist Church
110 Union Wesley Circle
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Courtney Griffin lit a candle in memory of Novella Turner*



Courtney Griffin - July 05, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - July 02, 2025 at 05:58 AM