

John Albert Turner, Jr was born on March 7, 1940 to John H. Turner, Sr and Artis C. (Powe) Turner, the eldest of eight children. "Sonny", as he was loving known to all, departed this life on July 23, 2022 at H. C. Watkins Memorial Hospital in Quitman, Mississippi.

Early in life Sonny became a member of Pearlie Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Quitman, Ms. He was a class of 1962 graduate at Shirley Owens High School. Sonny's passion for cars led to employment at Ford Motor Company in Quitman, LaBoone's Auto, and later owner operator of Turner Auto Shop. He was also contracted as a construction worker on a government project in his hometown. Even when he wasn't physically capable to continue his work as mechanic, his passion for cars led to him enjoying car shows, and instructing other fellow mechanics. He was very knowledgeable about the make and model of any classic car that he saw.

Sonny was preceded in death by his father, John Turner, Sr.; mother, Artis C. Turner; brother, Tony A. Turner; brother-in-law, Charles Conner; and sister-in-law, Beatrice Turner.

He leaves to cherish his memory five children, Sycbraithiea Turner of Ontario, Ca; Michelle (Jeff) Harris and Michael Bland of Helotes, Tx; Wanda Turner of Quitman, Ms; Patrice Perkins of Stonewall, Ms; three brothers, Tommy J. Turner of Quitman, Ms; Sherman (Carolyn) Turner of Mableton, Ga; Jerome Turner of Shubuta, Ms; three sisters, Patricia (Arthur) Bridges of Jackson, Ms; Verta "Buttercup" Conners of Quitman, Ms; Jennifer (Joe) Ticer of Racine, Wi; one beloved niece, Joi (Slater) Simpson; a special friend, Willie Frank McGee, Sr.; Nineteen (19) grandchildren, Twenty (20) great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.