



Jerome "Jerry" Turton

January 9, 1938 - February 4, 2019

Jerome J. "Jerry" Turton, age 81, of Rocky River, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019 at his home.

He was born in Lorain and had been a resident of Rocky River for 15 years moving from Grafton.

Jerry served in the US Army during the Korean War.

He was a self-employed contractor for 25 years and worked for Gene's Floor Covering in Lorain and Firelands in Vermilion.

He was a member of St. Mary's of the Falls in Olmsted Falls and was an avid fisherman who enjoyed fishing with his son in Alaska. He also loved bowling, golfing and playing pinochle.

Jerry was a great cook and baker. He shared at his AA meetings with all his great friends. Survivors include his sons, Jeff (Kim) Turton of Elyria, Mark Turton of Alaska; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brothers, Larry (Jeannie) of Pennsylvania, Dennis (Sue) of Montana, Casey (Anna) of South Carolina, Tim (Robyn) of North Carolina; sisters, Patricia Turton of Westlake, Toni (Don) Twary of New Mexico, Sylvia (Norm) Baracz of North Ridgeville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Casimer and Louise (nee Scislowski) Turton; brother, Richard and sister, Marcellia Majkut.

Friends may call Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 1PM until the time of services at 2PM at Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville.

Burial will be at a later date at Holy Trinity Cemetery, Avon.

For further information or to send an online condolence, please visit

www.bognerfamilyfuneralhome.com

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH, US, 44039

FEB **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - February 07, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ OMG! This is soo awesome. Thank u! I love u Dad!!

Mark Turton - February 07, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ What a great tribute! I'm so happy Jerry had so much happiness during his Alaska trips. We are truly going to miss him.

Juanita Miller - February 08, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ I love you Dad. Miss you

Jeff - February 08, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ He always looked forward to coming to Alaska. And I have a plan for this summer....

Mark Turton - February 09, 2019 at 12:11 AM



“ You have meant so much to Jan and I for the 11 years we knew you. I never heard a cross word from you and you always spoke of a faith that will carry us through difficult times and helps us rebuild our troubled relationships. I'm so grateful our last words were gentle and caring, I know the Father has you and is holding you gently.
Love, Scott Ballew

Scott Ballew - February 08, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ Jerry had a natural bent for woodworking and repairs. He shared this talent when the rest of the family needed these skills. I remeber he was the skinniest kid in our family of 10 so Mom made him his favorite pork chops while we ate whatever was served. Don't think anyone protested.

toni twary - February 08, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Tom , Dave and Amanda purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Turton.



Tom , Dave and Amanda - February 07, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Mickey & Renee O'Neil purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Turton.



Mickey & Renee O'Neil - February 07, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - February 07, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ Jerry was more than a friend, he was a kind, giving, sharing man. Jerry was a friend to many people, a helper and guide to those in need of finding a way to restore their lives. Jerry and I were privileged to be associated with those that happily trudged the roads of life together. He will truly be missed.

Chuck Druessedow

Chuck Druessedow - February 07, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark Turton - February 06, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ Jerry was sweet and worked a great program. Many times he brought salmon that he had caught and shared it with us. RIP my friend.

Pamela Linger - February 06, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ U mean the salmon that I caught. LOL

Mark Turton - February 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ Jerry was a GOOD AA. Always quick with a smile, and never had a bad word to say about ANYONE. He loved his family. If I ever needed a 1 on 1 about a LIFE ISSUE he always took time to listen, and share the best he had.
God bless, and one day I will have coffee with you and GOD too,

gerry wiess - February 06, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ The power of powerlessness, that's what Jerome Turton taught me.

Nine years ago in the bitter cold of December I was on the precipice of blowing my head off. Two decades of drink/drug abuse, self-will run riot (fear), the ensuing insanity, and resulting isolation, guilt, shame, and remorse had finally broken me. I could neither imagine continuing to live a life using or a life without out it. After many years of accelerating my doom, the cold waters finally crashed over me.

That zero-sum bottom.

As I began preparing my final act, I heard a faint boom. From a great distance it screamed out to me, "CALL THEM NOW!" A moment of clarity washed over me. I ran to my room, rummaged violently through a pile of receipts and pocket notes, located the number, and dashed to my phone.

I dialed, it rang, and a woman answered. I told her I was in my final act and I that I needed help, right now. She asked me for my number, told me not to move, and that someone would be calling me back in 5 minutes.

As I hung up the phone I dropped to my knees and screamed out that ancient and universal prayer, "PLEASE GOD HELP ME!" My eyes closed, head dropped, and I sat on my knees in silence until the phone rang 5 minutes later.

I picked up, the man on the other end introduced himself as Jerry and asked me what was going on. After I told him he asked if I had liquor and/or drugs in the house. I said yes. He said, "Dump it ALL down the toilet, right now." I followed directions. After confirming it was all gone he asked for my address. I gave it. He said, "Don't move, I will be there in 20 minutes."

Fifteen minutes later I heard a bang on my door. I opened the door to find best friends Tom and Jerry standing on the other side. I invited them in. They asked a few questions, then asked me to put my shoes on and grab my jacket.

And that's how it all started for me.

Tom and Jerry showed up, every day, for the next three months to lead me to 90 meetings in 90 days. I ended up closing that 90-day mark with 110 and I needed every one of them.

Never once did Jerry or Tom pass judgment on me. Never once did they condemn me, tell me what to do, or drive me in any direction. I wouldn't be here today if they had. They simply LOVED me and only ever spoke through their direct experiences to relate to me. These two miracles I had never met before, that showed up at my door in the dead of my darkest winter and instantly loved me more than I loved myself, saved my life.

They too had escaped the same bottom responsible for snuffing millions and millions of others, family and friends included, and gave so freely to me what was so freely

given to them. Jerry, like Tom, was a man filled with peace, serenity, love, humility, joy, hope, understanding, fellowship, and God. He also made the best damn homemade cookies I've ever had.

Jerry, Tom, and I would continue to go to meetings together for the next year until my journey led me to Las Vegas.

Jerry lived the promises and was as selfless of a man as I have ever met. His experiences empowered me, his demonstration gave me hope, his wisdom guided me, and his love lit my path to freedom. Eternal gratitude.

Thank you my dear friend.

Until I see you again,

RIP Jer Bear.



Justin Bastian - February 05, 2019 at 08:47 PM