



Charles Turpin

November 19, 1923 - October 31, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 720 Tuscola Street. Rev. Richard Frontjes of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Beloved father, grandfather, brother and friend, Dr. Charles Lewis Turpin was born November 19th, 1923 in Crawfordsville, Indiana to Reverend Robert R. and Annie E. Turpin. He spent most of his childhood in LeRoy, New York, until his family moved to Flint, Michigan in 1939, where his father was Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He graduated from Flint Central High School in 1941, and went on to college at the former Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. After graduation, he entered dental school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. There he earned his D.D.S. degree in 1947. In 1948, Dr. Turpin began his dental practice in Saginaw, Michigan, retiring in 1983. He left his Saginaw practice for two years when he was drafted as a dentist in the U.S. Army, and spent two years stationed in England beginning in 1956. Dr. Turpin married Helen Joan Banks June 15, 1949 in Columbus, Ohio. She predeceased him in 1970. He then married Phyllis "Toni" Krause in 1976. She predeceased him in 1996. Dr. Turpin was a member of the Saginaw Housing Commission for many years in the 1960s. He was an avid golfer, and a member of the first flight of the Detroit Duffers Golf Club. He played in many tournaments and collected quite a few trophies. One of Dr. Turpin's little known talents was a

beautiful bass singing voice. During college, he traveled the country with the popular Hampton Quartet, the Meharry Singers, and other groups. He also sang in the choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Ann Turpin Williams of Saginaw; two grandchildren, Elise Williams and Nickolas Williams; one brother, Dr. Robert (Elizabeth) Turpin, Lansing, Michigan; three nieces, one nephew; many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by a stepson, Gary L. Krause.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *It was an honor to be a friend of Doc. I will always remember his bright and happy smile, his cliches, advice, many stories of his early life and the tribulations that he overcame.*

Doc was unique in many ways and truly cared about his family and his fellow man. He will be missed by so many in so many ways and has left an indelible mark within my heart.

Tom Call Jr. - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Ann and Family:*

*We send our deepest condolences.
May God be your comfort and strength during this time of bereavement.*

Ann, Billy Jordan

Billy & Ann Jordan - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ Dear Ann,
It is with deep sadness that I hear about the homegoing of your Dad, Dr Turpin. He was the first dentist to ever work on me and he had his office on the corner of N. Jefferson & Potter in Saginaw. I had last seen your dad at our Poter St. Depot dinner last December when he accompanied our Pres. Mr Leroy Austin & us for a great time. I was so happy to see him. We talked & I asked about you and he told me you were doing well. I will miss him so much. It is with my most humble & deepest condolences that I confer this to you. You know how much I love you. You will be in and already is in my prayers. I will see you tomorrow & for his homegoing. I will miss him but you will miss him more. I know he is celebrating our victory of the first black African-American president in President-Elect Mr Barack H. Obama. He is with President Obama's Grandmother in Heaven. "May God make his face to shine down upon you and grant you his peace at this sad time in your life. Your Mom & Dad is together in heaven waiting for you hun.ok? (Big Hugs). I Love you in Christ & you will forever & always will be my friend, confident & a V.I.P 2 me . Give me a call anytime you need to talk or if it is anything I can do . for you I will.

Sincerely Yours,
Mr Orlando Jones
Member: Sag. Depot Preservation Crop. Pres. Juicy Notes
Productions.

Orlando Jones - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Ann, my sympathy to your family. My prayers are with you.
May your dad rest in peace.

Bill Hewitt - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ann,

I was very saddened to hear of the recent loss of your Dad. He was a very good man and has been a friend of my family for as long as I can remember. My sincerest prayers are with you and your family.

Mike Marsh

Michael Marsh - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ To Anne and Family:

With sympathy in the loss of your father, Dr. Turpin.

May precious memories comfort you. The world has lost a wonderful and loving person. Always remember that if you keep the memory of your father alive within your heart, he shall never be truly gone.

I will be praying for you and the family. May God bless you.

*Lovingly,
Gayle Brown=Terry
Las Vegas, NV*

Gayle Brown-Terry - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Many of us will remember Dr. Turpin in his office, and for some of us, with his work in the public. His efforts to make our community a better place to live will always be remembered.*

Rev. Charles Coleman - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM