



## James A. "Sam" Turner

April 1, 1931 - April 6, 2017

James A. "Sam" Turner, 86, of Salisbury passed away April 6, 2017 at the NC Lutheran Home in Salisbury.

Born April 1, 1931 in Rowan County, he was a son of the late Wayne P. and Vada Koontz Turner.

Sam graduated from East Spencer High School and Salisbury Business College. He was of the Baptist faith. He loved his rose bushes and was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He was a veteran of the US Army serving with the 489th Company as a squad leader during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a Sergeant from the North Carolina Department of Correction after 30 years of service. In 1978 he was appointed by Governor James Green as Honorary Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Durant Turner on June 1, 2004.

Left to cherish his memory are a brother, Bill W. Turner of Salisbury; sisters, Markie Turner Smith and Peggy Turner Box both of Charleston, SC; nieces and nephews, Billie Carmichael, Vicki Shulenburger (Eddie), Raymond Condrey, Joan Dobson (Chris) and Joe Sides (Ruslana) all of Salisbury.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 – 3:00 PM Monday (April 10) at Summersett Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3:00 PM Monday (April 10) in Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Mike Motley officiating. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Rowan County, P.O. Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Turner family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144